



# Community Newsletter

## HEADLINES

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### The Partnership in Action!

#### November Meetings

- ◇ Housing Committee - November 16 at 2:00 PM
- ◇ Medical Care Subcommittee - November 17 at 9:30 AM
- ◇ **Prevention Committee - November 30 at 10:00 AM**

**We want to hear from you, Miami-Dade! Please join us and share your 2023 HIV Prevention Success Stories!**



### Partnership Year End Recognition Celebration

**December 18, 2023**

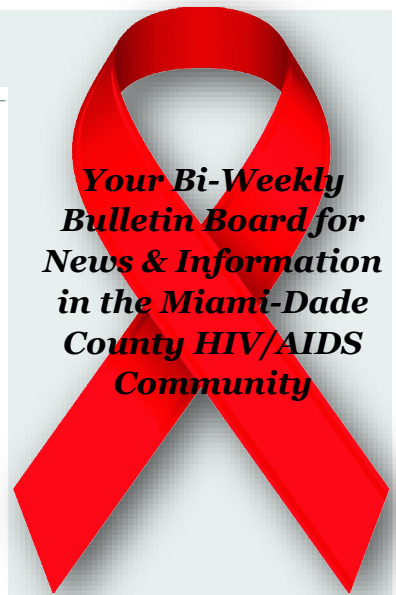
Please mark your calendar for the final 2023 Miami-Dade HIV/AIDS Partnership meeting to celebrate your 2023 achievements and get ready for 2024! Partnership and committee members are invited. 10 AM at the MDC Main Library. Details coming soon!

### Transgender Day of Remembrance November 20, 2023

An annual observance that honors the memory of the transgender people whose lives were lost in acts of anti-transgender violence.

### LGBTQ+ Needs Assessment Survey Let your voice be heard!

Miami-Dade County has launched the LGBTQ+ Needs Assessment survey, which will inform funding and program decisions for Miami-Dade's LGBTQ community for years to come.



**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 2023 calendars

**RSVP!** to meetings and trainings!



## JOBS & VOLUNTEERING

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

### **New! Care 4 U Community Health Center**

Immediate openings! Full time positions with benefits!

- ◇ HIV Outreach Specialist
- ◇ Social Media HIV Outreach Specialist

**Community Rightful Center** Chief Operating Officer (COO)

**Pridelines** HIV Testing Counselor

**UM** Outreach Coordinator - Division of Infectious Diseases (2 openings)



### **Join the Miami-Dade HIV/AIDS Partnership!**

*People with HIV may be eligible for up to \$40 per month in store vouchers based on eligibility and participation.*

**Please PRINT IT, POST IT & PASS IT AROUND!**

**Join the Ryan White Program Planning Council and receive up to \$40 in store vouchers per month!\***

Scan for details and the New Member Interest Form.

**RESTRICTIONS APPLY!**  
Vouchers are available for meeting participation by official members who meet eligibility requirements. Complete the New Member Interest Form to get started.

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## EVENTS

🔗 [Click here](#) for details on these and more in-person and virtual events.

**November 14-17: The 14th Annual International Conference on Stigma** (Howard University in DC)

**New! November 16 and December 15: FarmShare Drive Through or Walk Through Food Distribution** Sponsored by FarmShare, Empower U, and Miami-Dade County.

**December 1: World AIDS Day**  
Theme: *World AIDS Day 35: Remember and Commit*

**December 1: CHAMP305 World AIDS Day Celebration of Life at Liberty Square!**

You're invited to join us for this celebration. If anyone or organizations would like to participate, please contact, Ms. Jhodi Woodfork or Ms. Breanna Young of the CHAMP Team at (786) 909-3719 or (786) 909-3714.

**December 2: CHI's World AIDS Day Walk - Reduce the Stigma, Inspire Hope, and Lower your heart Rate!**

On World AIDS Day, join community groups who will walk to spread the message that HIV is preventable and treatable. As we come together for AIDS Day, we'll bring attention to Miami-Dade County's incidence of HIV transmission, learn about testing and treatment for successful outcomes and honor those living with AIDS and remember those we've lost.

