

# Arresting TB: Contact Investigation and Release Planning

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## Course Description

This three-day course focuses on aspects of contact investigation and release planning conducted in a correctional setting. The training is designed to enhance communication and collaboration between local health departments and corrections personnel to improve contact investigation outcomes. The content will provide tips to facilitate a discharge/release planning process with a goal of improving completion of treatment.

Through discussion and exercises, participants will be able to effectively identify TB cases and contacts, make referrals as appropriate, participate in various aspects of a corrections contact investigation, and ensure an inmate's continuity of care upon release to the community or to other facilities.

## Topics

### Day 1 • Collaborative Strategies

- The need for TB-related training and collaboration between agencies
- Challenges posed by various correctional facilities
- The culture of corrections
- Roles & responsibilities of public health, corrections and medical administration
- Confidentiality and legal issues
- Facility tour focusing on TB in corrections

### Day 2 • Contact Investigations

- Strategies for conducting a CI in corrections

### Day 2 • Contact Investigations (continued)

- Classification's Role
- Defining the scope of CI within corrections
- Source case investigations
- The importance of documentation and enhanced communications
- CI and TB program activity evaluation

### Day 3 • Discharge/Release Planning

- Principles for discharge/release planning
- The collaborative role of medical, corrections, and public health in discharge/release planning

## Objectives

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

- Compare and contrast roles and responsibilities of public health and corrections staff and how they relate to contact investigations and release planning for inmates
- Discuss communication and challenges related to correctional facilities and TB
- Demonstrate the principles of adult learning through case studies and discussion surrounding contact investigation and release planning specific to corrections

## Target/Intended Audience

This one-day course was developed specifically for corrections medical, administrative and custody personnel and public health TB program staff who interact with correctional facilities and inmates during contact investigations and releasing inmates.

## Questions

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