

## Success Stories

"I am a 53-year-old white gay male and I have been HIV positive for 18 years. I have been in and out of care during that time. I lost 3 classes of medications because I was not in care. I was dealing with the stigma of being HIV positive, which led me to start using drugs, then eventually harder drugs, including meth. I have been clean and back into care now for 3 years. I am now undetectable. I am a Peer Educator and a voting member on the South Carolina HIV Planning Council. I have been testing others and providing prevention services at Careteam+ for about 4 months now. It was a hard road but I am grateful for where I am today. I realized HIV wasn't killing me. The shame, the stigma within myself was what was killing me, but if my story helps at least one person get back into care, then I am happy."

Kelly J.

"I was diagnosed with HIV in December 2009 and that brought me many fears as a young college student. One fear was that I would have to take medication every day. I could not fathom having to take one or more medications each day for the rest of my life. Could I truly commit to it? Due to this fear I did not begin taking medication until 2013. I was advised by my doctor to stay on my medication and that missing doses could build up resistance to the drug I was taking at the time. I fell out of care because I started missing my doctors appointments, stopped getting my prescriptions, and fell out of case management. I was out of care for at least a year until one of my mutual friends realized that I was not seeing a doctor. He talked me into coming to the center where he worked so I could get back into case management. His persistence is why I am back in case management, back seeing my doctor, and now on medication."

W.H.



**For more information, call  
the SC AIDS/STD Hotline at  
1-800-322-AIDS (2437)**



## Are You or Someone You Know HIV Positive & Not In Care?



**Let us help you  
complete the puzzle.**

HIV Medical Care  
Medical Financial Assistance  
Social Support  
HIV Case Management  
Other Resources

[www.scdhec.gov/HIV](http://www.scdhec.gov/HIV)

## The TRICE Program

### Targeting Re-engagement in Care Efficiently

For various reasons, people living with HIV/AIDS fall out of care. The Targeting Re-engagement in Care Efficiently (TRICE) Program aims to link and re-engage persons living in South Carolina (SC) who are not receiving HIV medical care and treatment back into care. If you or someone you know is HIV positive and has not seen an HIV medical provider for treatment, assistance is available.

### The Goals for TRICE are to:

- Increase the number of people living with HIV/AIDS engaged in care;
- Increase the number of people living with HIV/AIDS with an undetectable viral load; and,
- Decrease HIV transmissions.

### Benefits of TRICE

The goal of the TRICE Program is to ensure a seamless and rapid transition to HIV medical services for persons that are HIV positive. People living with HIV/AIDS who have not received services from an HIV medical provider in 9 months or more are deemed not in care by TRICE definition. The TRICE program's mission is to get persons back into care by:

- Reaching out to not in care clients
- Assisting with gaining HIV medical services
- Referrals to behavioral and community resources
- Medication adherence activities/interventions
- Short-term support for health care visits

## Regional Service Coordinators (RSCs)

HIV linkage and re-engagement activities are provided by RSCs located across South Carolina. There is one in each region (Upstate, Midlands, Pee Dee, and Lowcountry).

RSCs assist with linkage services and reduce barriers that may limit a person's ability to seek HIV medical services. This process ensures people living with HIV achieve a better quality of life through HIV medical care, medical financial assistance, social support, and HIV case management.

## DHEC works with Community Organizations and HIV Medical Providers across South Carolina

This collaborative partnership plays an important role in making sure that all South Carolinians are linked to care after testing positive for HIV. DHEC is the public health authority which allows staff the ability to document and identify persons who are HIV positive and not in care. DHEC works with HIV providers to:

- Ensure linkage has taken place
- Assist with locating their patients
- Provide the most up-to-date client level information
- Confirm their not in care patients
- Keep their patients healthy

In accordance with state laws and national security guidelines, DHEC can only share the minimal amount of information necessary with designated health care and public health professionals for the purpose of improving the health and well-being of people living with HIV.

## Regional HIV Medical Providers\*

### Pee Dee

**CARETEAM+**  
843-234-0005

**HopeHealth Florence and surrounding counties**  
803-667-9414

**Little River Medical Center**  
843-663-8249

**Sandhills Medical Foundation, Inc**  
803-778-2442

**Sumter Family Health**  
803-774-4534

### Midlands

**Affinity Health Center**  
803-909-6363

**Augusta University**  
706-721-4463

**Eau Claire Cooperative**  
803-754-0151

**Grace Medical Group**  
803-933-0288 x 208

**Hispanic Outreach**  
803-419-5112

**HopeHealth – Lower Savannah Region**  
803-643-1977

**Joseph H. Neal Health Collaborative**  
803-849-8430

**Kershaw Health**  
803-424-8284

**Low Country Health Care System, Inc – Barnwell:**  
803-259-5762

**Palmetto AIDS Life Support Services (PALSS)**  
803-779-2757

**Prisma Health USC – School of Medicine Immunology Center**  
803-545-5350

**Wright Wellness Center (SC HIV Council)**  
803-254-6644

### Upstate

**AID Upstate**  
864-250-0607 or  
864-232-2310

**AnMed Health/AID Upstate**  
864-423-0069 or  
864-226-9144

**New Horizon Family Health Services**  
864-729-8330

**Piedmont Care, Inc**  
864-582-7773 or  
866-454-7773

**Spartanburg Regional Healthcare System**  
864-560-6800

**Upper Savannah Care Services**  
864-229-9029 or  
800-604-4045

### Lowcountry

**Beaufort Jasper Hampton Comprehensive Health Services**  
843-987-7559

**Caresouth Carolina, Inc.**  
843-378-3441

**HopeHealth – Edisto Region**  
803-535-2272

**Palmetto Community Care**  
843-747-2273

**Lowcountry Health Care System, Inc – Allendale**  
803-631-2533 x 1150

**Medical University of South Carolina**  
843-792-7485

**Roper St. Francis Healthcare**  
843-402-1067 or  
843-402-3094

*\*Not an all inclusive list of HIV Providers*