Integrating the ONE CALL Statewide HIV Call Center



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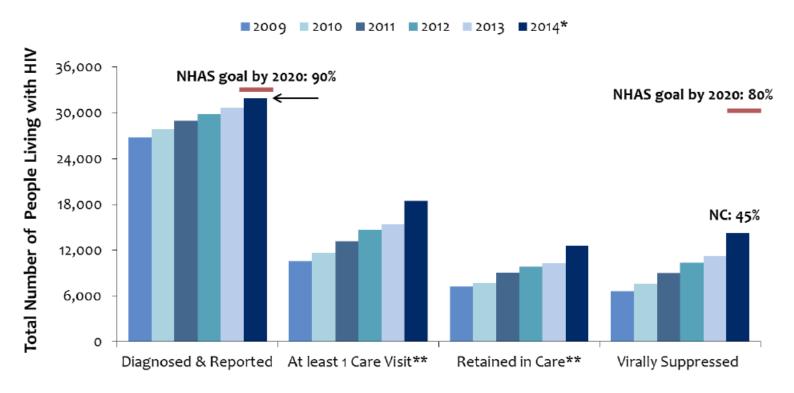
ONE CALL Overview



- ONE CALL toll-free statewide HIV referral line implemented from June 2013 - August 2015
- Utilized UNC Healthlink, an existing call center
- For HIV infected individuals and non HIV medical providers/clinicians
- Trained nurses assisted with HIV referrals

Why ONE CALL?

HIV Continuum of Care in North Carolina, Evaluation Years 2009-2014



^{*}Data for 2014 are provisional only and should be interpreted with extra caution because they were calculated only six months after the end of the evaluation year, which is six to 12 months prior to the full time CDC recommends before calculation.

Source: NC DHHS Communicable Disease

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Why ONE CALL? (continued)

- Stigma and fear of being judged by healthcare professionals are important barriers to HIV care [McCoy, 2009].
- Making an active referral (calling with clients to schedule appointments) was the <u>single</u> factor facilitating early linkage (<30 days from diagnosis) in a retention in care intervention for young MSM of color.
- Emotional and practical support at the time individuals learning of their HIV diagnosis makes a significant impact.

ONE CALL Implementation

Card to Care (C2C)

- Nurse advice line
- Post surgical follow ups
- Finding a doctor

UNC HealthLink

- Call line
 offering free
 CD4 cell
 count and HIV
 viral load
 testing/results
- 2009-2012

- Systems Linkage and Access to care in NC
- Multiple
 Interventions

NCLINK

ONE CALL

- Piloted in 9
 counties with
 highest HIV
 rates, later
 expanded
 statewide
- 2013-2015

ONE CALL Goals

- Put callers at ease
- Reassure those that are newly diagnosed
- Help connect callers to clinics suited to their needs
- Facilitate connection between callers and HIV providers
- Encourage callers to speak to someone at clinic of their choice about concerns *before* their fist appointment.

Essential Components of ONE CALL



Essential Components continued

- Marketing: business cards, local radio and, news stations, local newspapers, Get-Real-Get-Tested commercial
- Website: program services,
 HIV testing locations
- Staff Training: HIV, ONE CALL program, providing referrals via script

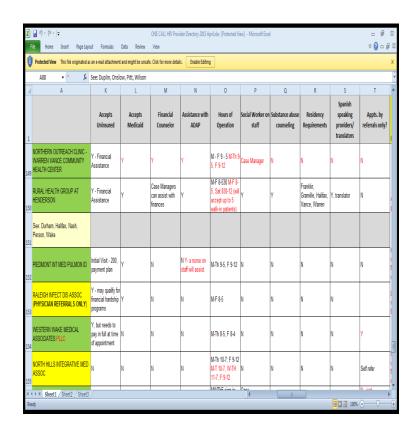






ONE CALL HIV Provider Directory

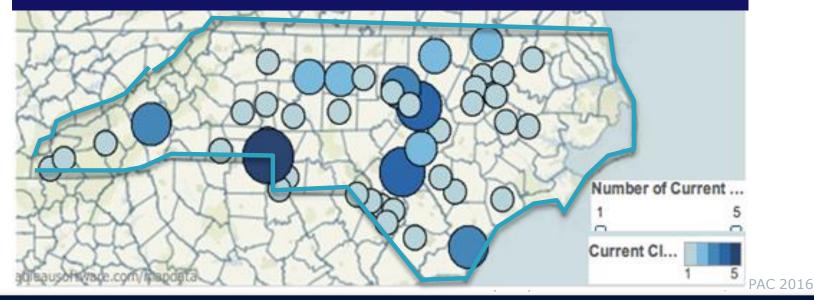
- Clinic Location/ Hours of Operation
- Ryan White Funded
- Accepted Insurance
- Uninsured Resources
- Social Worker
- Financial Counselor
- Appointments by Referral



