

## APPENDIX C: NETWORK EMPOWERMENT PROJECT GROUPS

The following is a list of groups that provided the name of their group and answered ‘Yes’ to the question: “Would it be ok to list your group as part of a PLHIV Network Empowerment Resource List that would be available on the internet?” Only a few groups declined to be listed. Groups marked with an \* were included in the survey findings reported previously (i.e., groups reporting 75-100% HIV positive members and leadership; in a few cases we included CABs that reported lower numbers but did so in reference to the larger body they advised rather than the actual CAB). A few non-U.S. groups also completed the survey but are excluded from the list below as the focus for this project is U.S. groups.

### US NATIONAL AND REGIONAL GROUPS

#### **GNP+NA, Global Network of People Living with HIV North America\***

<http://www.gnpna.org>

<https://www.facebook.com/GNPNA?fref=ts>

We are people living with HIV/AIDS in Canada and the USA who believe strongly in the power of self-empowerment and solidarity across our different backgrounds and experiences. We seek to improve the quality of life for all people living with HIV/AIDS in North America and around the world. All GNP+ initiatives are designed by and for people living with HIV. We are one of seven regions world-wide who, together with the global secretariat in Amsterdam, make up the Global Network of People Living with HIV (GNP+). We work in partnership with our fellow regions to support evidence-based advocacy for people living with HIV. We strive to bring attention to global issues within North America and to share information from North America with the global sphere.

#### **International Community of Women Living with HIV, North America (ICWNA)\***

<http://www.iamicw.org/>

<https://www.facebook.com/internationalcommunityofwomenlivingwithhiv>

ICW is the only global network by and for women living with HIV. We were established in 1992 by women living with HIV as a response to the consistent silencing and marginalizing of the concerns of women living with HIV. ICW exists to lead efforts towards securing and improving the quality of life for women living with HIV. We do this by mobilizing, organizing, advocating, mentoring and raising consciousness on the issues that directly impact our lives.

#### **Mr. Friendly**

<http://mrfriendly.org/>

<https://www.facebook.com/pages/Mr-Friendly/89246198666>

Mr. Friendly assists organizations and individuals worldwide to help them fight stigma of HIV, fulfill their missions to minimize the further transmission of HIV, to help them raise funds and to maximize the quality of life for those living with HIV. Mr. Friendly has Networks in nearly a third of the US states. Click on the Team Friendly Network link on their home page.

#### **Latin@Immigrant Network (no formal name yet)\***

This new national network - created by and comprised entirely of Latin immigrants living with HIV—will be a powerful tool to advocate for our community’s needs and work in coalition with our closest allies, networks representing other key populations living with HIV as well as HIV policy leaders and advocates.

#### **PLHIV US Caucus\***

<http://www.hivcaucus.org/>

<https://www.facebook.com/HIVCaucus>

The United States People Living with HIV (PLHIV) Caucus (or the HIV Caucus) is a group of organizations, coalitions, networks, client groups and individuals with HIV who advocate for people with HIV (PLHIV) in the U.S. Formed in January 2011, the HIV Caucus includes diverse and accountable representation by people living with HIV from throughout the United States.

**Positive Pedalers\***

<http://www.pospeds.org>

[https://www.facebook.com/PositivePedalers?\\_rdr](https://www.facebook.com/PositivePedalers?_rdr)

Our mission is simple: eliminating stigma through our positive public example. Positive Pedalers are the positive face of HIV. We are a group of people committed to building a supportive and inclusive community through participation in bicycle-related activities. We are dedicated to expanding and enhancing public awareness of HIV and AIDS and empowering HIV-positive people to live more meaningful and dignified lives. The simple slogan “Silence = Death” continues to ring true. Positive Pedalers know that there is power in riding together; that an orange Positive Pedaler flag placed on your bike is a beacon, to others and to yourself that HIV cannot and will not define who they are. Positive Pedalers has chapters in several states. Visit their chapter page here: [http://www.pospeds.org/?page\\_id=14](http://www.pospeds.org/?page_id=14)

**Positive Service (Subnetwork of SERO)\***

This network advocates for updated federal laws and policies in the U.S. Armed Forces with regards to ALL Persons, both current service members and future service members, living with HIV and serving the U.S. Armed Forces. Specifically - to END ALL HIV prosecutions under the Uniform Code of Military Justice (UCMJ) - to update the recruitment, retention and deployment policies for HIV+ personnel of ALL services - to create a TRUE Public Health Safe Sex Order for ALL service members and end the HIV specific Safe Sex order across the entire Department of Defense - to Help author and Pass Congressional Legislation that will update and modernize ALL HIV policies, based on current valid science and medicine, for the entire Department of Defense.

