

# ASSESSMENT & REFERRAL TEAM (ART)

A Collaborative Program of Public Health Solutions (PHS) and  
the NYC Human Resources Administration (HRA)

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# OVERVIEW

## ▶ ART History

- ▶ HIV/AIDS Services Administration (HASA) clients with Serious Mental Illness (SMI)
- ▶ Ryan White (RW) Funding allotted to HRA
- ▶ Program implemented in 1994

## ▶ Model

- ▶ Collaborative program of PHS & HRA
- ▶ Two components:
  1. HRA-funded - home-based psychiatric assessments & crisis services through HRA's Visiting Psychiatric Services (VPS)
  2. RW-funded – home-based, time-limited intensive mental health case management services through PHS

# PROGRAM OPERATIONS

## ▶ Staffing

- ▶ Co-located at HRA site
- ▶ Clinical & Administrative oversight provided by HRA
- ▶ Program Manager
- ▶ Mental Health Case Managers

## ▶ Eligibility Criteria

- ▶ HASA client *and*
- ▶ Serious Mental Illness *and*
- ▶ Unmet service need(s) *and*
- ▶ No duplication of services

# SERVICES PROVIDED

- ▶ Initial and weekly home visits
- ▶ Psychosocial assessments and individualized service plans
- ▶ Linkage to medical, mental health, and/or substance use services
- ▶ Coordinate referrals to supportive housing
- ▶ Promote treatment adherence
- ▶ Accompaniment to and from appointments, when indicated
- ▶ Ongoing coordination with HASA and other service providers
- ▶ Crisis intervention, when indicated
- ▶ Refer to longer-term services, when needed, upon discharge from ART

# PRELIMINARY STATS

## 2013

### VPS

- ▶ Conducted 504 visits for psychiatric evaluations for HASA clients

### ART

- ▶ Total Enrollment: 159
- ▶ First Direct Client Contacts: 151
- ▶ Follow-up encounters (including, but not limited to, ART home visits, coordination with service providers, accompaniment): 6150

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