

2022 World AIDS Day & Ending the Epidemic Summit

The New York State Department of Health AIDS Institute (NYSDOH AI) is hosting the 24th Annual World AIDS Day commemoration and the seventh annual Ending the Epidemic Summit on November 29 – December 1, 2022. The 2022 virtual event theme for this year is:

Collaborating for Change: Partnering for Health Equity



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It is our goal to highlight the many diverse and extraordinary partnerships developed to address inequities – differences that are unjust, unfair, and unavoidable, such as access to quality health care/services, safe housing, nutritious food, quality education, and safe environments, for people living with, or placed at risk for, HIV, STIs, and Hepatitis C



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2022 Ending the Epidemic (ETE) Summit and World AIDS Day (WAD) Program

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Tuesday, November 29, 2022: ETE Summit (Day 1)

Forum

- 9:00 AM – 10:00 AM Clinical Education Initiative Forum:
The 2022 Monkeypox Outbreak: Where Are We Now? (CME/CNE)**
Instructor: Jason Zucker, MD, Columbia University Irving Medical Center
Register: https://ceitraining.org/mycei/Trainings/InPersonTrainingDetail/training_session_id=11592

Morning Plenary

- 10:00 AM – 12:30 PM Ending the Epidemic Summit Opening Plenary**
Moderators: Marjorie Hill, PhD; Charles King
Chat Moderator: Karen Hagos, MPH
Federal, State, and City leaders will share welcoming remarks and set the stage for the 7th annual Ending the Epidemic Summit. Speakers will share progress towards achieving set Ending the Epidemic metrics while also addressing the continued focus on the health inequities that persist through policy, programs, and partnerships.
- 10:00 AM – 10:10 AM Land Acknowledgement
Mark Thompson, MPH**
Program Coordinator
AIDS Institute
New York State Department of Health
- 10:10 AM – 10:20 AM Welcome Address
Chanel Lopez**
Deputy Director
LGBTQ+ Affairs
Office of Governor Kathy Hochul
- 10:20 AM – 10:25 AM Opening Remarks
Mary T. Bassett, MD, MPH**
Commissioner
New York State Department of Health
- 10:25 AM – 10:30 AM Address from the Office of Health Equity and Human Rights
Johanne E. Morne, MS**
Deputy Commissioner
Office of Health Equity and Human Rights
New York State Department of Health
- 10:30 AM – 11:15 AM Keynote Address
Harold J. Phillips, MRP**
Director
Office of National AIDS Policy
White House
- Introduction by Joseph Kerwin**
Acting Director, AIDS Institute
- Plenary**
- 11:15 AM – 12:30 PM New York City and State Updates:
EHE, ETE, and Advancing Health Equity
Joseph Kerwin**
Acting Director
AIDS Institute
New York State Department of Health
- Sarah Braunstein, PhD, MPH**
Assistant Commissioner
Bureau of Hepatitis, HIV, and STI
New York City Department of Health and Mental Hygiene
- 12:30 PM – 1:00 PM Wellness Break (View the Virtual Posters)**

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Tuesday, November 29, 2021: ETE Summit (Day 1)

1:00 PM – 2:30 PM

Concurrent Workshops

Sex Worker Health: Disparities and Best Practices

Presenters: Aanya Wood
Moderator: Claire Simon
Chat Moderator: Deirdre Desmond

Sex workers' health needs are often unique, but they are generally less likely to access care because of fear of persecution, stigma, work invalidation, and other barriers to care. This presentation will address some of these barriers and other health disparities and will also discuss best practices in working with sex workers who are a part of our patient and service user populations.

Expanding Your Syringe Service Program to Include Hormone Replacement Therapy: Meeting the Needs of the Transgender & Gender Nonconforming Community

Presenter: Taylor Edelmann
Moderator: Jose-Javier Martinez
Chat Moderator & Support: Jajaida Corchado

In this workshop, attendees will gain an understanding for why it is essential for Syringe Service Programs to tailor their services to meet the unique needs of transgender and gender non-conforming people. Specific interventions and best practices for improving services will be discussed.

