

# Linkage to HIV Medical Care

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*The City of Detroit Department of Health and Wellness Promotion funds seven agencies to provide (re)linkage to HIV medical care in the City of Detroit and surrounding six counties (Lapeer, Macomb, Monroe, Oakland, St. Clair and Wayne).*

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*These providers link newly diagnosed persons to medical care and re-engage those who were previously diagnosed and never or are no-longer engaged in care. They also provide facilitated referrals to supportive service and health education to support understanding and use of the HIV continuum of care and health insurance, if applicable.*

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AIDS Partnership Michigan (APM) Peer navigation prioritizing Wayne, Oakland, Macomb, and Monroe Counties

Contact: Sylvia Terry-Fleming (313) 446-9831 [sterry-fleming@aidspartnership.org](mailto:sterry-fleming@aidspartnership.org)

CareFirst Community Health Services Peer navigation with emphasis on Western Wayne County, Downriver and Dearborn area

Contact: Charlotte Coachman (313) 846-5020 [ccoachman@care-first.org](mailto:ccoachman@care-first.org)  
Shirley Hankerson [shankerson@care-first.org](mailto:shankerson@care-first.org)

Community Health Awareness Group (CHAG) Peer navigation with a specific linkage agreement with DMC-Detroit Receiving Hospital Emergency Department

Contact: Christina Fluker (313) 407-6895 [Flukerc@chagdetroit.org](mailto:Flukerc@chagdetroit.org)

Health Emergency Lifeline Programs (HELP) Peer navigation within Wayne, Oakland, Macomb, Monroe, Lapeer, and St. Clair counties with a pilot program with pharmaceutical and community partners to address psychosocial barriers to care for eligible participants

Contact: Sonda Thomas (313) 832-3300 x 16 [sthomas@helpoffice.org](mailto:sthomas@helpoffice.org)

Henry Ford Hospital Focused on the emergency room at Henry Ford Hospital and linking individuals with the hospital infectious disease clinic

Contact: Joanne Huitsing (313) 916-9488 [Jhuitsi1@hfhs.org](mailto:Jhuitsi1@hfhs.org)

Matrix Human Services Linkage to and retention in care at Ryan White-funded infectious disease clinics

Contact: Mark Peterson (313) 344- 6224 [mpeterson@Matrixhs.org](mailto:mpeterson@Matrixhs.org)

Oakland Livingston Human Services Agency (OLHSA) Peer navigation prioritizing Oakland and Macomb counties

Contact: Jose Alvarez (248) 209-2626 [josea@olhsa.org](mailto:josea@olhsa.org)  
(248) 867-2949, cell- 7 days a week

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Other linkage to care programs in the City of Detroit:

S.M.I.L.E. (funded by the Adolescent Medicine Trials Network for HIV/AIDS Interventions) youth linkage to care, case management, and support in the Detroit Metropolitan area

Contact: Keshaum Houston 24-hr On-call: (313)574-5862 [khouston@med.wayne.edu](mailto:khouston@med.wayne.edu)  
Referral Fax: (313)745-0940

Voices of Detroit Initiative (VODI) (funded by the Michigan Department of Community Health)

Contact: Rita Canty (313)832-4246 [rcanty@med.wayne.edu](mailto:rcanty@med.wayne.edu)

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