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Women as the Face of AIDS Summit
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18th Annual Women as the Face of AIDS Summit
May 8, 2023

I am so pleased to welcome you to the 18th Annual Women as the Face of AIDS Summit.

We have quite an itinerary, attracting a diverse crowd of service providers, originating from the earliest days of the epidemic—identified 40 years ago—through new service-delivery providers emerging from various schools and programs nationwide.

From our mission to save lives through delivering comprehensive support, prevention, and education services for women and families infected with and affected by HIV/AIDS in a safe, family-centered environment, to new challenges the clients of Iris House face today. Iris House: provides hot meals, pantry bags, and a fresh market to clients and community members facing food insecurity; serves people living with and affected by HIV/AIDS for 30 years; reminds the public that Iris House is the first organization focused exclusively on women of color infected with and affected by HIV/AIDS; serves 7,000 individuals annually through client and prevention programs; helps individuals and families secure housing; and delivers thousands of women and men with support services each year.

Black women make up the majority of women still infected with HIV today. We draw on the expertise of those doing the most cutting-edge work. We are now at a crossroad, identifying how we reframe HIV, including how we refresh service delivery, reflect on our accomplishments to date, and renew our efforts. That is the theme of our 18th Annual Women as the Face of AIDS Summit, Reframing HIV: Refresh, Reflect & Renew. While doing this, we are proud to honor the leadership of AIDS Center of Queens County, The Well Project, and I Am U. All three leaders are inspirational women commanding this fight.

Finally, our sponsors are the reason we are here today—the City Council Speaker, the entire New York City Council, corporations, and community-based partners. You are all critical components of this partnership to advance HIV/AIDS, especially among women of color and their families.

Thank you for being here, for your efforts, and for participating in the 18th Annual Women as the Face of AIDS Summit!

Ingrid N. Floyd
Executive Director
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The Women as the Face of AIDS Summit is made possible with the generous support of government, corporate, and non-profit sponsors who partner with Iris House to present this annual event. We deeply appreciate their dedication to our program and our work saving and improving lives through comprehensive support, prevention, and education services for underserved women and their families infected with and affected by HIV/AIDS.

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### Iris House Summit 2023

**May 8, 2023**

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#### BREAKOUT I

**TRACK 1: Surviving and Thriving with HIV/AIDS**

- Surviving and Thriving after an HIV Medical Diagnosis, Iris House, Aracelis Quinones, Peer Educator and Yolanda Diaz, Health Educator – **Room 238**
- Power to the People!: Advocating for Older Adults with HIV, SAGE, Terri L Wilder, MSW, HIV/Aging Policy Advocate; MJ Obama, Senior Manager for Advocacy and Government Relations – **Praise Chapel**

**TRACK 2: Social Determinants of Health**

- Addressing Trauma for Women Living with HIV, Alliance for Positive Change, Erin McKinney-Prupis, DrPH, Director of Women's Services; Abeer Naseem, MSW, Assistant Director of Prevention; Markeyda Jordan, Women's Services Manager; Malika Minott, Women's Services Manager - **Room 239**
- She First Program - The experiences of cisgender and transgender Latina women living with HIV and how social determinants of health have impacted their lives, Voces Latinas (In Spanish—translation provided), Constanza Martinez (Case Manager- Ama Tu Vida: Moderator); Rossana De Bracamonte Promotorx- Ama Tu Vida); Nivarda Xique (Promotra- Ama Tu Vida); Taiz Sanchez (Client- Ama Tu Vida); Maria Leiva (Client- Ama Tu Vida) & Rosibel Norales (Client-Ama Tu Vida) – **Room 243**

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TRACK 3: HIV Equity
- Women's Access to HIV Prevention and Care, New York-Presbyterian, Lauren N. Pitt, HIV Prevention Program Coordinator – Room 252

TRACK 4: Next Generation of HIV/AIDS Leaders
- Social Media - The Future of Advocacy!, Iris House, Burke-Weber, Brenna, MPH, YOU! Program Manager; Gonzalez, Jorge, Project 13-29 Program Manager; Jodie Sumpter, Health Educator; Kobe Jones, Health Educator; and Christopher Almodovar, Health Educator – Room 257

4:00 PM
BREAKOUT II

TRACK 1: Surviving and Thriving with HIV/AIDS

TRACK 2: Social Determinants of Health
- The Impact of Social Determinants of Health on Survivors of Intimate Partner Violence Living with HIV, National Network to End Domestic Violence, Ashley Slye, Deputy Director; Robin Pereira, Specialist – Room 239
- Public Benefits Updates for PLWH, Legal Wellness Institute at The Family Center and New York Council On Adoptable Children, Lauren Groetch, Esq., Assistant Director of Legal Services; Estefana Avila, Esq., Staff Attorney; Jorge Cruz, Benefits Counselor/Legal Services Coordinator; Sara Jacobsen, Benefits Counselor/Legal Services Coordinator; and Paulette Salomon, Benefits Counselor – Room 243

