

## Partner Services (PS)

- ◆ is confidential and voluntary
- ◆ helps individuals with HIV or an STD talk to their sex or needle-sharing partner(s)



## Partner Services helps your partner(s) to:

- ◆ get an HIV or STD test
- ◆ receive medical care
- ◆ receive HIV and STD services, prevention education, and referrals

## Confidential Service

### A PS Counselor WILL...

- ◆ make sure they are talking to the correct partner(s)
- ◆ talk to your partner(s) in a private place
- ◆ contact you if they need more information about your partner(s)

### A PS Counselor WILL NOT...

- ◆ give out your name
- ◆ give out any identifying information
- ◆ give information about when or how you contracted HIV or a STD.



## 3 Ways to Talk to Your Partners

### A trained PS counselor talks to your partners for you

#### Benefits:

- ◆ maintain your privacy
- ◆ less work for you to find and notify multiple partners
- ◆ avoid potentially difficult or unsafe situations
- ◆ partners receive accurate health information about HIV and STDs

### You and a PS counselor talk to your partners together

#### Benefits:

- ◆ feel secure and supported
- ◆ counselor can answer health related questions
- ◆ counselor can offer testing and referrals to medical services.

### You talk to your partners on your own

#### Consider:

- ◆ What will you say?
- ◆ Where and when will you talk to them?
- ◆ How might they react?
- ◆ Will they keep your HIV or STD status private?

# Partner Services Steps

## Your HIV or STD Test



## Results, Treatment, and Referrals

Test site counselor talks to you about PS and if you agree arranges a meeting with a PS counselor



## PS Counselor explains Partner Services

You agree to provide contact information - name, phone number, email, and address.



## Partners Notified

PS counselor contacts you again if they need more partner information



## Partner is Tested

**Partner is positive**  
Referred to treatment and services

**Partner is negative**  
Offered prevention education and referrals

## Partner Services Contact Information

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