

WHAT IS SHiNe?

Shared HIV Networks (SHiNe) **EMPOWERS** the community to prevent HIV and **SUPPORT** people with HIV. By **PARTNERING** with the health department, **COMMUNITY** members can make an **IMPACT**.

Other Partnerships

Medical Monitoring Project (MMP) is a survey that helps us learn and understand the experiences and needs of people with HIV. You may be randomly selected to be interviewed. You can choose to answer the questions or not. If you answer the questions, you will be paid. **Your answers will be confidential.**



Surveillance of HIV-related service barriers among Individuals with Early or Late HIV Diagnoses (SHIELD) is a survey that looks at why some people with HIV are diagnosed early and some are diagnosed late. You may be contacted to answer a few questions. If you agree to talk with us, you will be paid. **Your answers will be confidential.**



Partner Services (PS) is a program that helps people with HIV contact their recent sex and needle-sharing partners and help them get tested. Notifying your partners is an important step after finding out you are living with HIV. You don't have to do this alone. We can notify your partners in a way that protects your confidentiality.



Link-Up Michigan connects people with HIV not getting HIV care to medical and non-medical services. If you have not seen a doctor or picked up medication in a year, we will help you get back into medical care, access your medication and connect you with other support services.



For more information on SHiNe and other HIV related activities, visit Michigan.gov/HIVSTI.



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HIV BY
EMPOWERING
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Why SHiNe?

SHiNe has two goals:

- Prevent HIV.
- Make sure people with HIV are in care.

Usually after a person is diagnosed and visits the doctor, their virus is examined by the lab. This identifies characteristics of the virus that help the doctor understand what medications will work best.

When people have similar HIV viral characteristics, it means there is a connection. If patterns start to show among people with similar HIV viral characteristics, it's an opportunity to reach out and provide additional support to communities most impacted to prevent HIV.

How does SHiNe help communities?

SHiNe helps:

- Link people with HIV to medical care.
- Make sure people have access to and receive medications including pre-exposure prophylaxis (PrEP).
- Link people to other support services to prevent HIV or help maintain an "undetectable" viral load, which means the amount of HIV in a person's system is so low a test cannot detect it.

Treatment is prevention! Once people with HIV maintain an "undetectable" viral load, HIV cannot be transmitted through sex. SHiNe helps people reach and maintain an "undetectable" viral load and/or access prevention services like PrEP.

SHiNe Network Groups

THE GLOW

People in the same social circles as THE SPARK or THE LIGHT.

THE LIGHT

People with unknown HIV viral characteristics (includes those who are unaware of their status).

THE SPARK

A group of people with similar HIV viral characteristics.

What are the roles of each group?

Without community, the health department is in the dark. We know when HIV is transmitting quickly among people in the THE SPARK, but we don't have enough information to effectively prevent new transmissions. All we have is a general idea about what people in THE SPARK may need.

We reach out to people in THE SPARK and offer connection to care and support. From there, people in THE SPARK can help show others who may need services and support. This helps identify the needs of people in the greater social network, THE LIGHT and THE GLOW. Knowing their needs allows us to partner with the community to deliver and improve needed services.

Everyone in a SHiNe Network has valuable insights into their communities and can help prevent HIV. By working together, we can better understand our communities and deliver services to as many people as possible.

What can I do right now?

- Share information about SHiNe with the community. SHiNe empowers the community to prevent HIV and support people with HIV.
- Get tested for HIV. If you're living with HIV, for help with linkage to care visit [Michigan.gov/LinkUpMI](https://www.michigan.gov/LinkUpMI).

For questions about HIV and STIs call the Michigan HIV/STI Hotline at 1-800-872-2437 (Monday-Friday, 9:00a.m. – 5:00p.m.).