TRACK 3: HIV Equity
- Black Women: Anti-Racist Clinical Care, Black Women’s Learning Institute, Hanna Tessema, DrPH, MPH, MSW, Co-Director; Lisa Frederick, BA, Co-Director – Praise Chapel
- Developing Programs for Trans Women at Elevated Risk for HIV, Amida Care, Erin Connolly, BSN, RN, TGNB Nurse Coordinator; Carey Hanlin, Transgender Health Program Manager; Chris Milan, PharmD, Senior Clinical Pharmacist; Jessica Harvey, TGNB Health Navigator – Room 257 - Virtual

TRACK 4: Next Generation of HIV/AIDS Leaders
- Next Generation of HIV/AIDS Minority Leaders, One Community Health, Keshia Lynch, HIV Program Director; Jazmin Gonzalez-Lucero, HIV Program Manager – Room 238

5:00 PM
Exhibit Hall—Featuring sponsors presenting on their organization (in Fellowship Hall).

Full program and registration information are available at www.irishouse.org. All times are Eastern Standard Time (EST). The 18th Annual Women as the Face of AIDS Summit is sponsored in part by educational grants from: the New York City Council, City Council Speaker Adrienne Adams, the AIDS Healthcare Foundation, Broadway Cares/Equity Fights AIDS, Mt. Sinai Institute for Advanced Medicine, OraSure Technologies, Inc., AIDS Center of Queens County, The Well Project, Amida Care, VNS Health, Ryan Health, Housing Works, ViiV Healthcare, and Gilead Sciences.
PLENARY SPEAKERS

Dr. Jasmine Ward is a public health consultant, educator, entrepreneur, and public speaker devoted to achieving health equity for all.

In addition to volunteering to lead the Black Ladies in Public Health (BLiPH) network, Dr. Ward supports various public health programs and organizations via consultancy, membership, and board leadership. She is committed to building community and industry understanding of public health, increasing public health and equity priorities, advancing social justice to achieve health equity, and developing a diverse and highly competent pipeline of public health leaders.

Dr. Ward is a proud graduate of Tuskegee University and went on to receive an MPH in Health Behavior from the University of Alabama at Birmingham (UAB) and a PhD from UAB and the University of Alabama specializing in Health Education and Health Promotion. Most recently, she earned a community distinction as “Woman of the Year” for the Greater North Texas Chapter of Business and Professional Women’s Club and the “Horizon” Award from the Texas chapter of the Society for Public Health Education (SOPHE), an award for “health educators who have distinguished themselves as promising health educators through leadership, creativity, involvement in the profession, and health education practice in any setting.”

Dierdre Johnson has lived, learned and experienced HIV on her own terms since 2000. She utilizes her sense of humor and lively personality to openly share her medicine and medical adherence journey with the world using #MedsWillMakeMeDance. Deirdre is transparent about how she is not allowing HIV to have control of her, but fearlessly taking control of HIV. Deirdre has worked as an educator and case manager. She is most passionate about eradicating stigma, ending criminalization of people living with HIV, combating racial injustice and health disparities, and being an active Partner in Change as the co-founder of Ending Criminalization of HIV and Overincarceration in Virginia (ECHO VA).

She has delivered a five-session training series to more than 350 African-American women on HIV/AIDS prevention, self-esteem, gender pride, relationship issues, healthy decision making, and other women-related topics in less than two years. She has also been interviewed by and featured in many publications. Currently, she promotes healthy choices using life experiences as an educational tool for all ages and walks of life via “Deirdre Speaks” and the lived experience of people with HIV. She is mainly known as “the woman that talks openly about HIV/AIDS” and healthy relationships.
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Rosemary Lopez is a respected AIDS Center of Queens County (ACQC) veteran with over 30 years of experience in social work, with a particular focus on HIV/AIDS, LGBT, and women’s rights issues. She was named Executive Director in 2018 by the AIDS Healthcare Foundation after serving as Interim Director. ACQC seeks to improve delivery of lifesaving HIV/AIDS care and services throughout Queens, which has one of the highest rates of HIV/AIDS in New York City.

After graduating from Adelphi University School of Social Work, Lopez worked in different areas of social work. She is a longtime community organizer, oftentimes organizing groups of clients, patients, and providers to lobby on issues related to HIV/AIDS. She is delighted to be a member of LOUD (Latinos Outreach & Understanding Division) and for bringing Luceros to the Latina Group in Queens. Lopez is also a proud mother of two daughters.

