Unequal and Under Threat: A Call to Action on HIV

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AIDS United’s mission is to end the HIV epidemic in the United States.
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In 2019, an estimated 34,800 new HIV infections occurred in the United States and.....

15,815 died who had HIV

HIV at the intersection

- Racism
- COVID-19
- Access to care
- Viral hepatitis
- STDs
- Poverty
- Opioids & Injection drug use
- Monkeypox
- Homophobia/Transphobia
January 6

Systemic racism on display.
Justice Clarence Thomas concurring:

“(I)n future cases we should reconsider all of this Court’s substantive due process precedents, including Griswold, Lawrence, and Obergefell ... we have a duty to correct the erroneous error established in those precedents.”
Braidwood v Becarra
(U.S. District Court Northern District of Texas)

Key rulings:
- PrEP should not be a required offering under ACA plans.
- Prevention Services Task Force was given an unconstitutional delegation of power under the Affordable Care Act (ACA).
Half of black gay men and a quarter of Latino gay men projected to be diagnosed within their lifetime

Content From: [CDC NCHHSTP](https://www.cdc.gov/nchhstp/); Published: February 23, 2016
Black HIV Disparities

In 2019, 40% of all people living with HIV were Black, despite comprising 12% of the U.S. population.

In 2020, Black Americans accounted for over half (52%) of all new HIV diagnoses in the South despite accounting for 19% of the Southern population.

Political Challenges to Heath Equity

Medicaid Expansion

Look where it is needed…

Political Challenges to Heath Equity

Abortion Access

Look where it is ending…
Political Challenges to Heath Equity

HIV Criminalization Laws

32 states

ACLU reported that 28 states were voting on anti-transgender legislation in 2021.
AIDS United Priorities for Ending the HIV Epidemic

Health Equity
- Racial
- LGBTQ
- South

Advocacy
- Legislation
- Appropriations
- Policies
AIDS United Priorities for Ending the HIV Epidemic

Health Equity

• Racial ---
  Black men, Black women, Latinx and Puerto Rico

• LGBTQ ---
  MSM, Transgender, Youth

• South ---
  Ending the HIV Epidemic (EHE) jurisdictions
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Advocacy

• Legislation ---
  Criminalization, Medicaid, SSPs, Equality Act

• Appropriations ---
  CDC, Ryan White, HOPWA, STI, Hepatitis, PrEP

• Policy ---
  HIV & Aging, 340B, Monkeypox
GOALS:

• PREVENT NEW HIV INFECTIONS.
• IMPROVE HIV-RELATED HEALTH OUTCOMES OF PEOPLE WITH HIV.
• REDUCE HIV-RELATED DISPARITIES AND HEALTH INEQUITIES.
• ACHIEVE INTEGRATED, COORDINATED EFFORTS THAT ADDRESS THE HIV EPIDEMIC AMONG ALL PARTNERS AND STAKEHOLDERS.

Vision:
The United States will be a place where new HIV infections are prevented, every person knows their status, and every person with HIV has high-quality care and treatment, lives free from stigma and discrimination, and can achieve their full potential for health and well-being across the lifespan.

Quality of Life Indicators

- Increase the proportion of PLWH who report good or better health from 2018 baseline of 71.5 to 95%

- Decrease by 50% the proportion of PLWH who report ever being hungry from 2017 baseline of 21.1%

- Decrease by 50% the proportion of PLWH who report ever being out of work from 2017 baseline of 21.1%

- Decrease by 50% the proportion of PLWH who report being unsheltered or homeless from 2018 baseline of 21.0%

Ending the HIV Epidemic by 2030

Focus on 48 counties, DC, San Juan, and 7 states
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AIDS United’s Racial Justice Index

Assessing how the HIV sector reflects the racial communities the HIV sector serves.

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What you can do. Take Action

Legislative Advocacy

- Legislature Days
- Action Alerts
- Sign On Letters
- Elected official visits
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Media Relations

- Identify friendly & unfriendly media outlets
- Reach out to reporters
- Pitch stories
- Generate content on social media
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Soft Pressure

- Attending Town Halls
- Joining advisory committees
- Giving public testimony
What you can do: Taking Action

Direct Pressure

- Protests
- Strikes/Labor organizing
- Electoral organizing
We and our allies are the majority.
Thank you!