**Pozitively Healthy\***

<http://www.pozitivelyhealthy.org>

<http://www.healthhiv.org/sites-causes/positively-healthy>

<https://www.facebook.com/PozitivelyHealthy?fref=ts>

Pozitively Healthy is a national advocacy coalition composed people living with HIV and their supporters. HealthHIV is a national non-profit working with organizations, communities, and health care providers to advance effective prevention, care, and support for people living with, or at risk for, HIV and HCV through education and training, technical assistance and capacity building, advocacy, and health services research and evaluation. HealthHIV leads the [Pozitively Healthy](#) national HIV consumer coalition, the [HealthHCV initiative](#), and the [National Center for Health Care Capacity Building](#), as well as the [National Coalition for LGBT Health](#).

**Positively Trans (T+)\***

<http://transgenderlawcenter.org/positively-trans>

This project will put transgender people living with HIV at the forefront of the HIV/AIDS movement. We believe HIV is an epidemic that thrives on structural inequalities and transgender women of color bear the highest burden. Our first year involves the formation of an advisory board of eight to ten members from different states. This board will help assess the legal and policy landscape, as well as develop an advocacy plan to address the structural issues driving the HIV epidemic among transgender communities. Currently, we have members representing San Francisco, Little Rock, Washington DC, New Orleans, Miami and Atlanta.

**PWN USA\***

<https://pwnusa.wordpress.com>

<https://www.facebook.com/pages/Positive-Womens-Network-United-States-of-America/325913987411?sk=timeline>

Positive Women’s Network – United States of America (PWN-USA) is a national membership body of HIV-positive women, inclusive of transgender and cisgender women, working to achieve HIV policies and programs grounded in gender equity and human rights. PWN has chapters in [Bay Area \(California\)](#); [Colorado](#); [Michigan](#); [Ohio](#); [Philadelphia](#); [San Diego](#); [South Carolina](#)

**SERO Project\***

<http://www.seroproject.com>

<https://www.facebook.com/TheSeroProject>

Sero is a network of people with HIV and allies fighting for freedom from stigma and injustice. Sero is particularly focused on ending inappropriate criminal prosecutions of people with HIV for non-disclosure of their HIV status, potential or perceived HIV exposure or HIV transmission. Sero’s HIV criminalization work includes original research, raising public awareness through community education efforts and outreach to people with HIV who have been criminalized to create a network of advocates who can speak first-hand about the effects of criminalization on their lives. By engaging and empowering them to advocate on their own behalf and their compelling personal stories we help

build a growing grassroots movement to mobilize the advocacy necessary to end HIV criminalization and promote a human rights-based approach to end the HIV epidemic.

### **STATE LISTINGS**

#### **ALABAMA**

##### **1917 Clinic at UAB\***

<http://www.1917clinic.org>

<http://www.uab.edu/medicine/1917clinic/>

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/56987944459/>

The mission of the 1917 Clinic is to address the needs of patients, their families and significant others, the scientific community, and the community-at-large in responding to the urgent and unique issues surrounding HIV/AIDS.

##### **Birmingham AIDS Outreach**

<http://www.birminghamaidsoutreach.org/>

<https://www.facebook.com/BirminghamAIDSOutreach>

BAO has been saving and transforming lives since 1985 as Alabama's first AIDS Service Organization. The agency was founded as a "grass-roots" response to the devastating and fatal impact HIV/AIDS was having on the Birmingham community. Today BAO provides free services to over 800 HIV positive individuals and touches thousands of lives through community events, HIV testing, and prevention outreach. The mission of BAO is to enhance the quality of life for people living with HIV / AIDS, at-risk, affected individuals, and the LGBTQ community through outreach, age-appropriate prevention education, and supportive services.

#### **ARIZONA**

##### **PowerSource Tucson, Inc.\***

<http://www.powersourcetucson.org>

<https://www.facebook.com/powersourcetucsoninc>

PowerSource Tucson, Inc. is a 501c3 nonprofit corporation in AZ. We offer empowerment and enrichment experiences to women in the Tucson, AZ area who are living with HIV/AIDS.

#### **ARKANSAS**

##### **LinQ for Life, Incorporated\***

<http://www.linqforlife.com>

<http://www.facebook.com/linqforlife>

LINQ For Life aims to educate, coordinate, provide aid and relief to eradicate HIV/AIDS, STDs, and other disparities in marginalized communities. We are an emerging non-profit organization with a continued interest in exploring what significant impact we can make in addressing the needs of young Black men in Arkansas. Statistically this population has been cited as disproportionately bearing the brunt of new HIV infections amidst a litany of societal challenges ranging from employment opportunities to accessing additional needed life affirming resources. It is our position that there is an ongoing need that now must embrace what organizers term as "the next generation," of intervention and prevention.

