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Community Newsletter

SPECIAL NOTICE

Victor Gonzalez

It is with great sadness we report the loss of Miami-Dade HIV/AIDS Partnership Member and Care and Treatment Committee Chair Victor Gonzalez of Latinos Salud who passed away on August 13, 2021.

On behalf of the Miami-Dade HIV/AIDS Partnership's members and staff, we offer our sincere condolences to Victor's family and his Latinos Salud colleagues and friends.

Please see the Latinos Salud tribute on their [Facebook page](#).

A [Go Fund Me](#) site has also been set up in Victor's honor.



HEADLINES

NASTAD PrEP Coverage Brief

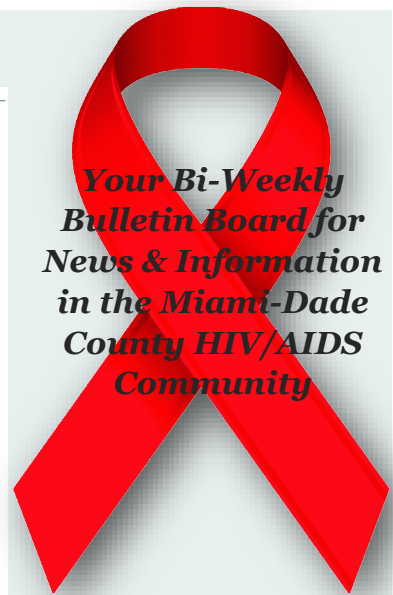
PrEP Services Covered with No Cost-Sharing

This National Alliance of State and Territorial AIDS Directors (NASTAD) fact sheet walks through the coverage and cost-sharing requirements for public and private payers that come with this U.S. Preventive Services Task Force Grade A recommendation. . . . Contact NASTAD's PrEP team at PrEP@NASTAD.org with questions or to request TA on PrEP financing and coverage. [Click here](#) for details.

RWHAP Compass Dashboard

data.HRSA.gov

The Ryan White HIV/AIDS Program (RWHAP) Compass Dashboard provides users an opportunity to interact with and visualize the reach, impact, and outcomes of the RWHAP. The Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) HIV/AIDS Bureau (HAB) developed the RWHAP Compass Dashboard to support data utilization to improve outcomes along the HIV care continuum. By advancing users' ability to interact with and utilize RWHAP program data, the dashboard supports HRSA HAB's vision of optimal HIV/AIDS care and treatment for all. [Click here](#) for details.



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MEETINGS

Partnership Members!

Please respond to meeting notices to ensure we can obtain quorum.

[Click here](#) for Partnership Meeting Documents and Monthly Reports

[Click here](#) for Clinical Quality Management Meeting documents

[Click here](#) for 2021 calendars or scan the QR Code.



PrEP, PEP, nPEP

[Click here](#) to learn more!

PrEP *Pre-Exposure Prophylaxis*
A comprehensive HIV prevention strategy that involves the daily use of antiretroviral medications to reduce the risk of HIV infection in HIV-negative individuals.

PEP *Post-Exposure Prophylaxis*
Taking antiretroviral medicines (ART) after being potentially exposed to HIV to prevent becoming infected.

nPEP *Non-occupational Post-Exposure Prophylaxis*
Short-term treatment started as soon as possible after high-risk non-occupational exposure to an infectious agent, such as HIV, hepatitis B virus (HBV), or hepatitis C virus (HCV).

New! PrEP Adherence Module added to the HIV Prevention Certified Provider Program



The HIV Prevention Certified Provider Program is an online, self-paced CME curriculum composed of six modules in HIV prevention detailing the pertinent clinical and practice information that clinicians need to effectively employ HIV prevention interventions. The curriculum is updated annually and more frequently as needed, based on approval of new biomedical interventions and release of evidence-based practices. [Click here](#) for details.

EVENTS

[Click here](#) for details on these and more upcoming Events!
RSVP is required for most events.

SATURDAY, August 21!

- ◆ Back to School Clinic at Empower U, Inc.
- ◆ Be Fabulous! Get Tested! at AHF/Out of the Closet

August 29: National Faith HIV/AIDS Awareness Day #NFHAAD

New! August 25: Educational & Empowerment Dinner at Holy Family Episcopal Church, sponsored by Empower U, Inc.



