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Community Newsletter

HEADLINES

HRSA Releases 2020 Data on HIV Prevention and Treatment in Health Centers

HIV.gov Blog

The HIV-specific 2020 UDS data demonstrates that health centers: Conducted nearly 2.5 million HIV tests; Delivered primary care services to almost 190,000 patients living with HIV; Provided Pre-Exposure Prophylaxis (PrEP) services to 389,000 patients; and Ensured that 81% of newly diagnosed HIV positive patients aged 15-65 years old were linked to care within 30 days of diagnosis. [Click here](#) for details.

Get on Board! Station 3: Understanding Ryan White Program Part A/MAI Expenditure Reports



A virtual education series for Miami-Dade HIV/AIDS Partnership members and the HIV/AIDS community

September 15, 2021, 12:00 PM - 1:30 PM. Join via Zoom!
<https://bit.ly/3mTa5B3> Meeting ID: 859 9423 4121 Passcode: 673513

Presented by: Partnership Support Staff

Topics: Where you can find expenditure reports; Breaking down how to read and understand expenditure reports; Understanding Part A and Minority AIDS Initiative funded services; Why understanding expenditure reports is important. [Click here](#) for the flyer.

COVID-19 Updates

Vaccinations, Booster Shots, and Clinical Treatment Sites

- ◆ New Frequently Asked Questions on COVID-19 Vaccination Incentives: Updated COVID-19 FAQ from HRSA/HAB
- ◆ CDC.gov: COVID-19 Vaccine Booster Shot updates
- ◆ Merck's iLab53 mobile van is parking close to COVID testing site to raise awareness of MOVE-OUT COVID-19 investigational treatment (Molnupiravir) clinical trial in Miami-Dade County
- ◆ DOH-Miami-Dade Offering COVID-19 Vaccine Appointments

[Click here](#) for details.



Your Bi-Weekly Bulletin Board for News & Information in the Miami-Dade County HIV/AIDS Community

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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

PEP Post-Exposure Prophylaxis

nPEP Non-occupational Post-Exposure Prophylaxis

New! COVID-19 PrEP Access Updates

- ◆ HHS Implements Override Request
- ◆ Ready, Set, PrEP Expands
- ◆ Prior Authorization, Regional Disparities
- ◆ PrEP During COVID-19 (HIV.gov)

New! CDC's New #ShesWell Initiative Aims to Increase PrEP Awareness among Women and Their Healthcare Providers



(HIV.gov) CDC's Let's Stop HIV Together campaign recently launched a new initiative called #ShesWell, which is focused on increasing awareness about Pre-exposure prophylaxis (PrEP) among women, building capacity among clinicians to prescribe PrEP to women who can benefit from it, and ultimately increasing PrEP use among women.

EVENTS

[Click here](#) for details on these and more upcoming Events!

RSVP is required for most events.



TODAY! 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.

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.

September 14: Improving your Relationship with your Health Care Provider

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

New! September 21–22: SYNChronicity (SYNC 2021) The National HIV, HCV, STI and LGBTQ Health Conference

This interactive, virtual experience will feature the dynamic content, speakers, and sessions you have come to expect from SYNChronicity. Your registration guarantees access to all of the content and this state-of-the-art virtual conference experience.

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

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

HHS seeking innovative/effective approaches to increase the use of pre-exposure prophylaxis medication (PrEP) & 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.

New! September 24-25: 2021 South Florida Men's Wellness Conference

One-of-a-kind conference covering a wide range of topics, the conference seeks to address the HIV prevention and treatment needs of men who have sex with men in South FL as well as their broader health and wellbeing. Please join us online for this fun and informative series for workshops.

South Florida Men's Wellness Conference
Friday, Sept. 24, 9am to 12:30pm
Saturday, Sept. 25, 9:30am to 4:30pm

Virtual 2 Day Workshops & Discussions

- Live Yoga • Nutrition
- HIV Health • Sex Talk
- At Home HIV Testing Kits • And More

Register Today at Hotspotsmagazine.com/menshealth

Sponsored by: Pridelines, Merck, CDC, NMAC, PHS CENTER, HOT Spots!

