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## PrEP Education for Women: Successes, Challenges and Opportunities

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## **CWHA History and Background**

- CWHA was established more than 30 years ago in response to a lack of prenatal care for newly arrived immigrant women from the Caribbean; and resulting high rates of maternal morbidity (complications during pregnancy) and infant mortality within this population

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## **CWHA Program Services**

- Maternal and Child Health Support Services
- Immigration Legal Assistance
- HIV Testing, Counseling and Community Prevention Education

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## **HIV Testing, Counseling and Community Prevention Education**

AI funded programs:

- ❑ HIV Testing/Counseling
- ❑ SISTA Intervention
- ❑ VOICES/VOCES Intervention
- ❑ Linkage/ Retention in Care
- ❑ HIV Prevention Workshops (HCPI)
- ❑ Monthly Women's Support Group

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## Other funded HIV programs

- ❑ City Council: Faith Based Community Education and Testing Initiative
- ❑ NYCDOHMH: Outreach and Education in CBO's (#PlaySure Prevention Network)

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## **PREP Education for Women: CWHA Experience**

- PrEP Education has been incorporated into all HIV Prevention interventions, including HIV Testing/Counseling, VOICES/VOCES, SISTA, Linkage/Retention and Prevention Education Workshops
- In Fiscal Year 2015-2016 we provided HIV Prevention Program services to a total of 457 women

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## **PrEP Education for Women: Best Practices**

- ❑ Develop resources/maintain relationships with PrEP clinical providers
- ❑ Incorporate PrEP Education throughout all HIV programs services; encourage discussions and questions
- ❑ Identify intersectional opportunities for PrEP Education- including all CWHA women's programs and other services



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## **PrEP Education for Women: Issues and Challenges**

- ❑ Women still don't acknowledge their HIV risk
- ❑ Women think that PrEP is for the MSM community only
- ❑ PrEP educational brochures and materials don't include women, women of color

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## **PrEP Education for Women- What needs to change?**

- ❑ Make PrEP educational materials that are more women/women of color friendly
- ❑ Improve collaboration/discussions between CBO's and PrEP clinical providers on how to improve PrEP education/outreach for women