



# South Florida AIDS Network Jail Linkage Program

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# Brief Overview

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# Introduction

- \* The Florida Department of Health (DOH), Bureau of HIV/AIDS has made a concerted effort for many years to implement programs in jails to identify and assist HIV inmates preparing to return to their local communities. More than 95% of incarcerated men and women will eventually return to their community, so it's important we provide HIV infected inmates with interventions that will help them return to society with optimal health.

# History

- \* In 1999 the Department of Health started funding the Florida Department of Corrections, FDC, to service the HIV/AIDS population in the state corrections institutions.
- \* Legislation passed in 2002
- \* More than 95% of incarcerated men and women will eventually return to their communities

# History cont'n

- \* The Jail Linkage program (JLP) is a component of the Florida Department of Health HIV/AIDS Program.
- \* Operates in 15 counties
- \* Alachua, Broward, Collier, Duval Hillsborough, Lee
- \* Manatee, Miami-Dade, Orange, Palm Beach, Pasco, Pinellas, Polk, St. Lucie, and Volusia

# Definition of linkage

- \* Linkage can broadly be defined as active referrals and follow ups. The JLP links infected inmates to health services such as medical care, prenatal care, mental health, substance abuse as well as to social services such as support groups, transportation, and housing needs.

# Discharge Planning

- Inmates Interview questionnaire
  - History of incarceration
  - Medical and case management
  - Substance Abuse/Mental Health
  - Housing/Support System
  - Work History/ Government benefits



# Clinic Days

- Detention Centers
- Immunology clinic
  - ARV
  - Labs
  - STD testing





# Unplanned release

- Majority of the patients are released unplanned
- Correction health services referral prior to court date
  - Serve as proof of income and residency
  - Photo ID (print their mugshot)
- Bridge medication
  - Hotline 305 585-6330

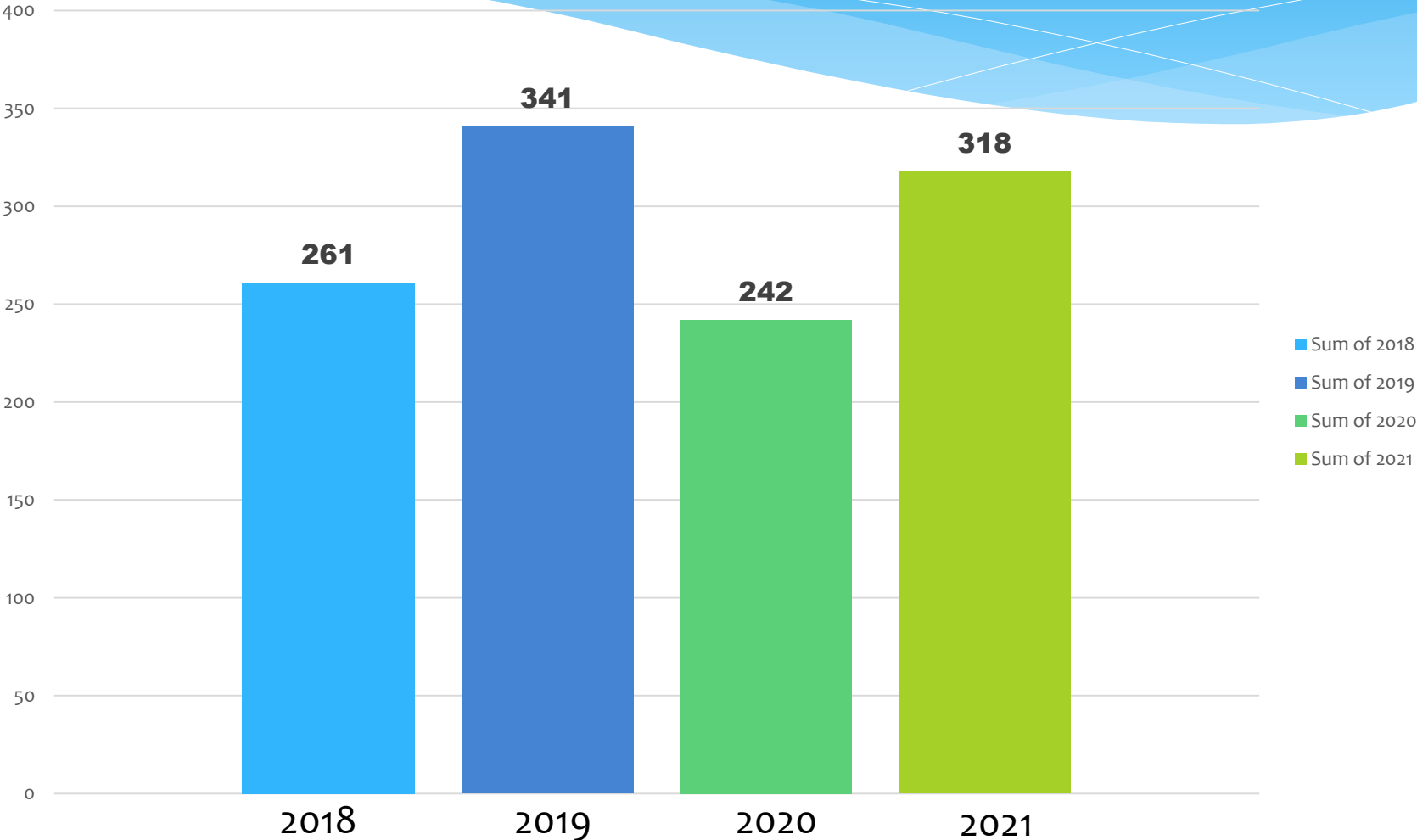


# Planned released

- GR enrollment
- MCM and medical appointments
- 30 day medication through GR



# SFAN Jail Linkage Clients Encounter



# Client Demographics

2021

Black/African American: 35%
Hispanic: 38%
White Non-Hispanic: 23%
Other: 4%
Detectable VL: approx 23%
% Male: 98%

2022\*

Black/African American: 50%
Hispanic: 50%
White Non-Hispanic: 0%
Other: 0%
Detectable VL: approx 20%
% Male: 100%

\* From Jan-April 2022





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