

What's keeping you from getting the care you need?

I'm worried people will find out that I have HIV/AIDS.

Public Health Law protects your privacy and ensures your confidentiality as you work with our staff.

I don't have any way of getting to my medical appointments.

Linkage to Care can help you with your transportation needs. Call us for more information.

I just found out I'm HIV positive, I'm scared about what to do next.

**We are here to help you.
Call us.**

I won't be able to afford the treatment I need.

Don't let money keep you from getting care. Talk to us about your situation... we will help you get the medical care you need.

I'm worried about the side effects of my medication.

There are now more than 20 approved antiretroviral drugs, your healthcare team will work with you to find the drugs that best suit your care.

There is
Help.

Linkage to Care clinics are conveniently located at several health departments within the West Central Health District.

Contact Us

*Your privacy is assured.
Referrals Accepted.*

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Please ask for the District Clinical Services' Office

Linkage to Care

Serving the people of
Chattahoochee, Clay, Crisp, Dooly,
Harris, Macon, Marion, Muscogee
(Columbus), Quitman, Randolph, Schley,
Stewart, Sumter, Talbot, Taylor & Webster counties.



**Linkage to
Care**

Your link to the care you need if you have been diagnosed with HIV.

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Linkage to Care



The Linkage to Care program connects newly and previously diagnosed HIV positive individuals to HIV medical care.

- People with HIV and AIDS **can** live longer, healthy lives, if proper care and support is provided.
- If you are HIV positive (newly diagnosed or previously positive), it is **very important** to keep your immune system as strong as possible. This will help you fight diseases and infections.
- Early treatment with antiretroviral therapy (ART) keeps your **CD4 Count UP** and your **Viral Load DOWN**.

Your link to the HIV Care you Need

Services Provided

- We work with you to learn what keeps you from getting the HIV care you need.
- Support developing a plan to get you HIV medical care.
- Guidance on maintaining good health through healthy eating and physical activity habits

- Treatment that lowers and controls the amount of HIV in your body and prevents opportunistic illnesses.
- Referrals to community resources and additional help you may need such as: transportation, dental care, counseling and social services.

"I'm still ME. Yes, I'm living with HIV but, I'm still the exact same person."
- Back in treatment after 8 months

You're not alone

Others are walking the path you are on... fighting the battles you fight and finding encouragement from each other.

"Hiding wasn't for me. I thought the only way to combat stigma or prevent gossip was to tell my story first. So I admitted the truth to my entire family." - Newly Diagnosed

"I live my truth openly and honestly. I don't waste any time or energy hiding this part of my reality."
- In treatment for 2 months

"I encourage people to get themselves ready for the commitment, but I also stress that if they're not ready, they'll do more damage to their body in the long run." - In treatment for six months

