

Flow Chart for Strategies for Linking PLWH to Care

Step 1

Identify populations of PLWH that are especially likely to be out of care and encounter serious barriers to care



Step 2

Consider the roles peers should play – such as outreach, health education, trust-building, provider relationship building, referral and assistance in entering care, system navigation, coaching and mentoring, follow up



Step 3

Consider how your preferred activities can be funded within the Ryan White system – through outreach early intervention services (EIS), health education/risk reduction, referral for health care/supportive services, and/or non-medical case management



Step 4

Explore funding potential – based on:

- Current priorities and allocations
- The procurement schedule for service categories of interest
- Potential for inclusion under the Minority AIDS Initiative (MAI)
- Potential for refining service models under existing contracts
- Level of flexile resources
- Priority placed on addressing unmet need
- Experiences with peer models



Step 5

Implement, developing core competencies necessary for carrying out defined roles and activities – and ensure ongoing training and supervision



Step 6

Ensure that the program model as implemented addresses topics and roles that are closely linked to peer program success – such as:

- Establishing collaboration agreements or Memoranda of Understanding (MOUs) with key entities
- Promoting PLWH understanding of the system of care and how to navigate it
- Anticipating problems and assisting in mitigating their impact
- Strengthening service coordination and referral
- Teaching self efficacy through leading by example, coaching, and building self confidence and understanding
- Providina emotional support as needed