#### **CALIFORNIA**

##### **ALMAS**

<http://www.laclinica.org/programs-che.html>

Support group- In 1999, the Alianza Latina en Marcha Contra el SIDA (ALMAS) was created to meet the needs of Latina women living with HIV. As the face of the AIDS epidemic changed, Latina women experienced having limited access to services due to cultural and language barriers, and stigmatization in their communities. The ALMAS program at La Clínica is the point of entry for many Latino women who have tested positive for HIV and who need medical and dental care, mental health services, psychosocial support, social services, and legal services.

##### **Being Alive LA - Get Real PEP/PrEP Workshops\***

<http://beingalivela.org/>

<https://www.facebook.com/BeingAliveLA>

Being Alive is a nonprofit membership organization focusing on the mental health and wellness of people living with HIV and AIDS. Our services to our members include a variety of [free programs](#), such as; comprehensive emotional support, treatment education, prevention, advocacy, wellness and social services. Our mental health program, Antioch Alive, is the only of it's kind anywhere throughout the world. Offering extensively trained psychotherapy counselors in HIV.

#### **The HIV Story Project\***

<http://www.thehivstoryproject.org>

<https://www.facebook.com/HIVStoryProject>

Founded in 2009, The HIV Story Project is a San Francisco based non-profit organization focused on bridging HIV/AIDS with film, media and storytelling to fight the spread of the pandemic and the global stigma associated with it. We create our own film and media projects in addition to offering production services and digital media consultation & training to HIV/AIDS nonprofits in San Francisco and beyond.

#### **Lets Kick ASS -AIDS Survivor Syndrome\***

<http://www.letskickass.org/>

<https://www.facebook.com/AIDSSurvivorSyndrome>

Let's Kick ASS—AIDS Survivor Syndrome is a national grassroots movement of long-term survivors honoring the unique and profound experience of living through the first decades of the AIDS epidemic. We envision a world where long-term survivors aging with HIV live long, healthy, dignified, engaged, meaningful and productive lives, free from stigma and discrimination. Let's Kick ASS is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit corporation.

#### **Los Angeles HIV Women's Task Force\***

<https://vimeo.com/lawomenshivtaskforce>

<https://www.facebook.com/LAHIV>

The task force builds community partnerships and host events to empower, educate, and mobilize women living with HIV. The task force is a coalition comprised of professionals, community activists, consumers, students, and volunteers who have a passion in working with women and HIV. Our monthly meetings are dedicated to planning educational events and fostering collaborations with agencies that provide care for HIV-positive women.

#### **PLWH/A Committee. of the CCPC\***

The mission of the Collaborative Community Planning Council is to create an integrated, effective system for all people affected by HIV/AIDS, based on their specific, personal needs.

#### **Positive Force**

<http://sfaf.org/client-services/positive-force/>

Positive Force is the go-to place for HIV-positive guys who live, work, or play in San Francisco and who are looking for a community of HIV-positive men and non-positive allies. We emphasize service—working hard to meet the individual needs of all guys who come through our doors. Whether you want to [meet new friends](#), learn about [living with HIV](#), or address [personal challenges](#) you are having with staying healthy with HIV, we are the place for you.

#### **Positive Life Series Palm Springs\***

<https://www.facebook.com/pages/Positive-Life-Series/492095594177788>

Positive Life is a grassroots, volunteer-run monthly HIV education program for people living with HIV in the Coachella Valley. We provide informed, unbiased HIV treatment education in our forums the first Tuesday of each month.

#### **Positively Speaking**

<http://www.aidspreventionlausd.net/>

In 1985, the Los Angeles Board of Education approved the development of programs to prevent the spread of HIV/AIDS. Since 1987, the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention has provided funds to develop age-appropriate lessons for students, to train teachers in strategies for preventing the spread of HIV/AIDS and other diseases that may be transmitted sexually (STDs), and for the prevention of teenage pregnancy.

#### **SF BAY AREA HIV AND AGING ASSOCIATION**

To help as a transition guidance for HIV and aging communities, especially long term survivors.

#### **SHANTI**

<http://www.shanti.org>

<https://www.facebook.com/ShantiProject>

Shanti enhances the quality of life, health and well-being of people living with life-threatening illnesses, including Breast Cancer and HIV/AIDS. Founded in 1974 by Dr. Charles Garfield, Shanti has been at the forefront of a growing national movement to enhance the quality of life for persons living with life-threatening or chronic illnesses by providing volunteer-based emotional and practical support. *Shanti* is a Sanskrit word meaning “inner peace” or “tranquility”. It is an appropriate name since, ultimately, all of Shanti’s direct service and educational programs are aimed at easing the burdens and improving the well-being of people in difficult life situations.