Mass Incarceration and its Impact on Health Equity: New York State's Collaborative Approach for Addressing Health Disparities in this Vulnerable Population

Presenters: Amber Alonzo; Ebonni Cromwell-Reid; Akil Salter
Moderator: Kathryn Cooke, MPH
Chat Moderator & Support: Claire Mone

This workshop provides a historical look at practices and policies that promote mass incarceration and how these have disproportionately impacted persons of color. Studies show that this population faces substantial health disparities, stigma, and discrimination that often results in unequal access to health care, including HIV/HCV prevention and treatment services, particularly following incarceration. Services to address social determinants, such as intersecting conditions of mental health, substance use disorders, homelessness or housing instability and unemployment, are often limited and/or can be fragmented. In partnership with the NYS Department of Corrections and Community Supervision, the NYSDOH funds community-based organizations to implement corrections programming which focuses on strategies and prevention interventions that seek to address health disparities and inequities faced by those who are currently incarcerated and those reentering the community.

Intersectional Stigma, Shame, Social Justice, and HIV Prevention

Presenters: David W. Matthews, MBA; Mark Paige, MA; Shani Wilson, PA-C
Moderator: Mark Stratton, Jr., MPH
Chat Moderator & Support: Patricia Ramos, MPH

This workshop focuses on how the intersecting structural challenges of shame, stigma, homophobia, and racism can impact Black/African American men who have sex with men's (MSM) access to HIV prevention, testing services, and provider-patient interactions.

Increasing Capacity within Substance Use Disorder Treatment Programs to Provide Hepatitis C Services

Presenters: Mehvish Bhatti, MPH; Nadine Kela-Murphy, MPH; Amanda Ray, DO; Monika Taylor, MBA, LCSW, CASAC; Ana Ventuneac, PhD
Moderator: Colleen Flanigan, RN, MS
Chat Moderator & Support: Erica Lovrin

People who inject drugs (PWID) are disproportionately impacted by hepatitis C (HCV). To eliminate HCV in New York State, HCV services such as testing, and treatment must be accessible to PWID. Substance use disorder (SUD) treatment programs play an important role in eliminating HCV in New York State. This session will provide an overview of work being done by the NYSDOH AIDS Institute and the New York City Department of Health and Mental Hygiene to increase capacity within SUD treatment programs to provide onsite HCV testing, linkage to care, and treatment. The workshop will also spotlight two SUD treatment programs that are currently working to integrate HCV services.

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Advancing ETE Equity Through Community-Based Advocacy – Successes & Opportunities

Presenters: Jasmine Budnella; Perry Junjulas; Charles King; Virginia (Ginny) Schubert, JD; Kimberleigh Joy Smith, MPA

Moderator: Charles King

Chat Moderator: Julie Ruttan, MS

While implementation of New York's ETE initiative has relied on a strong partnership between government and community, there is one area that has been almost exclusively led by the community: legislative advocacy. This panel will describe advocates' ongoing efforts to ensure investment in, and implementation of, the ETE recommendations, through coalition-building, civil disobedience, policy advocacy and supporting tools such as the ETE Policy Tracker – by exploring specific examples of policy wins and ongoing campaigns related to housing, minors' access to healthcare and drug user health.

2:30 PM – 3:00 PM

Wellness Break (View the Virtual Posters)

Afternoon Plenary

3:00 PM – 4:30 PM

Intersection of Harm Reduction and Health Equity

Presenter: Sincere Amor; Roberto Gonzalez; Lyla Hunt, MPH; Tamara Oyola-Santiago, MA, MPH, MCHES; Sam Rivera; Samantha Stevenson; Justine Waldman, MD, FACEP; Lisa Worden

Moderator: Calvin Leveille, MHA

Chat Moderator: Claire Mone

Learn about groundbreaking state and local programs supporting people who use drugs. Experts and consumers will discuss the impact, barriers, and future of Harm Reduction.

Wednesday, November 30, 2022: ETE Summit (Day 2)

9:00 AM – 10:00 AM

Clinical Education Initiative Forum: Engaging LGBTQ+ People Who Use Drugs: Cultural Responsiveness and Beyond (CME/CNE)

Instructor: Derek Blevins, MD, Columbia University Irving Medical Center

Register: https://ceitraining.org/mycei/Trainings/InpersonTrainingDetail/training_session_id=11594

10:00 AM – 11:30 AM

Concurrent Workshop

My Body, My Choice: The Impact of Race on Access to Reproductive Healthcare

Presenter: Kailin Kucewicz

Moderator: Lilian Lee

Chat Moderator & Support: Mike Clifford

The ideology held at the foundation of the modern reproductive rights movement continues to impact how communities of color access reproductive healthcare across the United States. Together, we explore the history of this movement, the impact on communities, and identify possible solutions to increase access to reproductive healthcare.

