



Working with Corrections: Current Syphilis Screening Activities in LA County

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Los Angeles County Jails



- Largest jail system in the U.S. (7 jail sites)
 - 17,000 daily inmate count*
 - Monthly inmate processing volume: 9,000-10,000
 - ~120,000 inmates booked/released annually
- High burden of STDs in this population
- Around 300 HIV+ inmates housed at any one time
- Estimated HIV prevalence is 1.8% for males (mostly MSM)
- DPH-supported programs:
 - HIV/STD testing and HE/RR
 - Transitional case management
 - Partner elicitation and notification
 - HIV nurse liaison

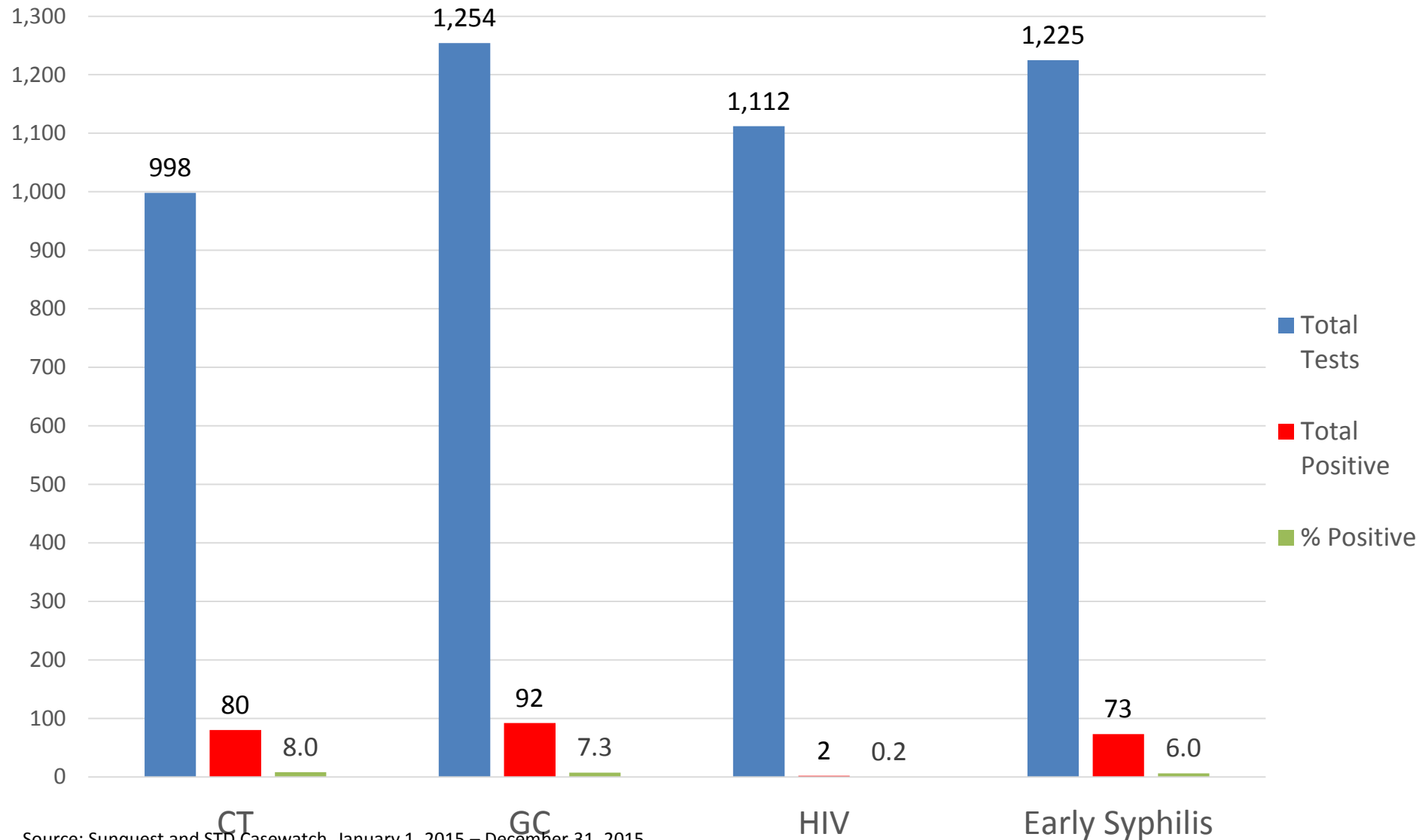


Men's Central Jail – K6G Unit



- Upon booking, male and MTF transgenders can self-identify as gay, bisexual or transgender and be housed in the Special Population Unit, K6G
- Houses +/- 400 inmates at any given time
- DHSP field staff provide:
 - Gonorrhea screening
 - Chlamydia screening
 - Syphilis screening
 - HIV testing
- Condom distribution (and lube), up to 3 at a time
 - Once a week
 - During individual testing session

