Constructing a state level local evaluation for the HRSA/SPNS enhanced linkage to care project

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Retention to HIV Care

• Early antiretroviral therapy improves health and reduces HIV transmission
• Most providers lack systematic approach to retain and reengage
• Wisconsin and Special Projects of National Significance (SPNS) Linkages Initiative
Demonstration project model

- Systematic implementation
- Evaluation of LTCS intervention
- Inform practices and procedures
- Charge - evaluate Wisconsin systems linkage strategy
Platform Evaluation

• Evaluation framework to build on
• Multiple layers of evaluation
  - Multisite level evaluation needs
  - State level evaluation needs
  - Local evaluation plan of action critical elements
CAIR’s Evaluation Role

- **IRB**
  application and amendments

- **Cross Site**
  evaluation and data responsibilities
  survey and assessment development
  evaluation manual

- **Qualitative**
  evaluation and surveys with LTCS, clients, providers
  development of assessment instruments and reporting
Lessons Learned

• Keep it simple
  multiple stakeholders
  evaluation of implementation
  characteristics of those linked to care

• Data systems
  infrastructure between agencies
Local Evaluation

• Focus Evaluation

outcomes may miss the story of what worked
frame evaluation [program implementation]
component evaluation [programs are made of key elements]