Successful Integration into the Workplace from both the Agency and Peer Worker Experience Across New York State

Presenters: Tyrone Banister Van Brabson, MS; Abigail Clark; Dana Diamond; Silvi Grodstein; Peter Soter; William LaRock, NP, PhD.; Carol Lemus, MPH; Thalia Santos; Stephen Sebor; Dawn Trotter

Moderator: Justin LiGreci

Chat Moderator & Support: Mary Beth Vannucci

Today's professional peer workers continue to positively impact health outcomes for the clients they serve and are critical members of the care team, bringing us closer to Ending the Epidemic. Programs that have chosen to incorporate peer workers generally include integration by addressing the following: onboarding, transitioning from client to worker, corporate culture, staff cohesiveness, continued training/educational opportunities, and proficiency/access to technology. This presentation will highlight the best practices for successful integration of peer workers to provide a welcoming, educational, and fairly compensated career.

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Collaborating with Faith-Based Organizations to Improve Access to Health Promotion and Prevention Information and Services

Presenter: Zorina Costello, D.Min., MS; Karina Escamilla; Reverend Phyllis D. Jackson, RN; Rabbi Marisa Elana James; Daniel Leyva; Anita Parker, LMSW

Moderator: Carol Tyrell

Chat Moderator & Support: Jajaida Corchado

This workshop illustrates the impact of faith-based collaborations and discusses challenges and opportunities related to faith/health collaborations. It includes presentations by a Rabbi of an LGBT Synagogue working with community-based organizations (CBOs) and healthcare organizations (HCOs) in Lower Manhattan; a Reverend working with faith-based ministries in Rochester; a Reverend working with African American and Latinx faith leaders in East Harlem; CBO staff working with Latinx religious leaders to promote health education; and a lay leader of a faith community collaborating with CBOs/HCOs to bring health education/information and services to an Upper Manhattan community.

Promoting Health Equity in HIV Cluster and Outbreak Detection and Response Planning through Virtual Communities of Practice with Health Departments

Presenters: Marilyn Blasingame, MPH; Ho Ki Mok, MPH

Moderator: Sanya Peck

Chat Moderator & Support: John Helmeset

In the wake of COVID-19, health departments (HDs) have been developing comprehensive Cluster and Outbreak Detection and Response (CDR) Plans to rapidly identify growing clusters of new HIV cases and respond where prevention and treatment services are needed most. The role of collaboration between HDs and community partners in responsive, equitable CDR work is vital and essential. This presentation will share lessons learned and strategies to address emerging health equity needs.

Exploring the Impact of Crystal Meth in the Black Men Who Have Sex with Men Community

Presenters: Gideon Belin; Liana Cools, LMHC, CST; Taylor Edelmann; Christopher Quarles; Collin Ranney, CRPA; Michael Rice; Martez D. R. Smith, LMSW

Moderator: Calvin Leveille, MHA

Chat Moderator: Claire Mone

Historically, Black Men who have Sex with Men (MSM) continue to be disproportionately impacted by poor health outcomes, such as high HIV and STI prevalence and incidence rates throughout the United States. Additionally, driving factors that influence these poor health outcomes, such as stimulant use, have lacked a comprehensive response that speaks to the nuances that stimulants, specifically crystal methamphetamine, has within the Black MSM community. Featuring community leaders and experts throughout NYS, this workshop will explore the impact crystal meth has within the Black MSM community. Some of the themes that will be discussed are: stigma & shame; structural and systemic inequalities rooted in racism and homophobia; mental health; and Harm Reduction approaches.

Aging with HIV

Presenters: Angela Condo, MD; Graham Harriman, MA; John Hartigan, LCSW; Jules Levin; Bridgette Picou, LVN, ACLPN; Kareem Strong

Moderator: Terri Wilder, MSW

Chat Moderator: Kareem Strong

This interactive session will have five distinct sections, including an interview with an HIV-specific geriatrician regarding recent medical updates in HIV medicine related to aging; an interview with a re-nouned long-term survivor and advocate; a presentation by the HIV and Aging Project Directors from both the AIDS Institute and the New York City Department of Health and Mental Hygiene on past and current State and City projects to support this ever-growing population; concluding with a discussion with consumer advocates and older adults with HIV.

