

Partner Services (PS)

for Local Health Departments
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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 local health departments (LHDs), physicians, and community based organizations (CBOs).

Role of PS

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

- Investigate cases and provide confidential disease prevention counseling to infected clients.
- Elicit information about at-risk partners for confidential one-on-one notification of a possible exposure.
- Assure the availability of STD treatment to partners when feasible and provide access to other care and support services.
- Promote and educate providers and CBOs on the availability of PS.

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 Michigan's laws to support LHDs in providing quality PS to infected and at-risk communities, visit www.michigan.gov/hivstd. For technical assistance, contact the Michigan Department of Community Health, Partner Services HIV/STD Prevention at 517-241-5900.