- ◇ [Become a Partner or Vendor!](#)
- ◇ [Submit a story or poem!](#)  
<https://forms.office.com/r/w1yhB2ZQG5>



### **December 5: Ending the HIV Epidemic Conference & Health Fair**

Join the Florida Department of Health in Miami-Dade and community partners for the Ending the HIV Epidemic Conference & Health Fair commemorating World AIDS Day 2023. The event will be held on Tuesday, December 5th from 10AM to 3PM at Miami-Dade College Wolfson Campus: 300 NE 2nd Ave, Miami, FL 33132. If you are interested in being a vendor for the Health Fair, [please click here](#) to reserve your participation. Vendor registration will close on Friday, November 17th.

### **December 8: A Holiday To Remember Come celebrate with a Caring Heart for a Holiday celebration.**

5:30 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. at D.T.C. Auditorium, Jackson Memorial Hospital, 1611 N.W 12th Avenue, Miami, Florida 33136. Food, refreshments, raffles, and live entertainment will be provided. For more information and RSVP please contact: Nestor at (305) 243-8872.

### **Free Metrorail and Bus Service! Now through December 31, 2023!**

The MDC Department of Transportation and Public Works will have "fare free" access to public transportation (Metrorail and bus service).



## SURVEYS & STUDIES

Many studies include financial compensation.

Click here for details on eligibility, requirements, and compensation for these & additional studies & surveys.

### New! U Health Miami Studies

- ◆ **SmartManage** - An Online Stress Management Intervention for Latino Sexual Minority Men Who Are Cancer Survivors Living with HIV
- ◆ **STAR** Cohort for women 18-45 years of age
- ◆ **ACTION 3** Study for people 18 or older who have recently tested positive for COVID-19
- ◆ **MACS/WIHS** CCS Study for men and women with HIV

**STAR**  
Study of Treatment and Reproductive Outcomes

Women who are 18-45 years old and sexually active may be eligible.

Women living with HIV are eligible

Participants are compensated up to \$130 per year

For More Information  
Office: 305-243-2591  
WhatsApp/Text: 786-993-3665

**MWCS**  
MACS/WIHS COMBINED COHORT STUDY

A research study addressing the effects of HIV infection on the physical, emotional, and social health of adults in the United States

ELIGIBILITY	WHAT'S INVOLVED?	COMPENSATION
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Age 20-70</li> <li>2. HIV positive OR negative</li> <li>3. Willingness to consent to the study</li> <li>4. Willingness to be interviewed</li> </ol>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. HIV testing</li> <li>2. Blood draws and physical exam</li> <li>3. Interview</li> </ol>	Participants can be compensated up to \$187

See if you qualify

Please contact us: 305-243-2188

UHealth UNIVERSITY OF MIAMI WILSON MEDICAL CENTER

See if you qualify

### Barriers and Facilitators to Expanding PrEP Coverage in Southern EHE States and Jurisdictions

A survey for health providers, programmers and public health practitioners. Southern AIDS Coalition in partnership with PrEP4All, is conducting a rapid landscaping to identify laws, policies and administrative requirements and approaches that impact PrEP access in the South.

**PURPOSE**

IRB Approved at the Protocol Level  
Sep 28, 2023

**About the Study**

PURPOSE 2 is a clinical study to evaluate if Lenacapavir (LEN), an investigational medicine, given every 6 months can help to reduce the chance of getting HIV through sex (PrEP, or Pre-exposure Prophylaxis).

