

Enhancing Linkages to HIV Primary Care in Jail Settings: Grantees Announced

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Since October 2005, we have been building a research program in correctional health at the Emory University Rollins School of Public Health, with a focus on the conduct of ethically responsible and scientifically rigorous health research in prisons, jails and post-incarceration settings. The ultimate goal of these efforts is to improve the health of those passing through correctional facilities.

Because of the heavy burden of HIV infection in the incarcerated population, the Health Resources Service Administration (HRSA) of the US Department of Health and Human

Services initiated a five-year, ten site initiative to implement and evaluate enhanced linkages to HIV primary care in jail settings. In September 2006, the agency selected Dr. Anne Spaulding to serve as the Principal Investigator of an Evaluation and Support Center (ESC) for this initiative. Dr. Kimberly Jacob Arriola (Department of Behavioral Science and Health Education at Rollins School of Public Health) is the project's Co-Investigator and Mr. Kevin Ramos serves as its Project Coordinator. Experts in jail health at Abt Associates, Cambridge, Massachusetts, also collabo-

rate on this initiative. HRSA announced in August 2007, the following jails across the US were selected via a competitive process to serve as demonstration sites.

Each jail site will receive funding of up to \$400,000 a year for each of the next four years. Information on the goals of the demonstration project and plans for evaluation were published in the April 2007 issue of the *Journal of Correctional Health Care* and simultaneously made available at:

http://www.chip.emory.edu/documents/ConsultancyReport_update012907.pdf.

City, State	Jail	Grantee	Investigator
Providence, RI	RI DOC	Brown Univ./Miriam Hospital	Timothy Flanigan MD
Hartford, CT	CT DOC	Yale University	Frederic Altice MD
Atlanta, GA	Dekalb Co Jail	AID Atlanta	Jean Porter
Chicago, IL	Cook Co Jail	University of Illinois, Chicago	Lawrence Ouillet PhD
Springfield, MA	Hampden Co	Baystate Medical Center	Thomas Lincoln MD
Columbia, SC	Glenn Co Jail	USC Research Foundation	Divya Ahuja MD
Philadelphia., PA	Philadelphia Prison System	Philadelphia FIGHT	Jane Schull
Chester, PA	Chester Co Jail	AIDS Care Group	Howell Ira Strauss DMD
NYC, NY	Rikers Island Jails	NYC Dept. of Health and MH	Alison O. Jordan
Cleveland, OH	Cuyahoga Co	Care Alliance Health Center	Linda Somers