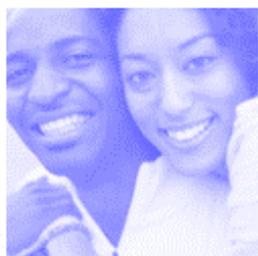


# Partner Services (PS)

for Community Based Organizations

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It's a service



## About PS

Michigan's Partner Services (PS) program is designed to assist people diagnosed with HIV and/or Sexually Transmitted Diseases (STDs) to notify their partners of possible exposure. PS is offered by Community-based organizations (CBOs), physicians, and local health departments (LHDs).

## Role of PS

If **HIV** is identified by CBOs (resulting from new diagnosis or previous infection), agency staff shall:

- Provide confidential counseling to infected clients to gather partner information.
- Forward partner information to LHDs for confidential notification.

If **STDs** are identified by CBOs, agency staff shall refer infected clients to LHDs for PS assistance.

## Benefits of PS

- Confidential notification of exposure
- Early diagnosis for unsuspecting partners
- Better disease outcomes
- Promote healthier communities by reducing disease burden

## Benefits of PS for your clients

- Provide linkage to care regardless of ability to pay
- Assist clients in notifying sex and needle sharing partners of possible exposure
- Provide FREE HIV and STD testing to at-risk partners
- Provide STD treatment to at-risk partners

## Tools for PS

To learn more about PS for HIV/STD referral, contact your local health department or visit [www.michigan.gov/hivstd](http://www.michigan.gov/hivstd). For technical assistance, contact the Michigan Department of Community Health, Partner Services HIV/STD Prevention at 517-241-5900.