MCI: Chlamydia, Gonorrhea, HIV & Early Syphilis Total Tests and Positivity, 2015



Source: Sunquest and STD Casewatch, January 1, 2015 – December 31, 2015

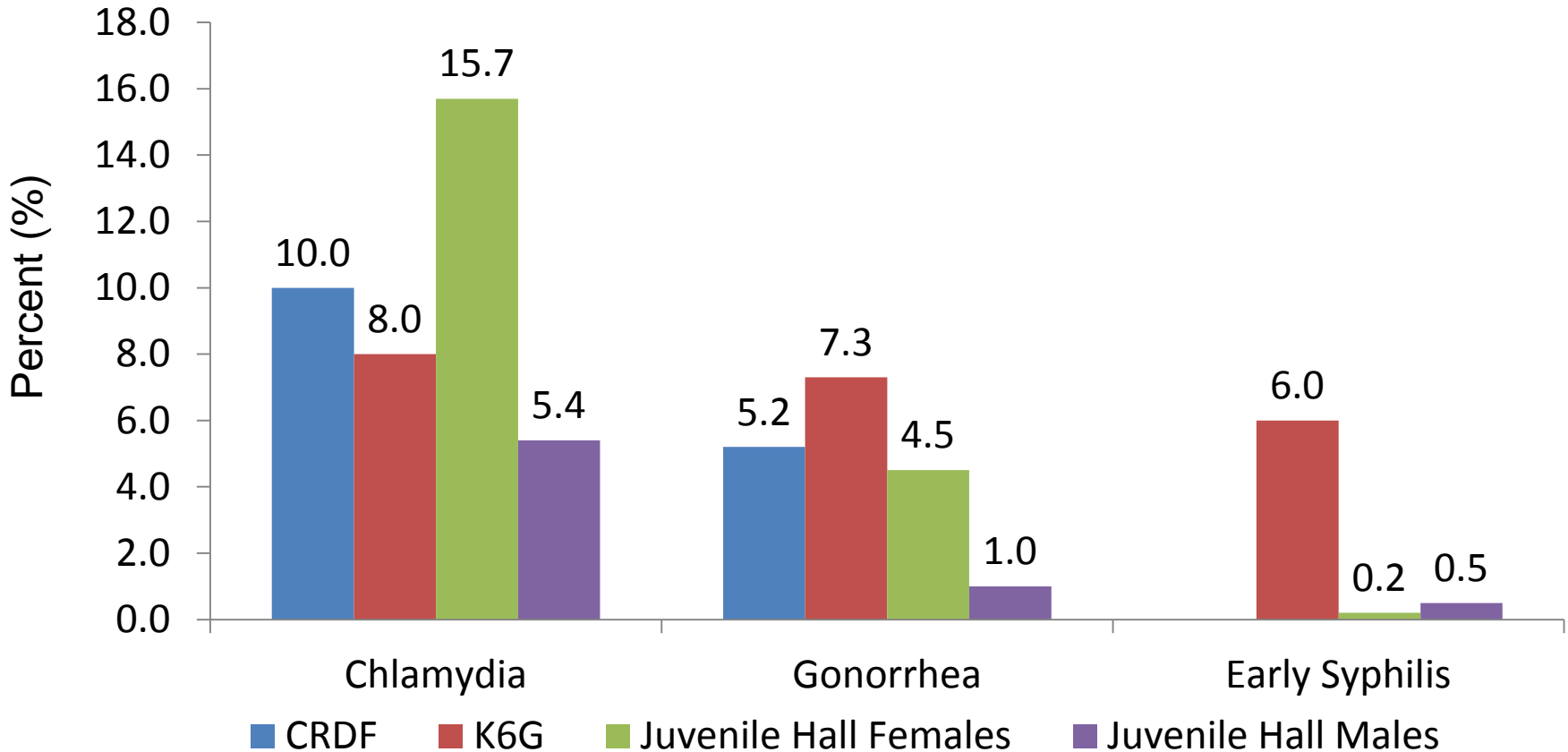
HIV New positives, n = 2; Total positives, N= 51, 4.6% positivity

- Houses +/- 2000 female inmates
- DHSP field staff provide in Inmate Reception Center
 - Gonorrhea screening
 - Chlamydia screening
- DHSP services in the inmate housing units (pods)
 - HIV testing and education
- Follow up services provided to all STD-positive females who are released untreated
 - Linkage to Community Health Clinic
 - Field Delivered Therapy

- Historically, syphilis screening was provided at intake for female inmates in Inmate Reception Center
- Deprioritized this activity due to low yield
- However, given concerning increases in female population, we are currently re-evaluating best methods to increase screening opportunities
- Working closely with Jail Medical Staff to encourage additional testing for HIV and syphilis whenever blood draw is ordered
- Providing inmate health education at all opportunities



2015 Chlamydia, Gonorrhea and Early Syphilis in LA County Jails



Century Regional Detention Facility (CRDF) for females - 447 of 4489 tested positive for Chlamydia and 232 of 4492 tested positive for Gonorrhea.
K6G MSM Unit - 80 of 998 tested positive for Chlamydia, 92 of 1254 tested positive for Gonorrhea and 73 of 1225 were diagnosed with Early Syphilis.
Juvenile Hall Females - 302 of 1926 tested positive for Chlamydia, 90 of 2005 tested positive for Gonorrhea and 2 of 828 was diagnosed with Early Syphilis.
Juvenile Hall Males - 349 of 6418 tested positive for Chlamydia, 62 of 6432 tested positive for Gonorrhea and 8 of 1748 was diagnosed with Early Syphilis.