Presented by: LGBTQ, HIV, STI, HCV, and more. Powered by: HAPPENING OUT

SURVEYS & STUDIES

Many studies include financial compensation.

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

Ongoing! The Anchor Study: Anal Cancer Study

Seeking HIV+ volunteers of all genders who are 35+ to take part in a paid study to prevent anal cancer.

Anal cancer rates are rising among people living with HIV. The goal of the ANCHOR study is to find the best way to prevent anal cancer among HIV positive men and women. During a screening visit, you will be screened for pre-cancerous anal lesions. If lesions are found, you will be enrolled and randomized to either have the lesions treated or monitored every six months. Both groups will be followed for a minimum of five years. You will be compensated \$100 for the screening visit.

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

If you are sick with COVID-19 or have tested positive, you may be eligible for one of these studies.



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.

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.

Study #: 20201206 Effective Date: 3/19/2021

Mindfulness to Quit Smoking

Are you Hispanic living with HIV and interested in quitting cigarette smoking?

Come join a 3-month smoking cessation research study and receive:

- Mindfulness tools to reduce your stress and improve your quality of life
- Training to help you quit smoking
- 6 weeks of nicotine patches at no cost
- Get paid for your time

Who can participate?

- 18 years and older
- Hispanic ethnicity
- Diagnosed with HIV
- Have smoked cigarettes daily in the past year
- Interested in making a quit attempt the next 30 days

Call NOW to participate in our research
Tel: 305-243-0362
Text us at: 786-505-2920
Email us at: smokingresearchstudies@gmail.com

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The positively QUIT Study

DID YOU KNOW...
People who smoke are at higher risk for complications or death from coronavirus (COVID-19).

ARE YOU ELIGIBLE?
You may be eligible if you:
- Smoke cigarettes
- Are 18 and older
- Have certain health conditions

LIVING WITH.
Any chronic illness can make the risks even higher.

DO YOU CURRENTLY SMOKE?
Does coronavirus make you concerned about the safety of in-person support groups?

PARTICIPANTS WILL BE ASKED TO PARTICIPATE IN

- Entry screening
- Online group sessions
- Online assessments

POTENTIAL BENEFITS

- You may quit smoking
- You may talk to others with similar experiences
- You may feel good helping others

QUESTIONS?
Contact Dr. Stephen Markakis and the research team at the University of South Florida at PositivelyQuit@usf.edu or 813.586.4144

Participants can receive up to \$100 over 14 months.

Take a picture of this code or go to positivelyquit.com to see if you are eligible

NEED MORE INFO?
For more information go to our website: <https://positivelyquit.com>

HOUSING

[Click here](#) for details.



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 . . .

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.

THE PARTNERSHIP

Members! Please click the flyer below for important updates!

MIAMI-DADE HIV/AIDS PARTNERSHIP
Meeting Updates
September 2021
Miami-Dade County Mayor Levine-Cava has issued a local State of Emergency.

What this means for you!

- Partnership, committee and subcommittee meetings have returned to the hybrid format (in-person and Zoom).
- Members**
 - In-person quorum of members is required.**
 - Members are expected to attend meetings in person.
 - Regular meeting attendance requirements apply as outlined in the Bylaws.
 - You may attend via Zoom if non-attendance at the meeting is due to medical necessity.
 - Members who need to attend via Zoom must submit the *Request to Participate by Communication Media Technology* no later than 48 hours prior to each meeting.
- Guests**
 - Guests are encouraged to attend via Zoom and must RSVP for the Zoom link.

Parking & Transportation
Miami-Dade County Main Library, 101 West Flagler Street, Miami, FL 33130
• The MDC Main Library is accessible via the Government Center Metrorail Station.
• MDC Main Library parking is available at the Cultural Center Garage.
• Only Partnership, committee or subcommittee members of the affected community will be reimbursed for parking in the Cultural Center Garage.

