

The IMPROV Project



Improving Mental Health and Substance Use Treatment Provision among People Living with HIV in Atlanta

Project Overview

Many people living with HIV have comorbidities (more than one chronic condition) such as depression, PTSD, bipolar disorder, and/or alcohol use disorder (AUD) that are not being treated, which increases the likelihood that they will not be retained in HIV care. Many Ryan White-funded care sites do not have the resources to pharmacologically treat patients with comorbid mental health disorders and/or AUD. Additionally, stigma may contribute to the lack of treatment among patients with comorbidities. This project will partner with Ryan White and community partners to adapt a stigma-reduction training to reduce provider-level stigma; develop a prescribing platform to help providers' clinical decision-making regarding pharmacotherapy for mental health disorders and/or AUD; and test the feasibility of these tools to improve the integration of psychiatric medication and naltrexone into Ryan White-funded care sites in the Atlanta area.

Timeline

2020-2021

- **Formative Activities**
- Community Collaboration
- In-depth Interviews
- Focus Group Discussions
- Qualitative Data Analysis

2021-2022

- **Intervention Adaption and Development**
- Programming Intervention
- Pretesting Intervention
- Refining Interventions

2022-2023

- **Pilot Trial**
- Implementing Intervention in Practice
- Idiographic Data Collection
- Data analysis and Dissemination

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