



**Connecting people with  
HIV to the care they need.**



Linkage to Care (L2C) is a program to connect people with HIV to care.

- ▶ New medications and recent changes in how doctors treat HIV/AIDS mean that it is important for all HIV-positive individuals to see their health care provider about their illness.
- ▶ Regular medical visits can make you feel healthier, lead to improved viral suppression, reduce occurrence of opportunistic infections, and decrease your odds of antiretroviral drug resistance.
- ▶ By engaging in regular medical care and achieving viral suppression you are also less likely to transmit the virus to others, making regularly seeing your doctor important for your health and the health of your partners.

## **Program services**

The L2C program is customized to meet your needs, but may include services such as:

- ▶ Assistance in identifying and connecting with medical providers
- ▶ Assistance in linking to systems to help pay for doctor's visits and medications
- ▶ Support in connecting with social service organizations, which can help with things like housing
- ▶ Support in connecting with long-term medical case management services

## **Frequently Asked Questions:**

### **How long does Linkage to Care last?**

L2C is a short-term program. Most people will meet with their L2C coordinator 1 to 5 times, across no more than 90 days.

### **Is the Linkage to Care program confidential?**

Yes. All staff in the L2C program have extensive training in maintaining confidentiality and are held to the same strict confidentiality requirements as your doctor, nurse or other health care providers.

### **Does the Linkage to Care program cost anything?**

No. All services provided by the L2C program are free. The program will also help link you to other services which can help you pay for doctor's visits, medications or other things like housing.



To learn about the Linkage to Care program and its services call the L2C program coordinator at

**(907) 269-8057**