

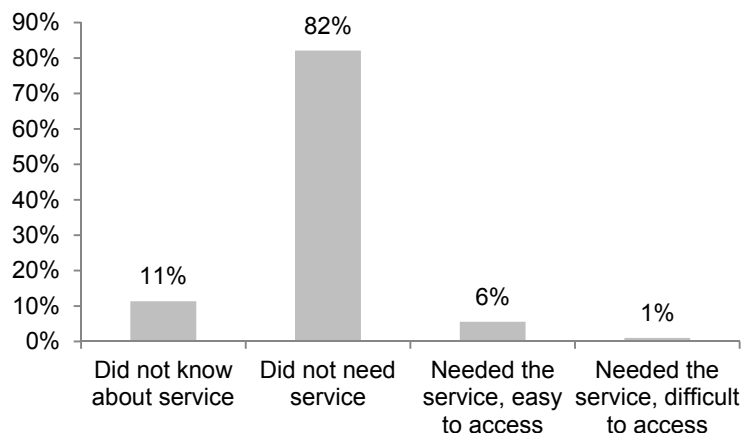
## EARLY INTERVENTION (JAIL ONLY)

*Early intervention services (EIS)* refers to the provision of HIV testing, counseling, and referral in the Ryan White HIV/AIDS Program setting. In the Houston Area, the Ryan White HIV/AIDS Program funds EIS to persons living with HIV (PLWH) who are incarcerated in the Harris County Jail. Services focus on post-incarceration care coordination to ensure continuity of primary care and medication adherence post-release.

(**Graph 1**) In the 2014 Houston Area HIV needs assessment, 7% of participants indicated a need for *early intervention services* in the past 12 months. 6% reported the service was easy to access, and 1% reported difficulty. 11% stated that they did not know the service was available.

(**Table 1**) When barriers to *early intervention services* were reported, the most common barrier type was accessibility (40%). Accessibility barriers reported include release from incarceration.

**GRAPH 1-Early Intervention (Jail Only), 2016**



**TABLE 1-Top 4 Reported Barrier Types for Early Intervention (Jail Only), 2016**

	No.	%
1. Accessibility (AC)	2	40%
2. Interactions with Staff (S)	1	20%
3. Resource Availability (R)	1	20%
4. Transportation (T)	1	20%
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(**Table 2 and Table 3**) Need and access to services can be analyzed for needs assessment participants according to demographic and other characteristics, revealing the presence of any potential disparities in access to services. For *early intervention services*, this analysis shows the following:

- More males than females found the service accessible.
- More other/multiracial PLWH found the service accessible than other race/ethnicities.
- More PLWH age 25 to 49 found the service accessible than other age groups.
- In addition, more recently release and unstably housed PLWH found the service difficult to access when compared to all participants.

**TABLE 2-Early Intervention (Jail Only), by Demographic Categories, 2016**

Experience with the Service	Sex		Race/ethnicity				Age		
	Male	Female	White	Black	Hispanic	Other	18-24	25-49	50+
Did not know about service	12%	8%	13%	13%	7%	14%	4%	15%	7%
Did not need service	81%	86%	86%	80%	88%	43%	96%	77%	88%
Needed, easy to access	6%	5%	1%	6%	5%	43%	0%	6%	5%
Needed, difficult to access	1%	2%	0%	2%	0%	0%	0%	1%	1%

**TABLE 3-Early Intervention (Jail Only), by Selected Special Populations, 2016**

Experience with the Service	Unstably Housed <sup>a</sup>	MSM <sup>b</sup>	Out of Care <sup>c</sup>	Recently Released <sup>d</sup>	Rural <sup>e</sup>	Transgender <sup>f</sup>
Did not know about service	11%	12%	0%	26%	0%	9%
Did not need service	78%	82%	100%	26%	97%	86%
Needed, easy to access	9%	6%	0%	42%	3%	5%
Needed, difficult to access	2%	1%	0%	5%	0%	0%

<sup>a</sup>Persons reporting housing instability <sup>b</sup>Men who have sex with men <sup>c</sup>Persons with no evidence of HIV care for 12 mo.

<sup>d</sup>Persons released from incarceration in the past 12 mo. <sup>e</sup>Non-Houston/Harris County residents <sup>f</sup>Persons with discordant sex assigned at birth and current gender