**Tips for partner services discussions**

**Passive partner notification**

**Make a plan with the index client** (If the index client is worried about notifying partners, offer assisted partner services. If the index wants to notify partners themselves, make a specific plan together)**.**

* Make a list of sexual/drug injecting partners which is agreed by the index client to notify about his/her HIV status;
* Agree on time, venue and how to notify. Suppose that if you were his/her partner, what would you want to be notified about?
* Choose the most convenient time for both of you (you should advise the client to select the most relevant time to talk with his/her partner).
* You should choose the time when your partner is not stressed, angry or drunk.
* Choose a private place where you feel comfortable and safe to talk. Maybe you need someone else sitting next door to support when needed.

**Start the talk:**

* “Today, besides chit chatting, I have a serious thing to tell you. I saw my doctor the other day and found that I was HIV positive. I want to let you know that and you should test for HIV too. ARV medicines can help us live a healthy life”.
* “HIV is a common issue among our community. I tested for HIV and discovered that I was HIV positive. I was linked to care and treatment. I think you should test for HIV too to know your HIV status. It is very important.”

**Predict the responses:**

* Some immediate responses of your sexual/drug injecting partner when he/she is informed that you are HIV positive. They may:
  + Be very angry
  + Not believe it
  + Feel worried and upset
  + Want to support or share with you
* How should you respond?
* What questions your partners may ask? How to answer?

**Assisted partner services – provider assisted**

**Develop a plan with the index client:**

* Make a list of partners that the index client agrees for the trained provider to notify of exposure and encourage the partners to test for HIV;
* Ask further contact information, characteristics, age, and occupation…of each partner.
* Discuss with the client about time, venue and how to talk to his/her partners.
* Discuss with the client about the ways you will talk with her/his partners based on their characteristics.

**Some recommended ways to start the talk**

1. ***Via phone:***

Hello. My name is …………………….., I am a member of ………(CBO name) ………… Are you ………………..?

**[IF NOT]:** I am sorry, I connected to the wrong numbers

**[IF YES]:** Could I talk to you in about 10 minutes?

**[IF THE PARTNER REFUSES]**: Could we meet directly? Shall we meet at a café?

**[IF THE PARTNER AGREES]**: “You know, HIV is a common issue among our community and I want to discuss with you more about this disease. I have information that you may have been exposed to HIV. Therefore, it is very important for you to test for HIV and know your HIV status. We are trained providers who are capable of supporting you to test for HIV. If the result is non-reactive, you will be provided with information for prevention. If the result is reactive, we shall refer you to HIV confirmatory test and link you to care and treatment as needed. The sooner the treatment is, the healthier you are and the less risk of transmission to others.

You can visit our office at…………..for HIV testing, time from …..to …..or call……for an appointment. Our staff shall come to your place to provide HIV testing service if you want. Call me please. Thank you!

1. ***Face -to -face meeting:***

Hello. My name is \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ I am a trained provider at CBO \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. Thank you for coming here as planned. Shall we find a private area to talk? I want to share some important information with you. As you know, HIV is a common disease among our community and I want to discuss with you more about it. I learned that you may have had risk of HIV transmission recently.Therefore, it is very important for you to test HIV and know your HIV status. We are from a CBO providing HIV counselling and testing, therefore we are able to help you. It is very simple to test for HIV with the quick result. All information shall be kept confidential. No one else will know about this except you and me. If the result is non-reactive, you will be provided with information for prevention. If the result is reactive, we shall refer you to HIV confirmatory test and link you to care and treatment as needed. The sooner the treatment is, the healthier you are and the less risk of transmission to others.

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