



# Planning a Jail Screening Initiative in Louisiana



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# Outline of Presentation

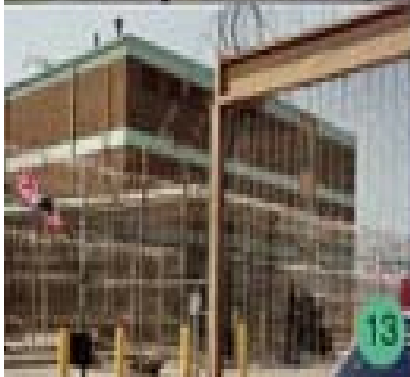
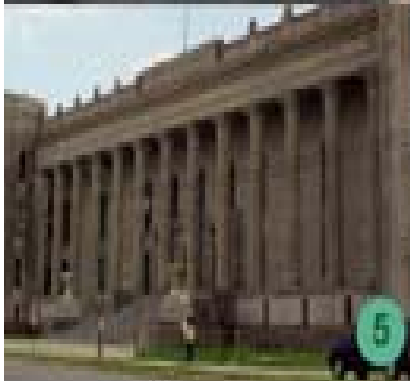
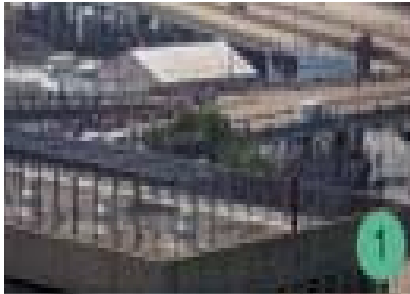
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# Background on Orleans Parish Criminal Sheriff's Office (OPCSO)

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- Located in downtown New Orleans, Louisiana
- Processes over 60,000 inmates per year
- 75% are released within 72 hours
- 70% of arrestees test positive for an illegal drug and an additional 20% are intoxicated with alcohol
- TB skin test is conducted at 7 days (approximately 15,000 eligible inmates per year)
- Lost accreditation for medical services in late 2007 due to lack of STD screening program



# Collaborating Organizations

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- Orleans Parish Criminal Sheriff's Office (OPCSO)
- City of New Orleans, Department of Health
- Louisiana Office of Public Health, STD Control Program
- Louisiana Office of Public Health, HIV/AIDS Program
- New Orleans Regional AIDS Planning Council
- Delgado Personal Health Center
- HIV Outpatient Program
- FACES
- St. John Baptist Church #5, Camp Ace
- AIDS Law of Louisiana
- Tulane University School of Public Health and Tropical Medicine
- NO/AIDS Task Force

# Background: Planning Process

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- February 2008 - Convened work group
  - Monthly planning meetings
  - Pilot tests to determine time and staffing needs
  - Procedure for released inmates to receive results developed
  - Brochure developed
  - Identify funding sources
- Sheriff held a press conference on February 6, 2009 to unveil a new, comprehensive Sexually Transmitted Disease and HIV screening and treatment program

# Project Goal

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- To decrease the incidence of HIV and other STDs in the Greater New Orleans area.

# Project Objectives

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- To establish a comprehensive HIV/STD Screening program at OPCSO
- To assure that persons tested for HIV/STDs at OPCSO have access to results and treatment
- To provide access to HIV/STD testing for partners of persons tested at OPCSO
- To link persons who are released from OPCSO with appropriate services

# Prison Project Funding

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- January 2009 - HIV/AIDS Program contracted with OPCSO on a per test basis
  - Source: CDC DHAP Expanded Testing Initiative
  - OPCSO can hire up to five medical assistants with these funds
- HIV/AIDS Program provides rapid test kits
- Public Health Laboratory processes gonorrhea, chlamydia, syphilis and HIV tests
- OPH Pharmacy supplies STD medications
- STD Program provided 4 laptops
- Additional staffing support is being sought through internships by medical students, public health students, and phlebotomy students

# Implementation: Project Procedures

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- All inmates staying 7 days are to be offered STD/HIV testing in conjunction with TB skin test
  - Urine test for gonorrhea and chlamydia
  - Rapid HIV test
  - Blood test for syphilis and HIV confirmation
  - Give inmates brochure at testing
- Provide results to all inmates tested
  - All inmates scheduled to receive results and appropriate treatment if positive
  - Inmates released prior to receiving results can go to Delgado Personal Health Center (STD Clinic)
  - DIS provide follow-up for inmates with any positive test released prior to treatment
- DIS interview persons with syphilis and/or HIV in the jail or in the community if released prior to receiving test results and assist with linking them to care
- DIS and OPCSO medical staff link all confirmed HIV–infected persons who are released to appropriate care/treatment services in the community

# Challenges/Limitations

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- Not all positions have been filled/turnover
- 2 Labs have been used
- Hand written lab slips (not LIMS) utilized

# Preliminary/Pilot Gonorrhea and Chlamydia Results

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- 290 gonorrhea/chlamydia tests conducted by OPH lab between 12/8/2008 and 7/1/2009
- 210 Male, 80 Female
- Age Range 10-61
- Missing=59, Black=191, White=38, Other=2
- Chlamydia Positive = 21 7% (3 Female, 18 Male)
- Gonorrhea Positive = 3 1% (all co-infected, all male)

# Next Steps

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- Examine data to establish screening criteria
- Utilize laboratory information management system
- Improve/stabilize staffing
- Share results at internal and external meetings

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# Thank You!

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