

## Technical Assistance and Training Services

*Capacity building assistance for agencies working within correctional facilities or community reentry*

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### Technical Assistance

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Technical assistance packages are customized to address the unique issues and opportunities involved in designing and implementing programs within correctional facilities and/or for community reentry after incarceration.

TA Services available include:

- **Organizational Readiness Assessments** - to help agencies determine their level of readiness for implementation in each of the following areas: 1) correctional support, 2) HIV/STI/hepatitis education, risk reduction, and linkage to care, 3) internal agency policies and practices and, 4) larger community support
- **Program Development & Implementation** - to help agencies develop and implement programs including staffing, tool and form modification, workplan development, adaptation for particular client populations, budget development and management
- **Recruitment and Retention Strategies** - to support agencies navigate the complex dynamics of the correctional system to in order to recruit eligible clients as well as maintain post release retention.
- **Evaluation/Research Planning and Design** - to support agencies to develop a comprehensive training plan, customize process and outcome evaluation tools, and successfully navigate the IRB process
- **Specialized Assistance for Working with Corrections** - to address the unique challenges involved in working with and within a correctional facility and/or with a community corrections agency by developing partnership agreements, providing specialized training, and facilitating mediation and innovative problem solving



### Project START and Project START Plus (PS+)

### Training of Facilitators

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**Project START** is an HIV/STI/hepatitis risk reduction program for people returning to the community after incarceration. **Project START Plus (PS+)** is similar to Project START but works exclusively with people living with HIV and provides additional support for linkage to HIV care in the community after release. Both programs provide six sessions with each client and works with them one-on-one to serve as a “bridge” to their return to the community. The programs begin up 2 months before clients are released and continue with clients for 3 months in the community after release.

PS and PS+ Training of Facilitators are intensive 3 day skills-based training programs designed to train program staff and their supervisors. Participants in these trainings walk away with a comprehensive knowledge of either the PS or PS+ program, the key steps toward implementing the specific program in their own agencies, and the critical skills necessary to facilitate the program with clients.