

EARLY INTERVENTION SERVICES

HRSA Description (2-1-2016)

Early Intervention Services are a combination of services to increase an individual's awareness of their HIV status and, if needed, facilitate access to HIV care and support services.

Key Service Component

Early Intervention Services must include the following four components:

- Targeted HIV testing to help the unaware learn of their HIV status and receive referral to HIV care and treatment services if found to be HIV-infected
 - Recipients must coordinate these testing services with other HIV prevention and testing programs to avoid duplication of efforts
 - HIV testing paid for by EIS cannot supplant testing efforts paid for by other sources
- Referral services to improve HIV care and treatment services at key points of entry
- Access and linkage to HIV care and treatment services such as HIV Outpatient/Ambulatory Health Services, Medical Case Management, and Substance Abuse Care
- Outreach Services and Health Education/Risk Reduction related to HIV diagnosis

When possible, services should be delivered by individuals who are members of the identified vulnerable population, and/or individuals with lived experience with members of the identified vulnerable population.

Qualifications

Competencies, Knowledge, and Skills	Evaluation/Documentation
<p>Staff persons should demonstrate competency, knowledge and skills in the following areas:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• HIV prevention interventions, including Treatment As Prevention, PrEP/nPEP, condoms, etc.;• Performing a rapid HIV test;• Delivering a positive HIV test result;• Maryland state laws related to HIV testing and reporting;• Utilizing relevant data sources to appropriately target interventions (e.g. HIV zip code maps, HIV testing program data, census data, police department data, etc.);• HIV counseling skills;• Referral sources, particularly for HIV medical care and Medical Case Management; and• Competency in the delivery of behavioral change models (e.g. Harm Reduction, Motivational Interviewing, Stages of Change, etc.).	<p>Demonstrated competencies, knowledge and skills must be available upon request (e.g. participation in training, formal supervisory review, direct observation, case review, etc.).</p>

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*The cohort of services may be provided by multiple staff who provide a discrete service. However, individuals providing each service must be able to demonstrate competency in that area (e.g. HIV testing, HIV education, etc.).