

Arresting TB: Best Practices for Controlling TB in Corrections

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Course Description

This course highlights best practices for recognizing and controlling tuberculosis (TB) in correctional settings and is designed to enhance communication and collaboration between the local health department and correctional facility staff, both medical and custody. Attendees join in group discussion and actively participate in exercises designed to foster skills for managing TB in correctional settings.

Topics

- Why TB Control is Important for Correctional Facilities
- Epidemiology of TB and Concerns for Correctional Facilities
- The Importance of Early Identification of TB: What You Need to Know in Correctional Settings
- Inmate and Staff TB Screening
- Effective TB Infection Control Programs in Corrections
- TB Case Management and Contact Investigations Behind Bars
- Release Planning and Continuity of Care for Inmates
- TB Program Evaluation for Correctional Settings

Objectives

Upon completion of this training, participants will be able to:

- Recognize the importance of screening and prompt recognition of TB symptoms to halt the spread of this disease in correctional facilities.
- Identify transmission factors for TB and appropriate actions to prevent further spread within correctional facilities.
- Describe the roles of corrections and public health staff for TB control and management behind bars.
- Review and analyze TB data to identify opportunities for policy improvement in the corrections setting.
- Discuss at least two best practices for improving TB control within correctional facilities.

Target/Intended Audience

This course was developed specifically for corrections medical, administrative and custody personnel and public health TB program staff who interact with correctional facilities and inmates. Multidisciplinary team participation from facilities is welcome and encouraged.

Questions

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