#### **Trans Gender Service Provider Network**

<https://www.facebook.com/TSPNLA>

TSPN was formed to meet the needs of transgender youth, and address concerns regarding HIV prevention/ care within the Los Angeles transgender community.

### COLORADO

#### **Colorado Department of Public Health & Environment**

<https://www.colorado.gov/pacific/cdphe/services-people-hiv>

<https://www.facebook.com/COADAP?ref=bookmarks>

We work to reduce STI/HIV infections and provide quality STI/HIV care and treatment services for all people in Colorado.

#### **Southern Colorado Pozabilities\***

No description provided or found on the internet.

#### **THRIVE!: The Persons Living With HIV/AIDS Initiative of Colorado (Inc.)\***

[arthurwpowers@yahoo.com](mailto:arthurwpowers@yahoo.com)

Our organization works to educate, advocate, and develop Colorado state public policy and law with legislators at the Colorado legislature and others in State government as to the issues and policies that affect Persons Living With HIV/AIDS as PLWH/A’s ourselves from within the interior of the experience of living with HIV and AIDS.

### CONNETICUT

#### **Hartford HIV/AIDS Commission**

<http://www.hartford.gov/hhs/hhs-commissions/771-commission-on-hiv-aids>

This commission focuses on policy recommendations and advocacy for the needs of people living with HIV/AIDS in Hartford.

### FLORIDA

#### **AIDS Healthcare Foundation -Consumer Advisory Board - Jacksonville, FL\***

<http://ufhealthjax.org/community/ryan-white-part-a.aspx>

Consumer advisors for clinic, handle client complaints and suggestions, provide information of local services and increase client retention in service.

#### **emPOWERed Legacies**

<http://www.kamaria.org>

<https://www.facebook.com/FHL13/timeline>

emPOWERed Legacies provides opportunities for healing, inspiration and victory from circumstances that hinder an individual from leading an empowered, engaged and effective life.

#### **Florida HIV/AIDS Patient Care Planning Council CAB\***

Advising the Florida Department of Health and writing the statewide patient care plan for submission to HRSA, a Federal requirement to obtain Ryan White CARE Act Part B funding distribution to Florida’s 14 service areas and the ADAP program.

#### **Latinos Salud**

<http://www.latinossalud.org/>

<https://www.facebook.com/LatinosSaludFL?fref=ts>

Latinos Salud was founded in 2008 to create a safe space for Latino gay guys and their partners to find friends, support, and resources. Our 13 staff members hail from Brazil, Colombia, Chile, Cuba, the Dominican Republic, Ecuador, Guyana, Haiti, Mexico, Puerto Rico, and Venezuela. Whether they're meeting one-on-one or staging a community event, our staff members work to make a stronger community!

#### **Let's Talk About It\***

<http://letstalkaboutitblog.rwhp.org/>

<https://www.facebook.com/rwhporg>

Let's Talk About It (LTAI) is a women's HIV Peer Advocacy group based in North Central Florida. We are a diverse group of women who are living with HIV, or caring for someone living with HIV. Our mission is to be a voice in the community, advocating on behalf of our peers and ourselves. We join together regularly to support, encourage and empower one another to face and embrace our fears.

#### **M-HAT Minority HIV/AIDS Task Force**

To bring attention to underserved population and tear down barriers to care and service.

#### **NoFLAC**

<http://www.noflacweb.org/>

Let us help you get connected to all the services in Northwest Florida for people living with HIV and AIDS. We are the planning body for Ryan White services and we want to assist in creating success, resources, and fuller lives for those living with HIV/AIDS.

#### **Positive Mind and Body Support Group Network**

<http://www.positivemindbody.wordpress.com>

<https://www.facebook.com/pages/Positive-Mind-Body-Support-Group-Network/121782697864663?fref=ts>

Positive Mind and Body Support Group Network is set up by a couple living and affected with HIV/AIDS dedicated to supporting the needs our clients in Area 15. By making correct choices in treatment (primary care), prevention, testing and education a client will be more motivated to stay in treatment and adhere to treatment. The Positive Mind and Body Support Group Network can eliminate disparities for PLWHA in reach when in need. This network of support groups is directed to and for those infected/affected by HIV/AIDS.

#### **Transgender Tallahassee**

<https://www.facebook.com/pages/Transgender-Tallahassee/138910469495684?sk=info&tab=overview>

Transgender Tallahassee is an organization founded to support those who believe in their right to self-identify, this without regard for the rigid societal norms that inhibit the fullest expression of each individual's gender self. This support extends to those who challenge the idea of gender as binary, thus opening minds to a world of endless possibilities.