New! September 3 (deadline): ESCALATE Application

National Minority AIDS Council (NMAC) Ending Stigma through Collaboration And Lifting All To Empowerment (ESCALATE) Technical Assistance (TA) and Learning Collaboratives.

New! September 9: Dinner Listening Session at Pridelines

Share your concerns regarding the health and wellness system for people living with HIV. Earn a complimentary \$25 gift card. RSVP required.

New! September 14: Improving your Relationship with your Health Care Provider

Dinner Presentation at Pridelines, presented by Alison Ruby, Merck. Please RSVP.

New! September 22: U.S. Access Board to Host Public Briefing on Study on the Feasibility of Wheelchair Securement Systems in Passenger Aircraft

From access-board.gov, U.S. Access Board – Advancing Full Access and Inclusion for All.

New! Through September 23: HHS Announces New National Challenge to Reduce HIV-Related Stigma and Disparities

HHS is seeking innovative and effective approaches to increase the use of pre-exposure prophylaxis medication (PrEP) and antiretroviral therapy (ART) among people who are at increased risk for HIV or are people with HIV. The HIV Challenge is open to the public, and HHS will award a total of \$760,000 to 15 winners over three phases.

National HIV/AIDS Awareness Days

September 18:
National HIV/AIDS and Aging Awareness Day
#HIVandAging



September 27:
National Gay Men's HIV/AIDS Awareness Day
#NGMHAAD

SURVEYS & STUDIES

Many studies include financial compensation.

[Click here](#) for details on eligibility, study requirements, and compensation for these and additional studies and surveys.

New! Studies for Persons Who Have Tested Positive for COVID-19 or Have Symptoms

- ◆ I am sick with COVID-19: Should I join a research study
- ◆ Estoy enfermo con la COVID-19: ¿Debería participar en un estudio de investigación de COVID-19?
- ◆ COVID-19 Clinical Trial. This clinical trial (called MOVE-OUT) looks at a possible treatment of COVID-19 for adults who have symptoms of COVID-19 but have not needed hospitalization.
- ◆ Tested Positive for COVID-19? Consider this global clinical research trial testing a possible treatment option.
- ◆ ¿Dio positivo por COVID-19? Considere este ensayo de investigación clínica global que evalúa una posible opción de tratamiento.

New! Scale It Up Florida – Ethical Issues in Engaging Lost to Follow Up Youth In HIV Care and Research

This Florida State University study aims to understand the perceptions of cultural and ethical issues in keeping youth in HIV care and engaging them in HIV research. This is an ongoing study and we are still seeking professional stakeholder participants. Contact siu-fl@med.fsu.edu for more information.

New! Rare Patient Voice (HealthHIV) Rare Patient Voice connects patients ages 16+ and caregivers with the opportunity to voice their opinions through surveys and interviews to improve medical products and services. We offer \$100 per hour for participating in studies and all information you share is confidential.

New! The Positively Quit Study The program is free and very helpful and effective for people looking to quit smoking cigarettes. Program participants earn up to \$370 for completing activities in the program.

Paid Studies at Behavioral Science Research Corp.

- ◆ Patient-Centered Care Study for Men
- ◆ Women-Centered Care

Tested Positive for COVID-19?
Consider this global clinical research trial testing a possible treatment option.

During this clinical trial, researchers will test an antiviral study drug in people who have tested positive for COVID-19 to learn:

- How well the drug works against COVID-19
- How safe it is
- How well the study handles the antiviral study drug
- If the antiviral study drug can reduce symptoms, recovery time, and hospitalizations

You may be able to take part in this trial if you:

- Are at least 18 years of age
- Have recently tested positive for COVID-19
- Currently have at least one sign or symptom of COVID-19
- Have not received a COVID-19 vaccine

The study doctor and staff can provide you with information about additional requirements for participation.

If you qualify and agree to take part, you will get the 5-day oral treatment and test-related tests at no cost. With tolerance, the total time you will take part in the trial is about 7 months.

To learn more about the MOVE-OUT study, contact the local study team.