11:30 AM – 12:00 PM **Wellness Break (View the Virtual Posters)**

Early Afternoon Plenary

12:00 PM – 1:30 PM **Partnerships in Health Equity to End the Epidemic**

Presenters: Elaine Amory, Esq.; Lauren McCarthy; Julie Morse, Esq.; Beverly Raudales, MD; Kristopher Sigeti, Esq.; Krys Whyte

Moderator: Louise Square

Chat Moderator: Mark Perez

This plenary will highlight partnerships and innovations in addressing key social determinants of health. Experts in the areas of supportive housing services, benefits counseling, legal support services, and prevention and education will share their experiences and best practices.

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1:30 PM – 2:00 PM **Wellness Break (View the Virtual Posters)**

Late Afternoon Plenary

2:00 PM – 3:30 PM **Equitable Access to PrEP**

Presenters: Jeffrey Birnbaum, MD, MPH; Jacob Bleasdale, MS; Alex Burgos; Gianne Gerena, MPH; Brian Hennessey, MPH; Sarah Sak, PharmD

Moderator: Robert Curry, MEd

Chat Moderator: Rachel Newport, MEd

This plenary will focus on strategies to ensure equitable access to PrEP among communities historically underserved by medical systems, including transgender and non-binary youth, women, those who live in rural areas, and people who use drugs. Barriers and facilitators to equitable PrEP access will be explored.

3:30 PM – 3:45 PM **Wellness Break (View the Virtual Posters)**

Plenary

3:45 PM – 4:45 PM **ETE Regional Steering Committees Meet Up**

Presenters: Timothy Au; Michael Chase; Dana Diamond; Mia Edwards; Leiba Frans; Vanessa Gonzalez; Mary Goodspeed, RN; Charmaine Graham; Kyla Loucks; David Matthews; Hillary Warner

Moderator: Karen Bovell

Chat Moderator: Claire Simon

Meet the NYS ETE Regional Steering Committees! Whether you're new or seasoned, you'll be sure to learn something new. During this session, you'll hear from Committee Chairs and Co-Chairs about their mission and current, local ETE projects. Keep the momentum going after ETE Summit and join your Regional Committee!

4:45 PM – 5:00 PM **Closing**

Advancing ETE Through Health Equity and Partnerships Video Project Introduction by Kareem Strong

Consumer Advocate, AIDS Institute

While we have achieved critical milestones, ensuring all populations are achieving the goals set forth in the New York State plan to end the epidemic is essential. No matter what progress is made overall, ending the epidemic cannot be achieved if some are left behind. This video celebrates the diverse partnerships across the state to advance ETE efforts. Collaboration is essential.

Thursday, December 1, 2022: World AIDS Day

9:00 AM – 10:00 AM **Clinical Education Initiative Forum: Long-Acting Injectables: New Frontiers for HIV Treatment and Prevention (CME)**

Instructor: Antonio E. Urbina, MD, Mount Sinai Health System, Icahn School of Medicine

Register: https://ceitraining.org/mycei/Trainings/InpersonTrainingDetail/training_session_id=11593

10:00 AM – 11:00 AM **New York City World AIDS Day Event**

11:00 AM – 11:30 AM **Wellness Break (View Virtual AIDS Memorial Quilt)**

11:30 AM – 1:00 PM **NYSDOH World AIDS Day Event Personal Testimonies of Young People's Lived Experiences Young Adult Panel Live Q/A Session**

Presenters: Valerie Juang; Wylliam Smith; Ali Bryan and Lien Garcia of the THEO Program

Moderator: Karen Bovell

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Wellness Break (View Virtual AIDS Memorial Quilt)

2:00 PM – 3:30 PM

World AIDS Day Commissioner’s Special Recognition Awards Ceremony

Recognizing individuals for their commitment, contribution and response to protect, improve and promote the health and well-being of all New Yorkers.

Welcome by Joseph Kerwin, Acting Director, AIDS Institute

Opening Remarks by Commissioner of Health Mary T. Bassett, MD

Moderators: Karen Bovell and Tatyana Ochilo

Dr. Linda Laubenstein Annual HIV Clinical Excellence Award

Moderator: Charles Gonzalez, MD

A Note of Gratitude and Recognition

A very sincere thank you to the 2022 Ending the Epidemic Summit and World AIDS Day Planning Committee, the End AIDS NY 2020 Coalition, the AIDS Institute staff, the speakers and presenters, the moderators, and the numerous New York State Department of Health and New York City Department of Health and Mental Hygiene leadership and staff who made this event a success. Special thanks to our speakers who shared their lived experiences on World AIDS Day, and to those who submitted personal videos for the Advancing ETE Through Health Equity and Partnerships Video. This year’s three-day event and program is because of your contributions. Thank you for your hard work and dedication.