



HIV/AIDS Prevention, Testing, and Treatment: Illinois Jail and Detention Center Survey Results Summary

## HIGHLIGHTS

## **Treating and Preventing HIV among People who are Incarcerated: The Way Forward in Illinois**

In early 2023, Public Health Institute of Metropolitan Chicago (PHIMC) in collaboration with Community Research Collaborative (CRC), disseminated a survey to all Illinois county jails and detention centers to gather updated information and discover their priorities, challenges, and other options to increase awareness of the goals of the Illinois County Jails Act and fulfill them. This includes aspects of the Act related to education, prevention, testing, and treatment of HIV both during and post-detention. The primary goal of collecting this data was to inform the development of an outreach and capacity-building strategy to improve HIV services in Illinois' county jails and juvenile detention centers. This process built on the learnings from 2012 and 2016 data collection initiatives; it included extensive survey expansion and redesign, implementation, data analysis and reporting, outreach, and capacity building.

The most actionable findings suggest

the necessity for further support of HIV services that generally fall into four categories: Prevention with Promotional Materials

Screening and Testing Training of Staff and People in Custody

Intervention and Treatment

Based on research completed in collaboration with PHIMC and CRC, the lessons learned from the 2023 survey can provide support for:

- Increasing overall health education and HIV testing for people in custody and those released from correctional facilities
- Ensuring county jails and juvenile detention centers are poised to respond to necessary provisions of the Act

## Survey Highlights that Support the Need for HIV Services, **Education, and Resources**



60%

of the facilities reported

providing staff with

basic HIV facts and

information

reported training staff

on confidentiality of

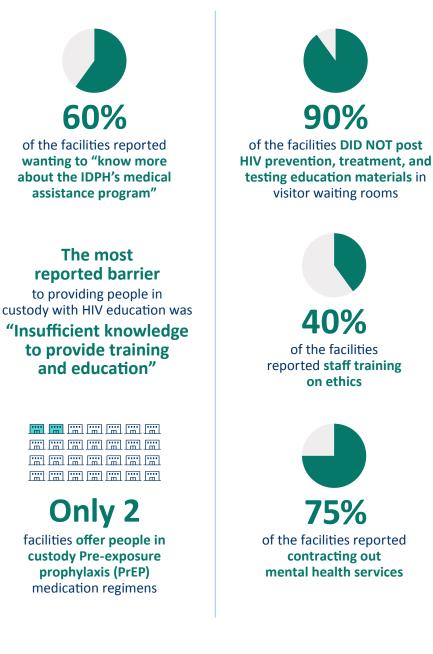
people in custody

Only 4%

of the facilities reported

providing further HIV education as part of their

discharge planning



PHIMC appreciates all who initiated and participated in this research and those same people who will carry this work forward by integrating lessons learned into practice, to move Illinois closer to zero cases of HIV in the future.



90%

of the facilities

on ethics

75%

contracting out

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