

# Leveraging Latinx Leadership for HIV Success in Uncertain Times

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# Challenges to HIV Progress in Latinx Communities



- **Policy Shifts and Budget Cuts:** Federal actions threaten HIV funding, dismantle public health protections, weaken civil rights frameworks
- **Disproportionate Burden:** Latinx MSM accounted for 39% of estimated new U.S. HIV infections among gay, bisexual, other MSM in 2022 (CDC, 2024)
- **Health Equity Under Assault:** Cuts to Medicaid, CHCs, HIV prevention programs jeopardize equitable access to care, especially for immigrants, LGBTQ+ people, uninsured
- **Compounding Crises:** Mental health disparities, rising NCD rates (diabetes, cancers) among Latinx populations exacerbate HIV vulnerability
- **Our Community is Not Monolithic:** Latinx communities are diverse requiring nuanced, intersectional strategies



# Rallying Latinx Leadership to Sustain HIV Progress



- **Grounding in Lived Experience:** Solutions must reflect the voices, cultures, realities of diverse Latinx community (*la riqueza y diversidad de nuestras comunidades Latinas*)
- **Defending Gains, Demanding Justice:** Latinx leadership essential to safeguard HIV funding, protect human rights, promote accountability
- **Taking Data-Informed Action:** Using epidemiological data, community-led monitoring to tailor equitable HIV prevention, testing, treatment, care strategies
- **Building Cross-Sector Solidarity:** Partnering across health, immigration, education, racial justice sectors to confront HIV + SDOH syndemic
- **Seizing the Moment:** Latinx leadership is key to realizing an equitable, resilient HIV response for our diverse community



# Fast-Track Cities and Latinx Leadership Beyond EHE (?)



- **Preparing for Uncertainty:** In the possible absence of sustained federal EHE funding, Fast-Track Cities are doubling down on community-led innovation
- **Latinx Leadership at the Center:** Elevating Latinx leaders ensures HIV strategies remain rooted in the lived experiences of communities most impacted
- **Prioritizing Prevention/Care:** Expanding access to PrEP, rapid testing, immediate ART initiation, support services through Latinx-led networks

- **Maintaining Trust/Engagement:** Culturally responsive, Spanish-language, immigrant-inclusive approaches are critical to avert new infections and improve health outcomes
- **Driving Local Solutions:** Fast-Track Cities are committing to local investments, policy advocacy, public-private partnerships to sustain HIV prevention/care efforts – with Latinx communities leading the way
- **Vision Beyond Crisis:** Latinx leadership is essential not just for survival, but for building resilient, equitable health systems that can achieve EHE targets, health justice

**¡Gracias por su liderazgo, su pasión y su  
compromiso a nuestras comunidades!**

**Sigamos luchando, innovando y avanzando  
juntos. ¡Adelante!**

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