

Getting Started in the Free World

Services for Incarcerated and Recently Released Persons with HIV Infection

Will you be ready for the Free World?

The move to life in the Free World isn't always easy, especially for people with HIV. Many HIV+ incarcerated and recently released people are not prepared for living a healthy, successful life in the Free World. We can help!

What services are available?

We are here to help you receive health care, medications, and social support. Our goal is to help HIV+ people stay healthy and increase their chances of success once they return to the Free World.

Who can receive services?

Services are available free of charge to HIV+ men and women. The agencies listed below provide access to medical and social support services in South Texas. *All services are provided with the utmost respect for privacy.*

How do you start getting services?

You can contact the agencies below by phone or mail, or you can link to them through:

- ◆ medical or social services staff in your unit;
- ◆ your parole or probation officer; or
- ◆ medical or social service providers in your area.

What can we do for you?

- ◆ We will work closely with you, correctional staff, and your parole/probation officers to assist with pre- and post-release plans.
- ◆ We will help you access health care, medication assistance, and support services in the Free World.
- ◆ We will provide HIV education and wellness training to help you build health and success in the Free World.
- ◆ We will provide referrals for you and your family to meet your needs and support your efforts to maintain good health.
- ◆ We will meet with you after your release at your home, at your medical provider, at other agencies, or at our offices.
- ◆ We will provide bilingual staff to serve Spanish-speaking persons.

Contact the agencies below to learn more about services in South Texas:

Coastal Bend AIDS Foundation

400 Mann St., Ste. 800
Corpus Christi, TX 78401
Phone: 361-814-2001

City of Laredo Health Department

2600 Cedar Av.
Laredo, TX 78044-2337
Phone: 956-795-4905

Victoria County Health Department

2809 N. Navarro
Victoria, TX 77901
Phone: 361-572-0125

Valley AIDS Council

418 E. Tyler St.
Harlingen, TX 78550
Phone: 956-428-2643

United Medical Center

474 N. Abrams
Eagle Pass, TX 78852
Phone: 830-773-9271