Nothing About Us Without Us: 
An Introduction to Advocacy by and for Women Living with HIV

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Who We Are

Positive Women's Network - United States of America (PWN-USA) is a national membership body of women living with HIV working to prepare and involve all women living with HIV, in all our diversity, including gender identity and sexual expression, in all levels of policy and decision-making to improve the quality of women’s lives.

PWN-USA applies a gender equity and human rights lens to the HIV epidemic to achieve federal policies grounded in the reality of women’s lived experiences.
What We’ll Cover

• Herstories of advocacy by and for women living with HIV through the lens of PWN-USA
• Panelists’ experiences, challenges, and tips
• Ways for women with HIV to get involved and build their leadership capacity
Overview of PWN-USA Strategic Plan 2014-2016

VISION: PWN-USA envisions a world where women living with HIV (WLHIV) can live long, healthy, dignified and productive lives, free from stigma and discrimination.

MISSION: To prepare and involve all women living with HIV, in all our diversity, including gender identity and sexual expression, in all levels of policy and decision-making.

IMPACT: Improve the quality of women’s lives

Change policy
- Research & Policy Analysis
- Advocacy
- Coalition work

Eliminate stigma
- Strategic communications
- Media accountability

Mobilize Advocates
- Tools and resources
- Peer-to-peer advocacy support
- Regional Organizing

Build leadership
- Train, support & nurture leaders
- Technical assistance
- Place WLHIV in decisionmaking
POLICY AREAS

- Meaningful Participation
- Criminalization
- Economic Justice and Employment Rights
- Securing Women-Centered Care
- HIV Prevention Justice
- Reproductive Justice
- Ending Violence Against Women with HIV
REGIONAL CHAPTERS

- Philadelphia
- Colorado
- San Diego
- Ohio
- South Carolina
- Michigan
- Bay Area (California)
- Next Up: Louisiana!
- Project SWARM (9 Southern states)
Today’s Panelists

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What does meaningful involvement of women with HIV look like, and what does it take to get there?
What strategic role can storytelling play in advocacy by and for women with HIV?
Questions?
Does a woman have to disclose her HIV status to be a leader?
What are some ways for women with HIV to get involved and build their advocacy and leadership capacity?
Questions?
A Growing Chapter: PWN-USA-NYC

Are you ready to lend your voice to advancing the lives of women living with HIV in NYC? Can you make a commitment for 6 months to learn about the issues affecting our community?

Sign up to participate in the birth of the NYC chapter of PWN-USA!
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