

# Success Story

"I was diagnosed with HIV while incarcerated at the age of 40. After I made parole I knew I would need help rejoining society.

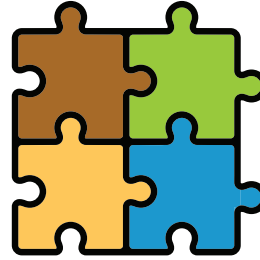
The ReConnect Us Program helped me re-enter the community. The program helped me set goals, linked me into HIV medical care, helped with finding a job, and maintain stable housing.

I have been able to maintain viral suppression and I continue to attend all my medical appointments. ReConnect made me feel like I was part of my community again."

- Anonymous



# Reconnecting You



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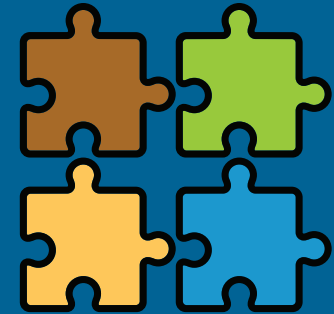


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# ReConnect Us

## A Prison Initiative

A Comprehensive  
Re-Entry Program



**Transportation Assistance**



**Support & Resources to reach  
or keep viral suppression**



**Housing & Food  
assistance referrals**



**Linkage to HIV medical care  
& Case Management Services**

## ReConnect Us Program

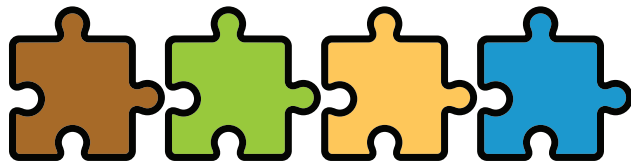
### Reconnecting Individuals with Incarceration History in HIV Care

Research has shown that 2/3 of people living with HIV (PWH) released from prison experience interrupted care (MMWR,2016).

Effective linkage to care between corrections and community services is essential to ensure viral suppression and retention in care.

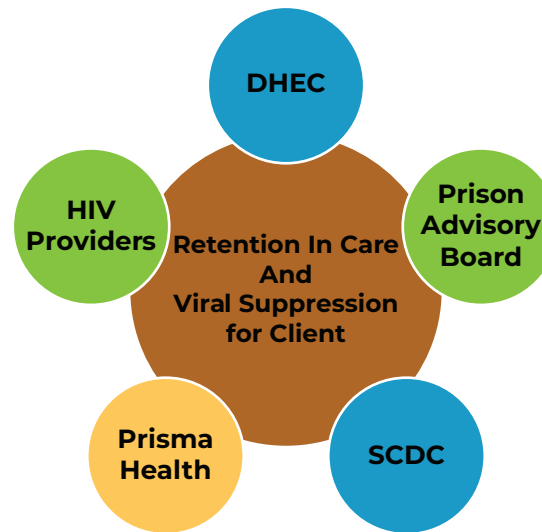
### What is ReConnect Us?

A collaborative partnership between the South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Control (DHEC), the South Carolina Department of Corrections (SCDC), and Prisma Health that supports HIV viral suppression among previously incarcerated individuals diagnosed with HIV re-entering the community.



### ReConnect Us Goals?

- Enhanced pre and post-release planning to strengthen and coordinate medical, behavioral health, and social services for incarcerated individuals.
- Identify individuals diagnosed with HIV and assist with monitoring and care management post-release.
- Provide Partner Services and Testing to identify partners and associates in need of HIV & STI treatment or prevention services.



ReConnect Us works with HIV Medical Providers across South Carolina to help individuals link to care.

### Benefits of ReConnect Us

- Links individuals to medical care.
- Fosters a support system.
- Provides care package with toiletries, gift cards, and a safe sex kit.
- Connects individuals to peer support advocates.
- Makes referrals for transportation, food, and housing assistance services.
- Supports individuals to achieve and maintain viral suppression.

### Eligibility Requirements

- Current or previous (2017 or later) incarceration experience at SCDC.
- Person living with HIV (PWH) and currently out of care.

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