Working with Corrections with no Budget

...Your Taxes at Work...

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Louisiana Prison/Jail Facilities
Louisiana Prison System

- World’s Prison Capitol
  - Leading incarceration rate
    - 1 in 86 adults is behind bars
    - 1 in 14 black men is in state custody
    - 1 in 7 is in either in prison, on parole or on probation

- 12 Correctional Facilities
  - Approximately 39,000 inmates

- 29 Prisons/Jails

- 50% of ex-cons end up back in prison within 5 years

- Average education level is seventh grade
What Can You Do

Education
  - Staff
  - Inmates
  - Peer Education Program

Testing
  - Courts
  - Prison/Jail

Vaccinate
  - HAV & HBV
Program Success: Buy-In

- Sponsored Dinner Meeting
  - Prison & Jail Officials
    - Sheriff Marlin Gusman, Orleans Parish Prison
    - Leo Hayden, Director of Re-entry Prison

- Sell yourself and your program
Orleans Parish
Re-Entry Program

Started in 2011

HCV 101 – Summer 2014
  2 Friday’s per month
  2 hour sessions
    Didactic Presentation
      Q & A Session
    Hepatitis Bingo
      Fun reinforcement of what was taught
  Approximately 60 inmates per session

Referrals
Vaccine Program

- Grad or PhD Student
- Partners
  - NO AIDS Task Force
  - OPH
    - HIV/AIDS/STD Section
    - IDE Section
    - Immunization Section
- 317 Funds
- HAV & HBV
HCV Testing Program - Orleans Parish Courts

- Funded by Gilead’s Focus Grant
- NO/AIDS Task Force
  - Partners with LA OPH
    - HIV/AIDS/STD Section
    - IDE Section
- Find a Champion
- Started testing in January 2013
## 2014 Testing Data - Court

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<td><strong>187</strong></td>
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Linkage to Care

- Upon Prison/Jail Release & Positives from Court
- Referrals
  - FQHC’s in network
    - Crescent Care Clinic (NO AIDS Task Force)
    - EXCELth
    - St. Thomas Community Clinic
Create Something out of Nothing occurs when your DREAMS get BIGGER than your EXCUSES.
Questions
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