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Program Service Provision:

General Population Inmates

- **Basic HIV/AIDS Prevention Education**

Staff conducts basic HIV/AIDS Educational Presentations to inmates at our designated facilities.

- **Peer Education Program**

“PEP” trainings are conducted twice yearly, conducted by GMI staff and previously trained Peer Educators at the facility. This 3 week daily training provides the necessary knowledge and skills to enable inmates to facilitate presentations and workshops on HIV/AIDS to other inmates.

- **HIV/AIDS Resource Library**

GMI staff provides and replenishes HIV/AIDS, STI, Hepatitis, needle cleaning & exchange information for the prisons to distribute to inmates. (located in PACE offices, libraries, and Transitional Services.

- **Outreach**

GMI provides individual and group health education & risk reduction educations in one-on-one and informal group settings. GMI also provides “packages” for inmates upon their release, containing HIV/AIDS, needle exchange, and harm reduction information, as well as condoms.

- **Ex-Offender Support Groups**

GMI runs weekly confidential support groups for former inmates released from prison. These groups are a venue for those previously incarcerated to address the myriad of issues and barriers they face upon reentry into society.

HIV/AIDS Positive Individuals

- **Support Groups**

Weekly confidential meetings that focus on different psychological and social issues, with an emphasis on self-esteem and stress management in relation to recidivism. These meetings have a set schedule, and are “closed,” only for those HIV+.

- **Transitional Planning**

Discharge Planning
Housing, Treatment, Furniture, Food

Crisis Intervention
emergencies with medical/emotional/family issues

Support Services
ADAP, Medicaid, Social Services

Referrals to Health and Human Service Agencies
NA, AA, GA, etc. (or any other agencies mandated by Parole)

**These services are provided at the following 9 correctional institutions of the Wende Hub:
County**

- **Erie County Correctional Facility**
- **Erie County Holding Center**
- **Erie County Secure Youth Detention Facility**

State

- **Buffalo Correctional Center**
- **Collins 1**
- **Collins 2**
- **Gowanda**
- **Lakeview Shock Incarceration Facility**
- **Wende**