**Please Contact**

Familu Vega  
FVega@vancommunityhealth.org  
754.701.6930  
18560 NW 47th Avenue  
Miami Gardens, FL 33055

Find out more about the PURPOSE studies here: [www.purposestudies.com](http://www.purposestudies.com)  
ClinicalTrials.gov ID: NCT04925752

**Could I Qualify?**  
Participants must:

- Be at least 18 years of age
- Not have had an HIV test in the past 3 months
- No oral PrEP in past 12 weeks or any prior use of long-acting systemic PrEP
- Be a cisgender man, transgender or gender nonbinary individual who has receptive anal sex
- Meet eligibility criteria during screening

### PURPOSE 2

A clinical study to evaluate if Lenacapavir (LEN), an investigational medicine, given every 6 months can help to reduce the chance of getting HIV through sex (PrEP). Miami Gardens, FL: PURPOSE 2 clinical trials are available now for eligible South Florida residents. Contact the CAN Community Health team at (754) 701-6920 to learn more.

### REACH Equity

The REACH Equity Team is doing a study to adapt a program called "Within My Reach" an evidence-based relationship education program for Latino Sexual Minority Men (LSMM).

### University of Florida ART Study

UF is looking to interview providers of HIV care in the Miami area about their experiences with and thoughts on long-acting ART (study is approved by UR IRB).

### Hepatitis Delta (HDV) – Online Panel

LaGrippe Research are conducting a study on the experiences of people with Hepatitis Delta Virus (HDV). \$125 incentive/month.

## HOUSING RESOURCES

Click here for details on these and more housing resources.

If you are homeless or about to be homeless, please contact the City of Miami Outreach team for assistance:  
1 (877) 994-4357

### New! HOPE, Inc. Fall Newsletter

Housing Opportunities Project for Excellence quarterly Newsletter.

**HOPE FORUM**  
A publication of Housing Opportunities Project for Excellence (HOPE), Inc.

**HOPE Settles Federal Discrimination Complaint about Race and Familial Status**

Arbitrary rule enforcement at the basketball court at the Garden Walk Apartments was the tip of the iceberg. Property managers at the Cutler Bay Marina-Dunes County, FL property were accused of being the organizers of a hostile environment, culminating in a federal complaint for housing discrimination.

In September 2023, HOPE and plaintiff Michelle Brown settled a federal Fair Housing complaint against Taology Property Management Corporation. In the complaint, HOPE and Brown alleged that the management company discriminated against Brown and her family due to their race and the presence of children in the family. The agreement settled a complaint filed in July 2023.

Brown began living at the Garden Walk Apartments, at 21346 SW 112 Ave in Cutler Bay, Florida as a child, and the property is now being sold to the defendants. As a adult with children of her own (6, 9, and 12 years old at the time of the complaint), Brown alleges that she was the victim of discriminatory practices at the property.

In August of 2020, the complaint alleges that a property manager told Brown's children that they could not be on the basketball court without an adult and sent them home. In the days immediately following this, Brown called the office to speak to the manager who was not in. Then, about a week later, management posted a sign at the basketball court indicating, "children must have adult supervision." That same day, however, Brown allegedly saw White and fair-skinned Hispanic children playing without supervision, and recorded a video of this.

Following all of this, Brown alleges that the environment became hostile, with people constantly looking for kids unaccompanied by adults to report to management, neighbors blaming Brown for creating the hostile environment with her video, and management harassing Brown and threatening to terminate her tenancy for violating rules (while accusing her of being loud, profane, and obnoxious). Brown sought assistance in her situation and contacted HOPE.

The Florida Commission on Human Relations found it probable that, from at least the fall of 2020 through the fall of 2022, Brown and her family suffered illegal housing discrimination, and left open the possibility that Brown could file a civil lawsuit. So Brown filed the complaint in question, and in late September 2023, the two sides reached a settlement agreement.

Brown and her family are to be commended for their resolve in seeing this case all the way through to its settlement. We at HOPE encourage all individuals who suspect unfair housing practices to step forward and assert their rights. You shouldn't have to work hard to find a place that will treat you right and won't discriminate against you. Instead, all housing providers need to work hard to ensure that their doors are open for all qualified potential residents to live in peace.

To become a letter or volunteer, please call (305) 651-8873 or (954) 567-2245 in Broward. Thank you!

