

What is Program Collaboration and Service Integration (PCSI)?

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[Host] Welcome to this podcast on Program Collaboration and Service Integration or PCSI. We will hear from several leaders in HIV AIDS, Viral Hepatitis, STD, and TB Prevention who will give their perspectives on PCSI.

Dr. Kevin Fenton, Director of CDC's National Center for HIV AIDS, Viral Hepatitis, STD, and TB Prevention.

[Dr. Kevin Fenton] Program Collaboration and Service Integration is a mechanism for blending and organizing interrelated services and activities for the prevention and control of HIV, STD, TB, and viral hepatitis. In other words, it's ensuring that we become more than the sum of the individual parts of our prevention activities in the national center.

[Host] Gustavo Aquino, Associate Director for Program Integration with CDC's National Center for HIV AIDS, Viral Hepatitis, STD, and TB Prevention.

[Gustavo Aquino] Program Collaboration and Service Integration --PCSI --means a lot of different things to a lot of different people, depending on where they work. Our operational definition of PCSI is the organizing and blending of interrelated health issues, activities, and prevention strategies in order to maximize the delivery of comprehensive services.

[Host] Kevin O'Connor, Chief of the Program and Training Branch in CDC's Division of STD Prevention.

[Kevin O'Connor] I think defining PCSI is a bit complex. I tend to be a bit pragmatic about my approach to it. And the pragmatic part is that if we have multiple interventions that target the same population, it only makes sense to offer all the services that are recommended for a population. So my definition for PCSI would be that programs work together to offer services to populations that are affected by multiple morbidities.

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