2012 United States Conference on AIDS
Examining the Impact of the Affordable Care Act on Services, Care and Treatment for Older Adults Living and Aging with HIV/AIDS
Monday, October 1, 2012
4:30PM – 6:00PM
Workshop Agenda

- Introduction/Overview:
  - Michelle Scavnicky, Director of Education and Capacity Building Assistance Programs, The AIDS Institute

- Impact of the Affordable Care Act and the Implications on Older Adults Living and Aging with HIV/AIDS:
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- Interconnectedness of ACA, Medicaid and Ryan White:
  - Dan Tietz, RN, JD, Executive Director, AIDS Community Research Initiative of America (ACRIA)

- Policy Recommendations for Older Adults Living and Aging with HIV/AIDS:
  - Ace Robinson, Managing Director: Community Health & Research, Public Policy, and Advocacy, Gay Men’s Health Crisis (GMHC)
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- ACA and Its Impact on GBLT Older Adults:
  - Aaron Tax, JD, Director of Federal Government Relations, (Services and Advocacy for GBLT Elders (SAGE))

- Q & A

- Closing Remarks
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HIV (Human Immunodeficiency Virus) affects everyone and does not discriminate against gender, race, ethnicity, where one lives, and of course, age.
What does the data look like for Older Adults and HIV/AIDS?

Persons living with HIV/AIDS
- 1.2 million Americans are living with HIV
- 31% of PLWHA nationwide are over the age of 50

New cases of HIV infection
- Approximately 50K new HIV infections each year
- 1 in 6 new diagnoses in the U.S. is in people age 50 and older
Why focus on Older Adults and HIV/AIDS?

- By 2015, half of the people living with HIV infection in the United States will be 50 years of age or older.
Overview

The AIDS Institute launched National HIV/AIDS and Aging Awareness Day on September 18, 2008.
Goals of NHAAAD

- To raise HIV/AIDS awareness among the aging population through educational efforts and awareness campaigns.
- To highlight the complex issue related to HIV prevention, care, and treatment for aging populations in the United States.
- To emphasize the need for prevention, research, and data targeting the aging population regarding HIV.
- To increase the medical understanding of the aging process as it relates to HIV/AIDS.
- To increase quality of life for those living with HIV/AIDS.
- To reduce the stigma surrounding HIV/AIDS among the aging population.
- To increase HIV/AIDS testing in the aging population.
Need to address HIV and the Affordable Care Act?

- People living with HIV/AIDS (PLWHAs) who are aging with the disease or already over 50 at the time of their initial diagnosis
- Increasing percentage of the population that needs to protect itself from HIV infection, including the growing baby boomer population
- Increasing number of grandparents becoming the primary guardians for children who have lost their parent(s) to HIV/AIDS
What are the Implications of ACA on HIV patients?

- The Affordable Care Act, the Supreme Court, and HIV: What Are the Implications?
  - Expand access for people with HIV (many of whom are uninsured or otherwise unable to access affordable and stable health care coverage).
  - Reduce the number of uninsured Americans
  - Provide access to care, particularly antiretroviral treatment (ART)
  - Benefits of using ART to significantly reduce the risk of HIV transmission

- [http://www.kff.org/hivaids/8363.cfm](http://www.kff.org/hivaids/8363.cfm)
Opportunities and Collaborations

- National HIV/AIDS Strategy
- Increased partnerships
- Implementation of strategies outlined in the Affordable Care Act
- Increased opportunities for advanced research
Resources

General resources for HIV/AIDS or the older adult population

- http://www.TheAIDSInstitute.org
- http://www.NHAAAD.org
- http://www.aoa.gov/
- http://www.acria.org
- http://www.cdc.gov/hiv/
- http://www.gmhc.org
- http://www.sageusa.org
- http://www.lgbtagingcenter.org
- http://www.kff.org/hiv/aids/8363.cfm
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Questions
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