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We're on Facebook! Follow HOPE Inc. Fair Housing

We're on X! Follow HOPE Inc. Fair Housing

We're on Instagram! Follow us at @hope\_inc

Please e-mail us at [hopeh@comcast.net](mailto:hopeh@comcast.net) or visit us at [www.hopeh.com/](http://www.hopeh.com/)

### Short Term Rental, Mortgage, and Utility (STRMU)

Are you living with HIV and at risk of losing your current housing? Based on need, the STRMU Program can provide multiple weeks of assistance during any 52-week. **How to Apply:** Call CARE Resource (305) 576-1234, ext. 129; 463; 493; or 311 to set up an eligibility determination appointment.

## WEBINARS & TRAINING

Registration required for most webinars.

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

### **New! November 16**

Ryan White HIV/AIDS Program Part F Regional AIDS Education and Training technical assistance webinar

### **New! In Case You Missed the November 2 Webinar!**

The newly released 2022 Viral Hepatitis Surveillance Status Report is now available online! You can also find social media tools and other resources.

### **NEW! Southeast AIDS Education & Training Center (SE AETC)**

- ◇ November 15: TN DOH Hepatitis C Virus Project ECHO
- ◇ November 15: Trauma Informed Care for Black Women
- ◇ December 1: MCM Basic Counseling: Motivational Interviewing
- ◇ **Miami!** December 1: 4th Annual Ending the HIV Epidemic Conference: Right Data, Right Tools, Right Leadership
- ◇ December 6: TN DOH Hepatitis C Virus Project ECHO
- ◇ December 14: MCM HIV 101
- ◇ December 15: MCM HIV 201



## GRANTS & FUNDING

[Click here](#) for details on these and **more grants** and funding opportunities!

### **New! HUD Office of Housing – Housing Counseling Training Grant Program**

To invest in the creation and maintenance of a professional and effective housing counseling industry that is able to meaningfully assist consumers by providing them with the information they need to make informed housing choices.

### **New! HHS HRSA Regional AIDS Education and Training Centers (AETC) Program**

Each regional AETC will provide training and technical assistance to the health care workforce, health care organizations, faculty responsible for training students enrolled at health professions programs, and instructors in health-related organizations that manage programs for health professions programs. [Don't miss the November 16 TA webinar for this grant!](#) Award Ceiling: N/A. Deadline Date: 2024-02-05

### **Transgender People: Immunity, Prevention, and Treatment of HIV and STIs (R21 Clinical Trial Not Allowed)**

To support hypothesis-generating research in transgender people with the objective of characterizing the biological and immunological impact of the interventions (hormones, drugs and surgical) used for gender reassignment and their impact on susceptibility to HIV and other sexually transmitted infections (STI).

Award Ceiling: \$275,000

Deadline Date: 12/07/2024

### **New! State of Florida DCF Prevention Partnership Grant (PPG)**

To support evidence-based substance use prevention programs and strategies intended to prevent or reduce substance use. Award Ceiling: \$450,000. Deadline 2024-02-01

### **FY 2023 HOPWA Competitive Grant: Housing Interventions (HINT) to End the HIV Epidemic**

To provide communities an opportunity to create and implement new projects that align with initiatives aimed at ending the HIV epidemic, and elevate housing as an effective structural intervention in ending the epidemic.

### **HHS NIH Multidisciplinary Research to Accelerate Hepatitis B Cure in Persons Living with HIV and HBV**

To support research to better understand the impact of host and viral heterogeneity on pathogenesis of disease, viral persistence, and immunopathology of Hepatitis B (HBV) and inform cure strategies for HBV in people living with HIV (PLWH). Award Ceiling: N/A. Deadline Date: 2024-03-13

### **HHS NIH Engaging Survivors of Sexual Violence and Trafficking in HIV and Substance Use Disorder Services**

To support exploratory research and preliminary interventions to address the interrelated and compounding contextual factors that contribute to substance use and HIV risk among survivors of sex trafficking. Award Ceiling: N/A. Deadline Date: 2024-08-05



