Data to Care (DtC)

What is Data to Care?
Data to Care uses HIV surveillance data to identify HIV-diagnosed individuals not in care and support programmatic efforts for linkage and retention in care.

Why Data to Care?
- Only about 40% of people living with HIV are consistently engaged in care nationally and only 19-25% are virally suppressed.¹
- Health departments can use surveillance data to identify people living with HIV out of care and re-link them to care, improving outcomes.²
- DtC advances the National HIV/AIDS Strategy by helping program staff target efforts to increase the number of HIV+ individuals who are linked to and retained in care.

Why us?
SFPDH's Linkage, Integration, Navigation, and Comprehensive Services (LINCS) program links HIV and STD surveillance data to provide coordinated linkage to HIV care and partner services for HIV+ people living in San Francisco. LINCS:
- Partners surveillance with linkage and retention programs to identify patients who are out of care and navigate them back into care.
- Incorporates a harm-reduction approach to HIV care, recognizing that care is non-linear and that LINCS is a safety net to engage patients in care.
- Conducts comprehensive partner services to reduce population-wide HIV transmissions in San Francisco.

References:

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