Promoting the Health of Transgender women in NYC

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The Lens We Apply to Health

**RACIAL EQUITY**
Making a commitment to integrate a racial equity and social justice framework in its policies and decision-making processes, and to ensure that our internal and external practices reflect our values.

**LGBTQ EQUITY**
Promoting planning, policy and action for lesbian, gay, bisexual and queer (LGBQ) and transgender and gender non-conforming (TGNC) populations, especially communities of color.

**GENDER EQUITY**
Seeking to transform restrictive gender and power relations, norms and structures as a core strategy for challenging health inequality.

#NYCHealthEquity
@DrAlethaMaybank
HIV DIAGNOSES AMONG PEOPLE IDENTIFIED AS TRANSGENDER IN NYC, 2016

- Transgender people comprised 2% of all new HIV diagnoses in NYC in 2016

- Approximately 1,100 transgender people known to be living with HIV in NYC at the end of 2016
  - 99% transgender women and 1% transgender men
  - 47% Black and 44% Latino Hispanic

- 46 new HIV diagnoses among transgender individuals in 2016
  - 46 transgender women (100%)
  - Includes 3 diagnoses of HIV concurrent with AIDS\(^1\) (7%)

\(^1\)AIDS diagnosed within 31 days of HIV diagnosis
As reported to the New York City Department of Health and Mental Hygiene by March 31, 2017
NEW HIV DIAGNOSES AMONG PEOPLE IDENTIFIED AS TRANSGENDER BY GENDER IDENTITY AND YEAR OF DIAGNOSIS IN NYC, 2012-2016

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NEW HIV DIAGNOSES AMONG PEOPLE IDENTIFIED AS TRANSGENDER BY GENDER IDENTITY AND YEAR OF DIAGNOSIS IN NYC, 2012-2016

Transgender women
Transgender men

Year of Diagnosis

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#PLAYSURE
NEW HIV DIAGNOSES AMONG PEOPLE IDENTIFIED AS TRANSGENDER BY GENDER IDENTITY AND AGE AT DIAGNOSIS IN NYC, 2012-2016

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NEW HIV DIAGNOSES AMONG PEOPLE IDENTIFIED AS TRANSGENDER BY GENDER IDENTITY AND RACE/ETHNICITY IN NYC, 2012-2016

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ADDITIONAL CHARACTERISTICS OF TRANSGENDER WOMEN NEWLY DIAGNOSED WITH HIV IN NYC, 2012-2016

1Characteristics documented in medical record. People may have reported more than one characteristic.
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Percent of newly diagnosed transgender women

- History of substance use: 30%
- History of incarceration: 24%
- History of commercial sex work: 9%
- History of homelessness: 6%
- History of sexual abuse: 2%
Viral suppression is defined as most recent viral load in 2016 was ≤200 copies/mL.
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Innovative Strategies to Promote the Health of Transgender Women in NYC
Trans Women and PrEP: Social Marketing

I PLAY SURE
PrEP + CONDOMS

WE STAY SURE
DAILY PrEP + CONDOMS

PROUD PASSIONATE & LIVING SURE

FIERCE FEARLESS & LIVING SURE

WE PLAY SURE
PrEP + CONDOMS

UNIQUE UNSTOPPABLE & LIVING SURE

ENJOY SEX WITH ONE LESS WORRY.
PrEP CAN KEEP YOU HIV NEGATIVE.

PLAY SURE: Talk to your doctor or visit NYC Health and search for "PrEP".

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NYC Health
Launching PrEP: The PlaySure Network

Sexual Health Clinic PrEP Program
People started on PrEP in SH clinics will be referred into the PlaySure Network or to other NYC PrEP providers.
Launching PrEP: The PlaySure Network

• Of the approximately 5400 enrollments from Apr-Dec 2017, over 150 (2.9%) were transgender women
  – 53% were at clinical sites and 47% were at non-clinical sites
  – 68% received PrEP/PEP education (combines clinical and non-clinical sites)
  – Among non-clinical site enrollments, 21% were linked a PrEP clinical provider
  – Among clinical site enrollments, 29% were prescribed PrEP
Promoting the Well-Being of Trans Women: Education Materials
GET A FREE
HIV HOME TEST KIT —
WHILE SUPPLIES LAST!

LGBTQ
Health Equity Coalition of NYC

DO YOU NEED A RE-CHARGE?

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LGBTQ-knowledgeable Service Types:
- Gender Affirming Care
- Hormone Therapy
- Puberty Blockers
- Surgical Referral Letters
- Primary Care
- Sexual Health Care
- HIV-related Services
  - Testing
  - PEP
  - PrEP
  - Treatment

LGBTQ-knowledgeable provider directory
Support for Transgender-Led Organizations
From Foundation to Frame

Funding model focused on building organizational capacity in transgender-led organizations

- Four (4) Transgender-led organizations funded for organizational development
- One (1) Organization to provide capacity building assistance and support for organizational development
Funded Transgender-Led Organizations

DESTINATION TOMORROW

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TRANSLATINA NETWORK

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Support for Transgender-Led Organizations Looking Forward

- Increased Organizational Capacity
  - Expansion of service delivery to promote the well-being of transgender persons
  - Organizational Growth Accomplishments
Thank you!
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National HIV Behavioral Surveillance (NHBS)

- Ongoing, cyclical study of MSM, persons who inject drugs (PWID), and high-risk heterosexuals
  - Currently conducted in 22 cities through the U.S.
  - Funded by CDC, designed collaboratively
  - Anonymous, structured interview and HIV testing
- In 2018, NYC is conducting NHBS among transgender women.