

The P. I. T. S. Project

Prevention, Intervention, Transition & Sustainability

Due to unfortunate circumstances, prisoners are looked upon as a discarded community on the fringe of society's ills. Whatever the circumstances that led to incarceration, inmates are still entitled to proper healthcare, maintenance, and information in order to maintain a healthy existence while living with HIV/AIDS.

According to the Department of Corrections: *"The Department of Corrections has no authority over jail medical personnel or quality of medical treatment provided to inmates. If someone is dissatisfied with treatment provided they should contact the sheriff or superintendent. Inmates can also request to see their personal physician. If this option is granted by the jail, the inmate will be required to pay the entire cost of treatment and may be charged a transportation fee to an outside medical appointment."*

Prevention, Intervention, Transition, and Sustainability (P.I.T.S.) approaches the issues and concerns of inmates living with HIV/AIDS in the Central Virginia Region. The three tier approach: healthcare accessibility, wellness, and care; is the first of its kind in Central Virginia. The Virginia Commonwealth University HIV/AIDS Center and the Central Virginia HIV CARE Consortium will provide much needed assistance to Corrections Providers in offering life management skills to persons incarcerated, as well as developing strategic plans for persons scheduled to be released.

P. I. T. S. Services Include:

Case Management

Substance Abuse Counseling

Community Support Services

Transitional Housing

Mental Health Counseling

Access to Healthcare

Back to Work

Training



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