## SUPPORT GROUPS & GROUP ACTIVITIES

🔗 [Click here](#) for details on these and more virtual and live groups. *RSVP required for some groups.*

**If your agency is holding support groups . . .**  
please send details to [cbontempo@behavioralscience.com](mailto:cbontempo@behavioralscience.com)

### Pridelines Support Groups

- ◇ Apoyo y Comunidad para Personas Viviendo con VIH
- ◇ Together We Thrive – Gay & Bi Men’s Roundtable
- ◇ Support group for bilingual women



**PPN MEN SUPPORT GROUP**

@  **pridelines**

Dating, Disclosure, Family, Nutrition  
Love, Life, Sex, etc.

Every 4TH Saturday  
11am-1pm  
305-521-7966

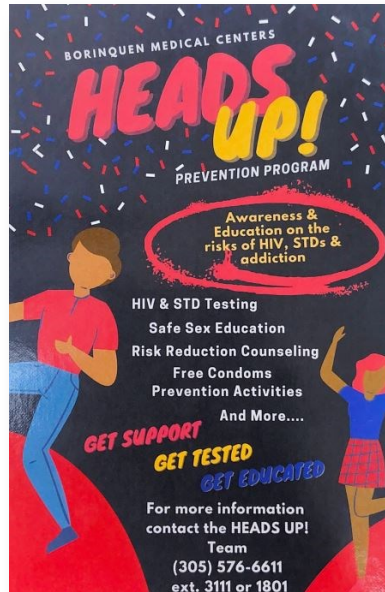
6360 NE 4th Ct, Miami, FL 33138 

### Positive People Network

- ◇ STS S.W.A.T. at Pridelines. Every 4th Saturday – Sisters with a Testimony Stop the Silence Ambassadors Speakers Group – supported by ViiV Healthcare. Paid opportunity! [Click here for details.](#)
- ◇ PPN Men’s Support Group at Pridelines. Every 4th Saturday. Dating, Disclosure, Family, Nutrition, Love, Life, Sex and More!
- ◇ PPN support group for women! Tuesdays via Zoom. “I am my sister’s keeper.”
- ◇ PPN support group for men! Thursdays via Zoom. “I got you, brother!”

### Borinquen Health Care Center: Heads Up!

Thursdays via Zoom! LIFE SKILLS Group for young adults 18–24-year old. Contact (305) 576-6611 x 3102 or 3103 for details.



### Flashlight of Hope Groups and Resources

- ◇ Faith-Based Calendar for HIV/ AIDS and more . . .
- ◇ Every 3rd Wednesday of the Month: Good Grief! Bereavement Support Group
- ◇ Educational Information On Health & Human Services

### National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI) Miami-Dade

Every Thursday: NAMI Miami-Dade: Black Community Mental Wellness Peer Support Group

### University of Miami 2023 - UM /JMH Adult Patient Education Program

- ◇ Adult Clinical Immunology Education Initiatives
- ◇ Programa De Educación Clínica Para Adultos Las Clases en Español
- ◇ Klas Yo Ap Fet Chak Lot Madi De

## RESOURCES FOR WOMEN, CHILDREN AND STUDENTS

🔗 [Click here for](#) details on these and more resources.

### Featured! Targeted Outreach for Pregnant Women Act (TOPWA)

TOPWA was created in 1999 to reach HIV-infected pregnant women or high risk pregnant women who are not receiving services. **Enroll Today!** One of the many benefits of enrolling in the program are the baby showers hosted by TOPWA!

[Follow TOPWA on Instagram!](#)



### The Well Project: Women Like Us – Aging Positively

Focuses on increasing overall health and wellness among women aging with HIV by increasing social connectedness and access to relevant health information.

### Scale It Up (SIU) Florida

A youth learning health community focused innovation, discovery, and promoting health equity among sexual and gender minority youth and youth with HIV in Florida through community-driven research.