

Intention, Possibility, and Progress: Facilitating Positive Health Outcomes for Women of Color Living with HIV, NYSDOH, AIDS Institute

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Advances in HIV treatment have resulted in more people who are growing older with HIV. Through a structured presentation and guided group discussion, this workshop will provide an overview of initiatives and data emphasizing the New York State Department of Health, AIDS Institute's (NYSDOH AI) programs and services addressing women of color living with HIV across the lifespan, with a focus on older women living with HIV. Staff from the NYSDOH AI, will describe how past and current initiatives are utilized to create innovative health approaches and interventions that address the myriad of issues impacting this vulnerable population e.g. retention in care, medication adherence, polypharmacy, trauma and mental/behavioral health needs etc. Exploratory group discussion will be utilized to ascertain new strategies that will inform ending the epidemic services development beyond 2020 for women of color living with HIV as long-term survivors.

The workshop will aim to increase participants knowledge in the following areas: •Enhanced understanding of NYSDOH AI Ending the Epidemic (ETE) priorities and programs that address women of color living with HIV; •Increased understanding of recent HIV and women surveillance data; •Women focused interventions and services that support women across the lifespan; •Explore the intersection of age related health issues/concerns and HIV related health issues; •Better understand the medical and psychosocial aspects of AIDS Survivors Syndrome and the implications for ETE 2020 and Beyond goals; •Current prevention modalities (i.e. PrEP, U=U) and their potential impact on sexual health outcomes and HIV infection/transmission reduction; and • Gain an understanding of the intersection of the ETE implementation strategies developed for persons living with HIV as long-term survivors and Women