

Our Vision: The JACQUES Initiative (JI) Treatment Adherence Center, a program of the Institute of Human Virology (IHV) at the University of Maryland School of Medicine, envisions Baltimore's most vulnerable persons living with HIV achieving 80% viral suppression.

Mission: The Treatment Adherence Center's (TAC) holistic care mission is to enable HIV+ clients to achieve timely viral load suppression and immune reconstitution and to build an empowered mental and behavioral foundation for a lifetime of wellness.

2018 Program Goals:

- Accept at least 100 new referrals to the TAC
- 70% of TAC clients are retained in their HIV care
- 80% of TAC clients are virally suppressed
- Link 35 People Living with HIV/AIDS (PLWH) released from the corrections system to HIV care and treatment
- Serve 100 PLWH enrolled in support groups

Staff: 1 Program Specialist, 1 Corrections Counseling Associate, 4 Treatment Coaches, and 1 Community Outreach Worker

**Data—July 2017
to June 2018**

69
new
referrals to
the TAC



392
Clients
enrolled
in the TAC



83%
TAC clients
are Virally
Suppressed



30
clients
referred
from
corrections
system for
linkage to care



117
PLWH
enrolled
in Support
Groups

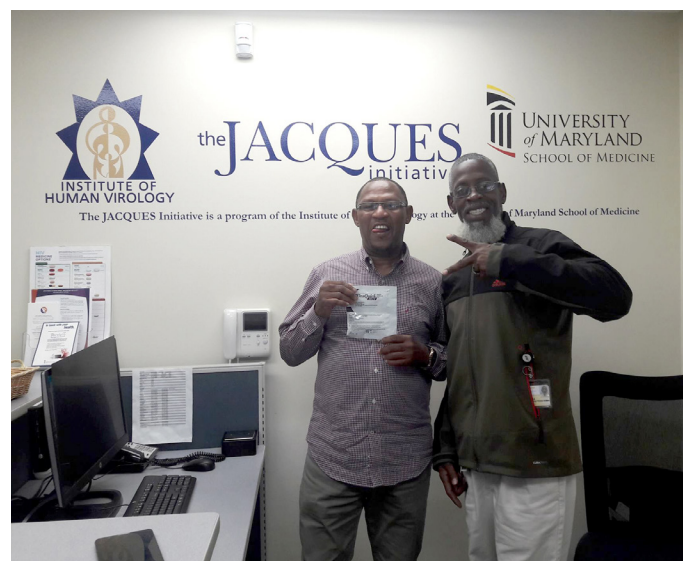


Rationale: Poor adherence to Antiretroviral Therapy is associated with morbidity and mortality. Highly supportive peer support and regular interactions with a team of skilled staff provides comradery, emotional support and an early warning system for falling out of care and potential treatment failure.

Strategies: Through consultation with primary providers, key stakeholders (i.e. Maryland Department of Public Safety and Correctional Services Recruitment, Baltimore City Health Department, etc.) and patient interviews, barriers to adherence are thoroughly identified, targeted by priority, and an integrated approach to a resolution will be achieved. A variety of educational tools, treatment modalities, and adherence support services are tailored to the specific needs of each patient to ensure success on their journey to wellness.

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L to R: Curtis Mitchell and David Callahan, Treatment Coaches from the TAC, showing off the reception area.