Updated Directory of NC HIV Clinics



HIV Providers updated October 2013 - December 2013



ONE CALL Script



- Interpersonal delivery
- Information on HIV/related services
- Collected Data
 - Demographic
 - HIV treatment history
 - Barriers to care
 - Referral preference
- Reassurance Messaging

Providing Reassurance

Many people are concerned about the costs of HIV care. Do you have medical insurance?

Yes → Most insurance plans will cover the costs of HIV tests and treatment. If you are concerned about your insurance, you can call a clinic <u>before</u> your appointment to ask questions.

No → You are not alone. Many HIV clinics have financial counselors that help people access programs to get the care they need.

Nurse Interaction with Callers

- Immediate Intervention
- HIV Counseling
- Addressing Barriers to Care
- Tailored referrals to HIV Care
- Resource Guide



Results

Call Volumes

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181 Total calls

59 Calls, excluded

- 3 no stated need
- 5 not related to HIV
- 51 "incomplete"

122 HIV Related, completed calls Requesting:

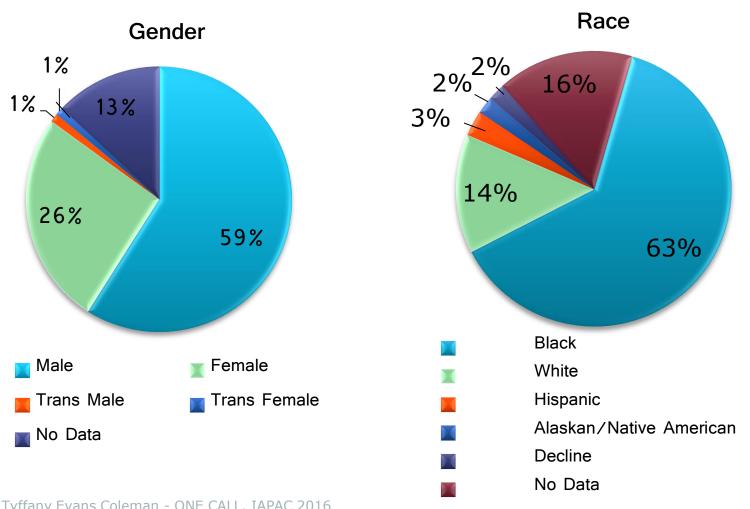
- 56% HIV clinic referrals
- 25% other HIV related services
- 19% Miscellaneous
 Talk to a doctor
 General Information

Barriers to Care

- 66% (n=81) reported no barriers
- Most frequently reported barriers (n=41)
 - Costs (63%)
 - Prior mistreatment (24%)
 - Transportation (24%)

Caller Demographics

Mean Age: 35 Range: 16-70



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Referrals

All Callers

- 104/122 (85%) of callers received HIV referrals
 - 23% (n=24/104) to HIV clinic
 - 32% (n=33/104) to case management (CM)
 - -45% (n=47/104) to both

Callers New to Care

- 16 (13%) callers had never seen an HIV provider
- 15/16 (94%) were referred to an HIV provider during the call

Referrals continued

PLWH Who had Never seen an HIV Provider (n=16)

Referrals	N	%
HIV PCP/Clinic + CM	12	75
HIV case management (CM)	2	13
HIV medical care (PCP/Clinic)	1	6
No Referral	1	6

PLWH Who Had Seen an HIV Provider (n=77)

Referrals	N	%
HIV PCP/Clinic + CM	38	49
HIV case management (CM)	19	25
HIV medical care (PCP/Clinic)	16	21
No referral	4	5

Success and Challenges



- Existing call line
- Collaborators
- Referrals



- Simultaneous referral processes implemented during start of ONE CALL
- Program uptake
- Technology

Conclusions

- ONE CALL intervention demonstrated feasibility
- Tailored referrals to meet callers needs
- Successful in rapid linkage, especially for individuals new to care
- Increased promotion in settings without an active linkage process may have increased reach/uptake
- Access to a centralized and routinely updated HIV provider database with both private and publicly funded facilities is essential

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