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## **HIV Work Ready** **Tackling Isolation and Unemployment**

*Neil Fraser*

*Programs and Peer Support*

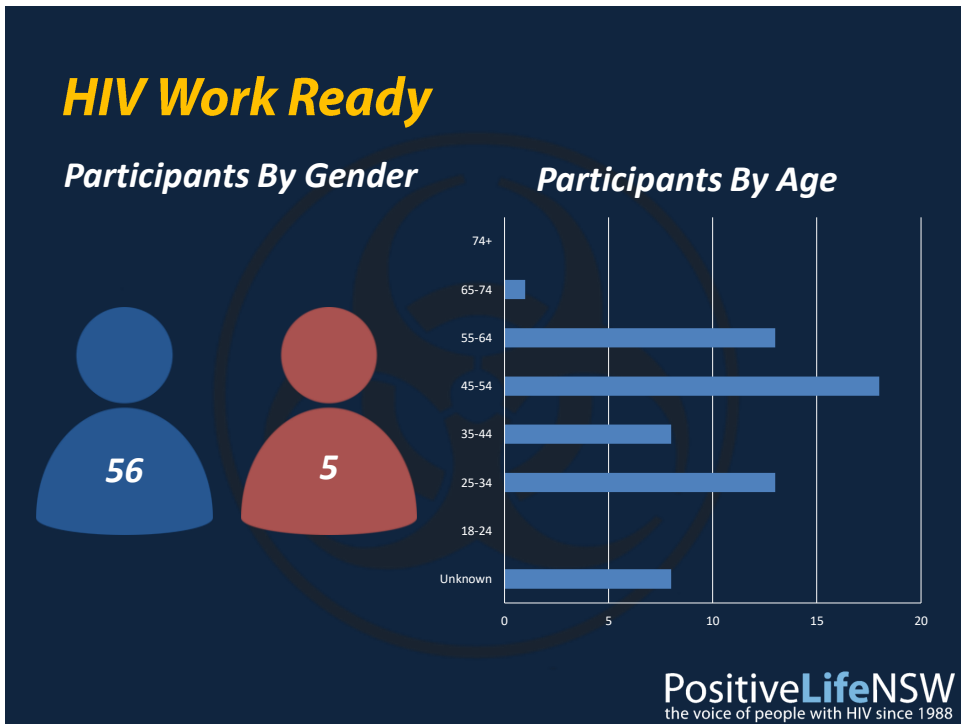
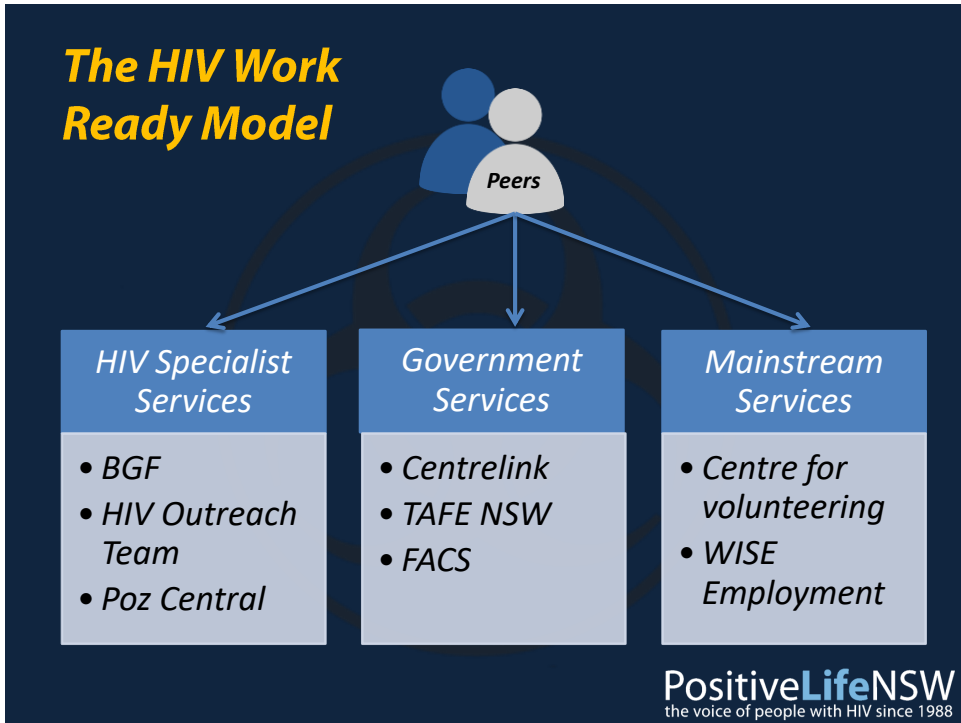
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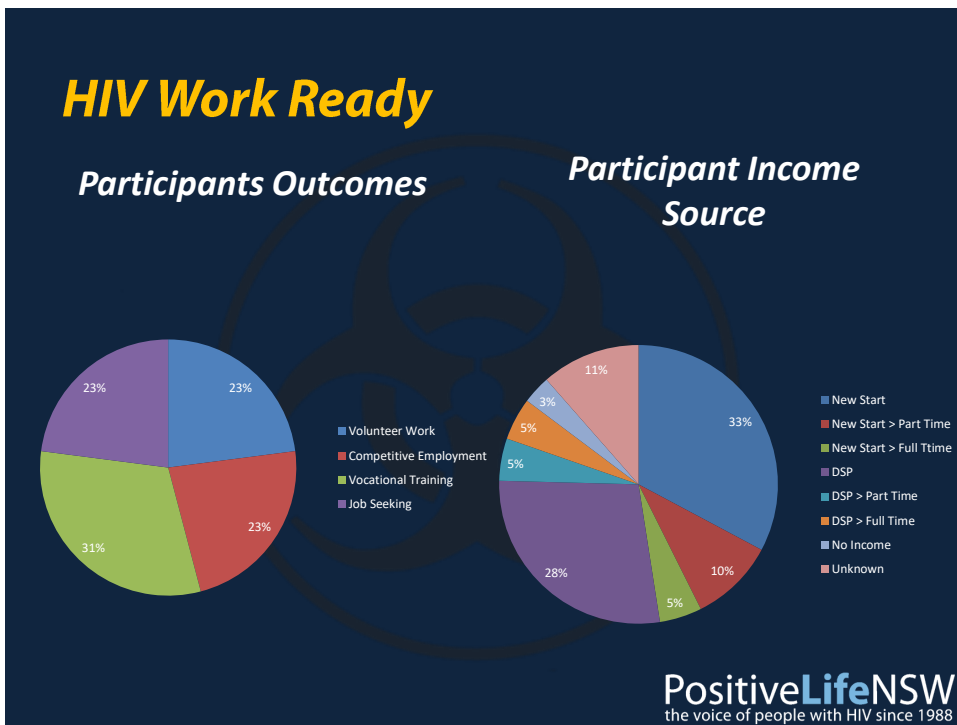


## **The Project**

- *HIV Work Ready is a Positive Life NSW reengagement & employment initiative*
- *It is a peer led service navigation and engagement model between HIV and mainstream service providers*
- *It is a peer led project helping PLHIV return to paid and volunteer work - on their own terms*

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## HIV Work Ready – Case Story

*Kelly-Anne was referred to work ready by BGF staff. She is a 42 y/o mother of 3, and proud grandmother to 1. She has been a DSP recipient since 2009 and lived with HIV since 2001. Initial face to face meeting and enrolment with peer to program 1st week of August '17. Commenced a volunteer role with ASHM by late August. Accepted a part-time casual role with Coles in early October and is now in the final stages for recruitment to a customer service role with NSW Trains*

***“HIV Work Ready gives you the opportunity to build your confidence and learn new skills”***

*Kelly-Anne is most excited about being able to buy her two younger sons a bike and an electric guitar for Christmas*

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