Krista Martel is the executive director of The Well Project, a nonprofit organization founded in 2002 whose mission is to change the course of the HIV/AIDS pandemic through a unique and comprehensive focus on women and girls.

Since joining the organization in 2009, Krista has witnessed the profound impact that access to information and an online community of support can have on the lives of women living with HIV and is working to further expand the organization’s reach and network across the globe. She is also committed to building leadership to ensure women living with HIV are represented at every level of the decision-making processes that affect their lives. Krista began working in HIV education in 1995, shortly after her sister was diagnosed with AIDS.

Lynette Trawick is a Christian, a wife, and a mother of 11. She is a Kingdom Entrepreneur with a deep passion and desire to serve her community in many different aspects. She has a large heart, full of love that she wants to give.

Lynette is the author of *From Diagnosis to Destiny*, a memoir that documents her life since being diagnosed with HIV. She is the Founder and Executive Director of I Am U, Inc. Through I Am U, she guides and encourages women to live their lives beyond their HIV diagnosis. She also creates unique platforms to support serodiscordant couples and children of parents who have been diagnosed with HIV. Lynette was honored as a WDAS Woman of Excellence and Shero. She also received the Mary J. Blige Award for Perseverance and Courage and was named one of the 2021 POZ 100 in celebration of Black HIV Advocates.
Ciarra (Ci Ci) Covin has been a survivor of HIV for more than a decade, diagnosed at the age of 20 in a small rural town in the southern region of the United States. She has found great strength and healing in using her Master's degree in Human Services, coupled with raw life experiences, to advocate for those living with HIV.

Panel Members

Brenda “Bre” Azanedo, is an Afro-Latina educator and activist. She currently focuses on African American and Latino communities as part of the Minority AIDS Initiative at Coalition on AIDS in Passaic County (CAPCO) Resource Center, Inc. Bre is an active member and organizer with Black Lives Matter Paterson, where she serves as the coordinator of the Harm Reduction Program.

She believes that an important part of ending the HIV epidemic is meeting people where they are, walking beside them, and helping them find and amplify their own voice—all of which is done through building genuine relationships in the community. As an ambassador, Bre addresses HIV stigma, increases awareness, and provides education on a larger scale to spaces that have historically lacked education. She received a Bachelor’s degree in Psychology from William Paterson University.

Nicole Bowles is an African-American transsexual woman originally from Brooklyn who now resides in the Bronx. All the while being a happily married homemaker and proud parent of an 18-year-old daughter. She is both a member and leader in the House/Ball community having founded two different houses with chapters across the Northeastern corridor.

Nicole came to Exponents in early 2013. After completing the ARRIVE and ARRIVE Post Graduate Program (APGP), she volunteered her time as a peer in several of the agency’s 15 distinct programs. She formed Exponents’ Transformation support group, an educational discussion group for women of transgender experience, and was a recent member of the New York State Department of Health (NYSDOH) - AIDS Institute’s Transgender/Gender Non-Conforming Advisory Board.
Kim Canady is a reproductive justice activist, sexuality educator, and HIV/AIDS advocate. Kim has dedicated the past 20 years of her professional life working in the area of Human Sexuality with a specific focus on HIV/AIDS/STI advocacy and the elimination of other health disparities that impact women and youth. Kim’s motivation for her work stems from the sudden loss of both parents at the age of nine due to complications from AIDS.

Kim has worked to create change in the lives of black and brown people through sexual health education, curriculum development, storytelling, and policy change in the healthcare system. Kim has collaborated with U.N.I.C.E.F., facilitated workshops at various conferences, is a consultant for The H.E.A.T program, serves on the board of the Young Women of Color HIV/AIDS Coalition, and is a member of the Community Advisory Board for The Well Project. Kim graduated with honors from The New York City School of Technology where she earned her Bachelor’s degree in Human Service.

Jaivon Lewis is an experienced program and process improvement professional with a proven ability to contribute towards collective success. He has spent a large part of his career in healthcare working within populations with special needs.

Jaivon currently serves as the Community Co-Chair for the New Jersey HIV Planning Group as he works towards combining HIV care, treatment, and prevention efforts to make the best use of resources, while improving efficiency and effectiveness in planning and implementation across the state of New Jersey. He holds a Bachelor’s degree in Recreation Management from Lock Haven University of Pennsylvania and a Master’s in health care administration from St. Joseph’s University.
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(emergency pantry bags, treatment adherence, and specific interventions)

**PREVENTION AND OUTREACH**  
(free condoms, prevention education, mental health screening, and group education)

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**TESTING**  
(HIV, Hepatitis C, and sexually transmitted infections)

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