#### **The West Central Florida Ryan White Care Council**

<http://thecarecouncil.org/>

<https://www.facebook.com/WestCentralFLRWCC>

The West Central Florida Ryan White Care Council is a planning body (of dedicated volunteers) that assesses needs, plans, allocates resources, and evaluates HIV/AIDS services to improve the lives of those infected and affected.

#### **Unconditional Love CAB**

No description provided and no information found on the internet.

### GEORGIA

#### **AAOI of Atlanta, GA**

<http://www.fultoncountyga.gov/ryan-white-or/video-2014-annual-care-initiative>

The AAOI is an annual Care and Prevention Initiative sponsored by the Metropolitan Atlanta HIV Health Services Planning Council (Ryan White Part A Planning Council) and the Fulton-DeKalb High Impact Prevention Program. For more information, email: [rwhiteprogram@fultoncountyga.gov](mailto:rwhiteprogram@fultoncountyga.gov)

#### **Counter Narrative Project**

<http://thecounternarrative.org/>

<https://www.facebook.com/thecounternarrative>

We are committed to public education as a strategy to build cultural competence among our community allies, as a tool to heal internalized stigma among black gay men, and fight structural stigma in the culture at large. We also believe advocacy training has to be coupled with black gay men's movement history and cultural production to best facilitate issue awareness. Finally, such approach is the most effective way to build power among black gay men.

### **Georgia Equality**

<http://georgiaequality.org/>

<https://www.facebook.com/GAEquality?fref=ts>

Georgia Equality's mission is to advance fairness, safety and opportunity for lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender communities and our allies throughout the state. We are two organizations – united with a common vision but serving unique functions in our work to achieve equality.

### **I Know Awareness**

[ikAwareness@gmail.com](mailto:ikAwareness@gmail.com)

To provide a Compassionate Environment to share Education about HIV/AIDS with Care not Fear in efforts to Decrease Stigma, HIV diagnosis and AIDS progression.

### **SisterLove, Inc.**

<http://www.sisterlove.org/>

<https://www.facebook.com/SisterLoveInc/timeline>

SisterLove is on a mission to eradicate the adverse impact of HIV/AIDS and other reproductive health challenges upon women and their families through education, prevention, support and human rights advocacy in the United States and around the world.

## HAWAII

### **Positive Support**

<http://www.mauiaids.org/>

<https://www.facebook.com/pages/Maui-AIDS-Foundation/347962908623207?fref=ts>

The mission of Maui AIDS Foundation is to promote the sexual health and well-being of the members of our community. Positive Support is a support group that offers a safe, confidential space for people who are HIV+ to come together confidentially in order to support one another through education, feedback and care.

## ILLINOIS

### **CD4-Chicago\***

<https://www.facebook.com/CD4Chicago?fref=ts>

[We are a social group that supports people living with HIV by having a safe space for social and networking events. We are trying to fight HIV stigma by having an openly HIV positive and Positive friendly group. We recently started a chapter in Missouri.](#)

### **CORE Center Consumer Advisory Board\***

<http://www.cookcountyhhs.org/locations/ruth-m-rothstein-core-center/education-research/>

The CORE Center CAB's primary purpose is to provide the perspectives of PLWH/A's who are recipients of Ryan White and other federal, state local funding to the Center's Executive Leadership. Additionally the CAB holds monthly meetings to discuss emerging issues related to services for their colleagues.

### **Greater Community AIDS Project**

<http://www.gcapnow.com/>

<https://www.facebook.com/gcapnow>

To improve the lives of those living with HIV/AIDS and to help decrease the spread of the disease, GCAP collaborates with local resources and organizations to serve its community by providing educational outreach to the public and by providing support to those who are living with HIV/AIDS in the form of transitional housing, emergency financial assistance and other services.

### **HIV and the Aging through AIDS Foundation of Chicago**

<http://www.aidschicago.org/>

Provide information and updates for ASOs and the elderly.

**Peer Navigation Client Network**

<http://hivcareconnect.com/>

Illinois HIV Care Connect is a program of the Illinois Department of Public Health (IDPH), which is responsible for administering Part B of the Ryan White HIV/AIDS Program.

**Pozitive Bruthas Network\***

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Pozitive Bruthas Network was created to Embrace, Empower, Educate, Enrich, Entertain, Celebrate, Motivate, Encourage and Unite mature Black and Latino Gay/Bi/Trans HIV Positive Men from across the World. Pozitive Bruthas Network's intent is to provide a platform of positivity in a manner that allows us to collectively, safely, openly, honestly, transparently, and freely support one another bilaterally, ethically, mentally, physically, socially, economically and sexually in a non-judgmental way. This is a environment where members can voice their grievances, issues and concerns that they are facing surrounding HIV as well as daily life as gay/bi men of color. Pozitive Bruthas Network as an unbiased support system will contribute our opinions, facts and experiences to help broaden each other's minds and abilities. Lastly this is an avenue for us to cultivate and nurture our inner strengths, weaknesses, desires, skills and talents in order to bring about a better sense of brotherhood, community and development. Think of Pozitive Bruthas Network as Poz Bruthas Helping Poz Bruthas!!