For more information, including the possible risks and benefits of taking part in this trial, please contact:

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¿Dio positivo por COVID-19?
Considere este ensayo de investigación clínica global que evalúa una posible opción de tratamiento.

Durante este ensayo clínico, los investigadores probarán a probar un medicamento antiviral en estudio en personas que dieron positivo por COVID-19 para saber:

- cuál es la eficacia del medicamento contra COVID-19
- qué tan seguro es el estudio
- en qué medida el estudio maneja el medicamento antiviral en estudio
- si el medicamento antiviral en estudio puede reducir los síntomas, el tiempo de recuperación y las hospitalizaciones

Es posible que pueda participar en este ensayo si:

- tiene al menos 18 años
- ha sido positivo por COVID-19 recientemente
- actualmente tiene al menos un signo o síntoma de COVID-19
- no ha recibido una vacuna contra COVID-19

El médico y el personal del estudio pueden brindarle información sobre los requisitos adicionales de la participación.

Si reúne los requisitos y acepta participar, recibirá el tratamiento de 5 días oral, el medicamento y las pruebas relacionadas con el ensayo de estudio a un costo cero. Con tolerancia, el tiempo total de participación en el ensayo es de aproximadamente 7 meses.

Para obtener más información sobre el estudio MOVE-OUT, comuníquese con el equipo local del estudio.

Para obtener más información, incluyendo los posibles riesgos y beneficios de la participación en este ensayo, comuníquese con:

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HOUSING

[Click here](#) for details.



New! Temporary Protection from Eviction (CDC.gov) U.S CDC order temporarily halting evictions in counties with heightened levels of community transmission . . . of the COVID-19 pandemic, including the rise of the Delta variant . . .

New! Housing Programs and Assistance

Health Council of South Florida Housing provides housing opportunities for individuals in our community who are HIV/AIDS diagnosed.

- ◆ Rapid Re-Housing (RRH) Program
- ◆ Short-Term Rental, Mortgage, and Utility Assistance from HOPWA

HOPWA Special Project

Are you HIV+ and need housing assistance to prevent eviction or loss of your home through foreclosure or need utility assistance? [Click here](#) for eligibility . . .

STRMU Short-Term Rental, Mortgage, Utilities Assistance

Are you living with HIV and at risk of losing your current housing? Call CARE Resource (305) 576-1234, ext. 110 and 129. or Empower U (786) 318-2337 to set up an eligibility determination appointment.

JOIN THE PARTNERSHIP

Do You Qualify for Membership?

If you answer “Yes” to these questions, you could qualify for membership!

- ◆ Are you a resident of Miami-Dade County?
- ◆ Are you a registered voter in Miami-Dade County?
Note: Some seats for people with HIV are exempt from this requirement.
- ◆ Can you volunteer three to five hours per month for Partnership activities?

Opportunities for People with HIV - *Become an official Representative of the Affected Community!*

If you are HIV positive and receive one or more Ryan White Program Part A service, you may be eligible!



Additional Vacancies

- ◆ Rep. Co-infected with Hepatitis B or C
- ◆ Former Inmate of Local, State, or Federal Prison
- ◆ Hospital or Health Care Planning Agency Representative
- ◆ Federally Recognized Indian Tribe Representative
- ◆ Mental Health Provider Representative
- ◆ Miami-Dade County Public Schools Representative
- ◆ Non-Elected Community Leader, not an HIV Provider

RECURSOS EN ESPAÑOL

Haga clic [aquí](#) para obtener más información.

Local Advocacy Until the Cure: One Man’s Journey to Advocacy by local advocate, Alberto Pérez Bermúdez.

- ◆ Alberto’s story in A&U America’s AIDS Magazine.
- ◆ You Tube recording: Experiencias de vida, activismo y motivación. (En español)

Telesalud

Atención médica desde la seguridad de nuestros hogares. Tanto si es un paciente buscando atención médica o un médico que la brinda, la telesalud nos mantiene conectados — incluso mientras se mantiene el distanciamiento social durante la pandemia del COVID-19.

WEBINARS & TRAINING

[Click here](#) for details on these and more training opportunities.

DUE MONDAY! Applications Due: August 23 by 8:00 PM EDT: ¡Poder!:

The Power of Young Latinx Gay, Bisexual, Trans and Queer (GBTQ) Men through Youth-Adult Partnerships. Advocates for Youth training opportunity.

