

About Systems Linkages and Access to Care Initiative

In 2011, HAB launched the SPNS for *Systems Linkages and Access to Care for Populations at High Risk of HIV Infection Initiative*. This four year, multi-state initiative will address issues of access to and retention in high quality HIV care through the development and dissemination of effective and sustainable systemic linkage models.

Linkage models are rigorously evaluated using state-specific indicators and successes will be used for state-wide dissemination. In addition, all demonstration states are part of a multi-state evaluation effort led by the SPNS Evaluation and Technical Assistance Committee (ETAC) at University of California San Francisco.

About NY Links

The NY Links Initiative will bridge systemic gaps between HIV-related services within New York State and achieve better outcomes for persons living with HIV/AIDS through improving systems for monitoring, recording, and accessing information about HIV care in NYS.

The first two years will focus on establishing three successive “Waves” of collaboratives composed of traditional and non-traditional healthcare and supportive services providers in specific high-incidence communities. These collaboratives will create a learning environment in which systemic collaboration and linkage innovations can be tested and measured.

The final two years will focus on conducting a statewide scale-up of strategies shown to have promise during the Collaborative phase, as well as a subsequent evaluation of their effectiveness and sustainability.

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