**AIDS Foundation Chicago - Ryan White Consumer Advisory Board\***

AIDS Foundation of Chicago Ryan White Consumer Advisory Board insures HIV positive people have input into enhancing or improving services provided, and to help develop strategies that promote consumer involvement and self-empowerment.

**Illinois Alliance for Sound AIDS Policy\***

[http://www.aidschicago.org/resources/legacy/pdf/2009/adv\\_ILASAP\\_app.pdf](http://www.aidschicago.org/resources/legacy/pdf/2009/adv_ILASAP_app.pdf)

IL ASAP exists to increase the number of people involved in HIV advocacy, and build stronger bonds within and between every region of the state. Members work with legislators in both Springfield and D.C., and train others from around the state to be their own advocates.

INDIANA**CHSPAC**

<http://www.in.gov/isdh/23269.htm>

Jointly, the Council and ISDH share the mission of assuring HIV-positive individuals and their families access to a comprehensive network of high quality care and treatment services.

**Common Ground**

Common ground is a peer lead group that provides emotional support, shares personal experiences, shares current health and pharmaceutical advice, and any other issues that impacts people living with HIV daily. We're an adult group who treats each person as an adult. We also allow phones, tablet and laptop during meetings so we can get and share factual information.

**Consumer Access Committee of Ryan White Planning Council Indy TGA\***

<http://www.ryanwhiteindynga.org/>

The Ryan White HIV Services Program (RWSP), part of the Marion County Public Health Department, is funded through the U.S. Health Resources and Services Administration. The Consumer Access Committee serves to allow PLWHs living in the TGA a venue to have input in how the funds designated to the TGA are dispersed. To educate those living with HIV in the TGA about what services are available. Provide a forum for those living in the TGA to voice what barriers to care they are experiencing and how the programs in the TGA are working for them.

IOWA**Positive Iowans Taking Charge\***

<http://www.pitchiowa.com>

[https://www.facebook.com/pages/PITCH-Positive-Iowans-Taking-Charge/170656801597?ref=tn\\_tnmn](https://www.facebook.com/pages/PITCH-Positive-Iowans-Taking-Charge/170656801597?ref=tn_tnmn)

PITCH (Positive Iowans Taking Charge) is a state-wide non-profit organization with a clear mission: To create an atmosphere where HIV+ people can unite, advocate, and assist other HIV+ people for better health and wellness.



## KENTUCKY

### **HEARTLAND Cares Consumer Advisory Board\***

[http://hcares-org.doodlekit.com/home/consumer\\_advisory\\_board](http://hcares-org.doodlekit.com/home/consumer_advisory_board)

The Consumer Advisory Board (CAB) is intended to provide a confidential, active voice as well as a direct line of communication between the clients (“consumers”), the staff, and the Board of Directors of HCI. This collaborative effort gives clients of HCI an opportunity to contribute their knowledge and experience relating to living with HIV/AIDS. The CAB is encouraged to suggest services and programs that HCI can offer its clients to better those services and programs by sharing their talents with the staff and other clients of HCI.

## LOUISIANA

### **Louisiana AIDS Advocacy Network\***

<http://laanweb.org/>

<https://www.facebook.com/pages/Louisiana-AIDS-Advocacy-Network-LAAN/156824814385612?pnref=lhc>

The Louisiana AIDS Advocacy Network (LAAN) was created to educate legislators about the cost (monetary and health) and impact of HIV/AIDS to the state of Louisiana, challenge them to support appropriate resource allocation for HIV/AIDS and hold legislators accountable for commitments that they make in support of HIV/AIDS legislation. Additionally, LAAN serves as a statewide network to build the capacity of all HIV/AIDS community stakeholders and empower them to strategically engage legislators to keep HIV/AIDS a priority.

## MASSACHUSETTS

### **Massachusetts Statewide Consumer Advisory Board\***

<http://www.mass.gov/eohhs/gov/departments/dph/programs/id/hiv-aids/advstry-grps/statewide-consumer-advisory-board.html>

The Statewide Consumer Advisory Board (SWCAB) is a group of up to 30 people openly living with HIV/AIDS. The mission of SWCAB is to provide advice to the staff and senior management of the Massachusetts Department of Public Health (MDPH), Office of HIV/AIDS (OHA) about policies and programmatic issues affecting the lives of consumers and individuals at risk. SWCAB membership reflects the profile of the HIV epidemic in Massachusetts in terms of race, ethnicity, gender, sexual orientation, mode of transmission, and geographic region.