New! August 27: HIV Update, International AIDS Conference Report
National AIDS Treatment Advocacy Project webinar

New! September 3:

Registration Deadline

“ESCALATE” (Ending Stigma through Collaboration And Lifting All To Empowerment)

New! September 10 and 11:

GENERATE: Youth Advocates Building a Generation Free of HIV & Stigma

The Human Rights Campaign; GENERATE was created to advance the leadership of Black and Latinx LGBTQ+ youth to join together and advance efforts to end HIV through advocacy, education, and storytelling.

New! South Florida AETC

- ◆ August 25: Oral Lesions: COVID-19 and HIV
- ◆ August 26: Prevention of Perinatal HIV Transmission: Series Part II: HIV Surveillance in Alabama
- ◆ September 1: Southeast AETC 2021 Virtual Regional Conference: Ending the HIV Epidemic after 2020
- ◆ September 8: Women – Transgender: Oral Health and HIV
- ◆ September 10: Opioids, Substance Use and Needle Sharing (Low T, Silicone Pump Parties): Guided Conversation about their Role in Ending the HIV Epidemic
- ◆ September 13: Oral Health and HIV in the African American Community
- ◆ September 15: Prevention of Perinatal HIV Transmission: Series Part III: Neonatal Management
- ◆ September 16: Pre-exposure Prophylaxis for HIV (PrEP)



GRANTS

[Click here](#) for these and many more funding opportunities

New! Transgender Status-Neutral Community-to-Clinic Models to End the HIV Epidemic

Department of Health and Human Services Centers for Disease Control – NCHHSTP Grant. In the proposed demonstration project, TG clinics and TG CBOs will work collaboratively to develop holistic models to provide health care and well-being services for Transgender (TG) men and women that include co-located HIV prevention and care, gender-affirming services including hormone therapy and other procedures, STI testing, hepatitis testing, preventive health care, and chronic disease care, and to ensure access to mental health and substance use disorder services and social support services . . .

Estimated Application Due Date: Dec 30, 2021

Positive Action for Latinx Men: An Initiative for Gay, Bisexual and Trans Men

ViiV Healthcare is currently requesting proposals to support Latinx gay, bisexual and trans men to assist in navigating the healthcare system and stigma in a way that reflects the diversity of men's identities, desires, families, health settings and environments. We are offering two types of grants for eligible organizations in this opportunity; (1) Leadership and Network Grant and (2) Amp Grant for Grassroots Organizations and Projects.

How to Assemble a Successful Government Grant Proposal

- ◆ Important grant programs to pursue outside of emergency funding.
- ◆ Practical steps to assemble a stronger, more competitive grant proposal.
- ◆ DIY worksheets to get you started.

OPT OUT OF OPIOIDS

This campaign will target Miami-Dade County youth and families by increasing awareness and knowledge of the dangers of opioid use, misuse, and addiction. [Facebook @OptOutOfOpioids](#)



JOBS

[Click here](#) for details.

Employment Assistance

- ◆ Income Equality Justice Project at Legal Services of Greater Miami.
- ◆ Reemployment Assistance If your employment has been negatively impacted as a result of the mitigation efforts in Florida to stop the spread of COVID-19 . . .
- ◆ Defending Garnishments; Legal Services of Greater Miami.

Featured Employers

- ◆ AIDS Healthcare Foundation
- ◆ Bethel Enrichment Center
- ◆ Black AIDS Institute
- ◆ Borinquen Medical Centers
- ◆ Broward County
- ◆ CAN Community Health
- ◆ Care 4 U CHC
- ◆ Care Resource
- ◆ Community Rightful Center (CRC)
- ◆ Empower U, Inc.
- ◆ Florida Dept. of Health
- ◆ Goodwill of South Florida Programs for People with Disabilities
- ◆ HealthHIV
- ◆ Health Education Prevention & Promotion
- ◆ Jessie Trice CHC
- ◆ Latinos Salud
- ◆ NAMI, National Alliance on Mental Health
- ◆ New Hope CORPS
- ◆ Positive People Network
- ◆ Pridelines
- ◆ University of Miami – UHealth