

Improving HIV Health Outcomes through the Coordination of Supportive Employment and Housing Services

DEMONSTRATION SITE

Yale Clinical and Community Research | New Haven, CT

PROGRAM NAME

Project HERO



GEOGRAPHIC LANDSCAPE

HERO will be conducted in New Haven, Connecticut, a moderate size city with over 130,000 residents with high levels of poverty, homelessness, and unemployment.



THE CHALLENGE

The New Haven area struggles with vast inadequacy in the availability of services, including too few: 1) drug treatment slots for individuals with heroin or cocaine use; 2) housing options for the unstably housed population and; 3) employment services.



FOCUS POPULATION

- Newly diagnosed with HIV and inconsistent or out of care
- Unstably housed or homeless in need of employment services
- Criminal justice involvement



THE MODEL

A model of HIV care that uses evidence-based interventions to provide HIV treatment, behavioral health services, housing, and employment resources to improve HIV outcomes by linking people living with HIV (PLWH) to HIV care, housing, and employment services



PARTNERS

- **Liberty Community Services (LCS):** Capacity building for housing and employment services
- **Ryan White Continuum Providers:** HIV services for PLWH



IMPACTS

- **Impact 1:** Improve linkage to care for PLWH
- **Impact 2:** Increase use of a PCMH for PLWH who are unstably housed or homeless
- **Impact 3:** Utilize supplemental employment resources to empower clients through training and job placement assistance