### **POZ Support**

<https://www.facebook.com/pages/Poz-Support/151467388272122?sk=timeline>

Support group for those affected and infected with HIV/AIDS.

## MICHIGAN

### **Michigan Positive Action Coalition\***

<http://mipoz.org/>

The Michigan Positive Action Coalition (MI-POZ) is a group of people living with HIV/AIDS who advocate for themselves and others living with, or at risk for this disease. Our goal is to increase grassroots leadership and participation by persons living with HIV/AIDS in legislative education activities.

### **Sacred Heart**

<https://www.facebook.com/sacredheartrehab>

<http://www.sacredheartcenter.com/contact-us>

For over two decades, we have provided free, confidential care services to men, women and children living with HIV/AIDS.

### **South East Michigan HIV/AIDS Council (SEMHAC)**

<http://www.semhac.org/>

The mission of SEMHAC is to strengthen a coordinated regional response to the HIV/AIDS epidemic in Southeastern Michigan by involving individuals infected and affected by HIV and community leaders in the public and private sectors.

## MINNISOTA

**MN HIV Services Planning Council - Community Voice Committee**

<http://www.mnhivplanningcouncil.org/community-voice.html>

This committee serves as a liaison between the Planning Council and stakeholders, especially groups with barriers to participation, by collecting and exchanging information about the Planning Council and the impact of its work and provides a representative voice for persons living with HIV in the Planning Council and its committees.

**MISSISSIPPI****A Brave New Day\***

<https://www.facebook.com/pages/A-Brave-New-Day/209626682416391?sk=timeline>

<http://www.abravenewday.org/>

A Brave New Day is a community of survivors helping survivors. We are dedicated to ensuring that all persons with life-changing illnesses and life-challenging conditions are provided with chronic disease self-management training, life support services, crisis assistance, disease prevention, and wellness forums. While our primary focus is HIV/AIDS, our passion is survivorship itself. Not all members of our Brave New Day community are HIV+. We embrace survivors of addiction, abuse, disaster, and any threatening life-crisis. No one is alone. Every contribution matters.

**MISSOURI****Grace HIV Support Group**

Faith based group for women living with HIV/AIDS

**Pozitive Perspectives\***

<https://www.facebook.com/PozitivePerspectivesInc>

Pozitive Perspectives Inc. is a nonprofit organization based in Springfield Missouri established by members of the community with HIV/AIDS to address the stigma of those infected and affected by HIV/AIDS through proactive support and education.

**NEW JERSEY****Buddies of NJ**

<http://www.njbuddies.org>

<https://www.facebook.com/njbuddies/timeline>

Buddies of New Jersey (NJB), a non-profit, community-based organization, is a resource center offering a network of support for people infected and affected by HIV/AIDS. Since 1985, NJB has established itself as the foremost resource center serving Bergen and Passaic Counties.

**Camden Area Health Education Center, Inc. (AHEC)**

<http://camden-ahec.org/>

HIV Services: provide individual and group HIV, STD (sexually transmitted diseases), and hepatitis education. We offer individualized HIV risk reducing counseling and referrals to free or affordable health and social services. Our main focus is serving African American women, men who seek men, and individuals living with HIV/AIDS in the City of Camden and surrounding areas.

**NEW MEXICO****H.O.P.E. Alliance\***

The H.O.P.E Alliance is a four corners capacity building alliance promoting the health and dignity of individuals and communities infected and affected by HIV by advancing policies, programs, and access to care, through advocacy, education, and empowerment. Positive Voices for Positive Change.

**NEW YORK****ACT UP New York**

<http://actupny.com/actions/>

<https://www.facebook.com/actupny>

ACT UP, or AIDS Coalition to Unleash Power, was founded in NYC in 1987 as a political action group in response to the AIDS crisis. The group's first action, in spring 1987, was a march on Wall St. to protest the high cost and lack of availability of HIV treatment drugs. Over its 25 year history, ACT UP has successfully protested organizations and governments for change. The local ACT UP group spawned affiliate groups across the USA and the world. Throughout its history, there have been over 140 chapters of ACT UP and thousands of members worldwide.

#### **Care for the Homeless**

<http://www.careforthehomeless.org/>

<https://www.facebook.com/careforthehomeless/timeline>

Since 1985, Care for the Homeless has met the health care and social service needs of homeless people in New York City. Homeless people have special needs that make it difficult to access services.