COVID-19 Safety

- Attendees at meetings held at the Miami-Dade County Main Library are now required to wear a mask. Masks are available at all meetings.
- The Library meeting room will return to the spaced-table arrangement (pictured). Tables and chairs should not be moved.

Stay up to date on meeting assignments: aidsnet.org/meeting-documents/.
Contact staff at hiv.aidsinfo@lehighresearch.com with questions.

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!

[Click here for Additional Vacancies](#)

WEBINARS & TRAINING

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

New! September 9: HRSA’s Ending the HIV Epidemic Community Member Virtual Listening Sessions

New! September 9: At the Intersection of SUD, HIV, and Covid-19: Why Trauma Informed Care Matters

Addressing the needs of PWH through trauma informed care is imperative to ending the HIV epidemic.

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! September 14: HRSA EHE South East Region Community Member Virtual Listening Session

Focus on the barriers and facilitators to achieving the goals of the Ending the HIV Epidemic in the U.S. (EHE) initiative in the Southeast Region (Region 4). People with HIV; public health leaders; stakeholders in HIV prevention, care and treatment programs and other community-based organizations; and staff from federally qualified health centers in the Southeast region are invited to participate.

New! September 29: HAB You Heard Webinar

This monthly update from the HIV/AIDS Bureau (HAB) is hosted on Zoom, and attendees are asked to register to participate. During the September webinar, HAB will highlight exciting new Ryan White HIV/AIDS Program resources, provide a 2022 National Ryan White Conference update, and feature two new recipient spotlights. All RWHAP recipients and subrecipients, stakeholders, and federal staff are encouraged to participate in the webinar.

New! South Florida AETC

- ◆ September 8: Women – Transgender: Oral Health and HIV
- ◆ September 10: Opioids, Substance Use and Needle Sharing (Low T, Silicone Pump Parties): A 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)
- ◆ September 17: Cultivating HIV Care: 25 Years in the Making (presented by UF CARES)
- ◆ September 23: Understanding the Role of Resilience in Gender and Sexual Minority Communities
- ◆ September 24: HIV Symposium: A Collaborative Approach to Ending the Epidemics

GRANTS

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

New! Innovative Community Engagement Strategies to Reduce HIV-related Stigma and Disparities Challenge*

Engaging Communities to Reduce HIV-Related Stigma and Increase Prevention and Treatment Among Racial and Ethnic Minority People. Through the Innovative Community Engagement Strategies to Reduce HIV-related Stigma and Disparities Challenge, the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) Office of Minority Health (OMH) in partnership with the OASH Office of Infectious Disease and HIV/AIDS Policy (OIDP), is seeking innovative and effective approaches (e.g., models, strategies, best practices and/or tools) for community engagement and mobilization to reduce HIV stigma and improve pre-exposure prophylaxis (PrEP) and antiretroviral therapy (ART) utilization among racial and ethnic minority individuals who are at increased risk for HIV infection or are people with HIV (PWH). The Challenge mechanism provides an opportunity for on the ground voices to participate in developing novel innovative approaches that can be successfully implemented within their local communities. (Submission end date 09/23/2021)

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.

New! Find Grants on the Go with Grants.gov Mobile App
App Store and Google Play



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

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 . . .

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.

JOBS

[Click here](#) for details on these and many more local and national opportunities.

New! JP-PAS Personal Attendant Services Program

Provides monthly stipends to adult Floridians with significant disabilities who require personal assistance services to attain and maintain competitive and integrated employment.

New! Florida Department of Health (Tallahassee) Operations Manager C-SES-Bureau of Communicable Diseases-HIV/AIDS Section

Reporting directly to the Chief of the Bureau of Communicable Diseases. Responsible for all aspects of the HIV program including providing direction and functional supervision of staff responsible for HIV Prevention, Patient Care, Surveillance and Quality Improvement initiatives for the state of Florida. The position also has the responsibility of coordinating statewide efforts for program planning and culturally competent community engagement efforts.

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- Did your employer withhold wages out of your paycheck?
- Is your bank withholding some of your money?
- Have you lost access to your bank account?

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