

Community Reentry Project Timeline

PHIMC's Community Reentry Project has served the corrections population with emphasis on people living with HIV/AIDS for 20 years. This timeline highlights advancement in criminal, health, and social justice during this time.



Community Reentry Project (CRP)



Community Partnerships



Criminal Justice



Health

1999 to 2005



1999-2003: Centers for Disease Control (CDC) and Health Resources & Services Administration (HRSA) fund a Corrections Demonstration Project to support services including treatment for HIV, discharge planning, and case management.



2004: Illinois institutes Redeploy Illinois to establish community based sanctions and treatment alternatives for youth at high risk for commitment to the Illinois Department of Juvenile Justice (IDJJ).



2005: Illinois Department of Public Health (IDPH) funds the Community Reentry Project (CRP).

2007 to 2010



2007: HRSA supports use of Ryan White HIV/AIDS Program (RWHAP) funds for incarcerated individuals as they prepare to exit the correctional system.



2008: Summit of Hope launches. These are one day events where formerly incarcerated individuals are provided access to a variety of community services including HIV testing and linkage to care.



2010: IDPH provides funding to Public Health Institute of Metropolitan Chicago (PHIMC) to lead CRP.



2010: Illinois institutes Adult Redeploy Illinois to establish community based sanctions and treatment alternatives for adults. Additionally, Illinois raises the age of criminal adulthood to 18 for misdemeanor offenses.



2010: From July 1, 2009 to June 30, 2010, CRP provides corrections case management to 131 people living with HIV (PLWH), assists 168 formerly incarcerated individuals with obtaining legal identification, and distributes 5,575 discharge planning packets.

2011 to 2013



2011: IDPH appoints CRP to lead a planning process to inform IDPH's statewide HIV/AIDS strategic plan for incarcerated and formerly incarcerated populations.



2012: IDPH surveys county jails and discovers that 35 of the 86 have some capacity to provide HIV testing, either by court order, request, or routine offering.



2012: FDA approves Truvada as a pre-exposure prophylaxis (PrEP) for use in adults 18 and older to prevent HIV infection.



2012: Summit of Hope adds hepatitis C (HCV) testing to screenings provided.



2013: Illinois discontinues charging prostitution at a felony level and raises the age of criminal adulthood to 18 for felony offenses.



2013: From July 1, 2010 to June 30, 2013, CRP provides corrections case management to an average of 140 PLWH per year, assists an average of 181 formerly incarcerated individuals with obtaining legal identification per year, and distributes an average of 5,101 discharge planning packets per year.

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2014 to 2016



2014: Illinois expands Medicaid eligibility under the Affordable Care Act.



2015: Illinois HIV/AIDS strategic plan is updated and includes goals and strategies for incarcerated or formerly incarcerated populations.



2016: Through CRP, PHIMC surveys county jails and discovers that 31 of the 61 provide HIV testing beyond court mandates.



2016: Illinois prevents juveniles adjudicated with a misdemeanor offense from being committed to IDJJ.



2016: From 2010 to 2016, Summit of Hope assists 30,000 attendees, provides 13,500 HIV tests, links 166 attendees to HIV care, makes 8,000 referrals to substance use treatment, and helps 15,647 people obtain state IDs. Integration of HCV testing between 2012 and 2016 leads to 2,537 screenings and identification of 192 people as positive.



2016: From July 1, 2013 to March 31, 2016, CRP provides corrections case management to an average of 139 PLWH per year, assists an average of 825 formerly incarcerated individuals with obtaining legal identification per year, and distributes an average of 4,536 discharge planning packets per year.

2017 to 2019



2017: Illinois and community partners launch Getting to Zero Illinois (GTZ-IL), a statewide public-private partnership to increase the number of PLWH who are virally suppressed and increase the use of pre-exposure prophylaxis.



2017: Through CRP, PHIMC hosts the first biannual Community Reentry Conference to build skills around health equity, social justice, and reentry for formerly incarcerated individuals.



2018: IDPH establishes the Illinois HIV Integrated Planning Council (IHIPC), the first fully integrated statewide HIV care and prevention body in Illinois.



2018: Through CRP, PHIMC incorporates stories of formerly incarcerated individuals into Protecting Our Patients Campaign, mobilizing healthcare teams to address stigmas that impact patient health outcomes.



2018: PrEP is approved by the FDA for use in adolescents.



2019: From April 1, 2016 to March 31, 2019, CRP provides corrections case management to an average of 237 PLWH per year, an increase of 80% since 2010; assists an average of 1,196 formerly incarcerated individuals with obtaining legal identification per year, an increase of 600% since 2010; and distributes an average of 6,432 discharge planning packets per year, an increase of 15% since 2010.



2019: GTZ-IL releases the official plan, which includes goals and strategies to eliminate barriers to care and support people who are incarcerated or formerly incarcerated.



2019: CRP celebrates 20 years of providing a comprehensive system of HIV prevention, care, and support services to ensure people living with HIV or at risk of HIV transition smoothly from incarceration to communities.

Thank you to the many partners who have actively supported and engaged in the Community Reentry Project over the last 20 years. PHIMC honors the work of our direct partners throughout the years, including AIDS Foundation of Chicago, Cermak Health Services of Cook County, FCAN-Children's Home + Aid, Christian Community Health Center, Illinois Department of Public Health, Legal Council for Health Justice, Men & Women in Prison Ministries, and Midwest AIDS Training + Education Center.