#### **Client Advisory Board at CART North Shore University Hospital and Nassau/Suffolk HIV Planning Council**

<https://www.unitedwayli.org/sites/unitedwayli.org/files/2012-2015%20Cprehensive%20Service%20Plan.pdf>

To help the patients become more involved in social activities for the patients and discuss issues related to the clinic itself The Council is to advocate the Ryan White funding given to the Long Island Region and advise the AIDS Institute as to what services need in funding amounts from the grant.

#### **Coalition on Positive Health Empowerment (COPE)**

<http://www.copehealth.org/>

COPE's mission is to increase and promote health and wellness, as well as reducing the incidence of preventable liver-related chronic diseases and lifestyles that negatively impact the liver. Some of these diseases include; obesity, diabetes, hepatitis, substance abuse, HIV/AIDS, cardiovascular disease and fatty/liver cancer.

#### **East Ward Missionary Baptist Church Health & Wholeness Ministry**

<https://www.facebook.com/EWMBCNYC>

To educate, empower, bring awareness to and eliminate the spread of HIV/AIDS in under served communities as well as reduce the stigma of HIV/AIDS. This is done through testing events, workshops, presentations, distribution of information and condoms.

#### **GMHC Consumer Advisory Board\***

<http://www.gmhc.org/get-involved/advocate/consumer-advisory-board>

<https://www.facebook.com/GMHC446>

The Consumer Advisory Board (CAB) advocates for the clients of GMHC. The CAB is made up of GMHC clients, staff, volunteers, and community partners, providing input to the GMHC on the agency's programs and services.

#### **HIV Health & Human Services Planning Council of New York\***

<http://www.nyhiv.org>

In 1991 the Mayor of New York City established the HIV Health and Human Services Planning Council of New York. The Council is charged with developing spending priorities and allocating for Ryan White CARE Act Part A funds based on the needs of the ever-changing HIV/AIDS epidemic. The Council is a coalition of persons living with HIV/AIDS, care givers, governmental representatives, and community members. The vision of the Planning Council is that people living with HIV disease in the New York Eligible Metropolitan Area (EMA) will have access to appropriate, quality services across the continuum of care, resulting in the best possible health and quality of life.

#### **National Working Positive Coalition**

<http://www.workingpositive.net>

<https://www.facebook.com/pages/National-Working-Positive-Coalition/285946731423316>

The National Working Positive Coalition is a coalition of individuals living with HIV, service providers, researchers, employers and advocates who are committed to improving the financial and personal wellbeing of individuals living with HIV and AIDS.

#### **NYC Planning Council**

<http://www.nyhiv.org/>

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**NY State Consumer Quality of Care Committee\***

<http://www.health.ny.gov/diseases/aids/general/about/quality.htm>

The HIV Quality of Care Program continues to engage people living with HIV/AIDS (PLWHA). The HIV Quality of Care Consumer Advisory Committee has been focusing its attention on the following areas: involvement of consumers in quality activities, and concerns of the deaf and hard of hearing community.

**People With AIDS Leadership Training Institute\***

<http://lti.caiglobal.org/>

<https://www.facebook.com/PWALTI>

Since 1999, CAI has overseen New York State's People Living With HIV/AIDS (PWA) Leadership Training Institute (LTI). Developed through a partnership between the New York State Department of Health/AIDS Institute, the New York City Department of Health and Mental Hygiene and advocates living with HIV, LTI provides training, skills building, motivation, and education to increase the ability of people living with HIV to partner effectively with HIV health care providers to improve their health care utilization and health outcomes.

**Positively Living\***

To encourage PLHIV to fight internal stigma, discrimination, advocate for self, express their concerns with other PLHIV.

**SMART & SASI\***

<https://www.facebook.com/smartuniversity>

<http://www.smartuniversity.org/>

We serve women & youth affected by HIV; Fight health disparities in our community; Committed to food justice; Comprehensive approach to health & nutrition

**State AIDS Service Delivery Consortium**

<http://www.health.ny.gov/diseases/aids/general/about/coordination.htm#sasdc>

The Statewide AIDS Service Delivery Consortium (SASDC) is made up of People Living with HIV/AIDS (PLWHA), HIV service providers/professionals and other interested and affected individuals from throughout New York State. SASDC is responsible for identifying service needs and emerging issues related to HIV-infected populations. SASDC provides advice to the AIDS Institute of the New York State Department of Health on policy, planning, and program development.

**The Thrive Program at Brightpoint Health**

<http://www.thrivebx.org/>

<https://www.facebook.com/thrivebx/info?tab=overview>

THRIVE at HELP/PSI is a project linking YMSM of color to care and different types of ways to stay safe and protected. We will THRIVE for a better tomorrow.

**VOCAL-NY\***

<http://www.vocal-ny.org/>

<https://www.facebook.com/VOCALNY>

Voices Of Community Activists & Leaders (VOCAL-NY) is a statewide grassroots membership organization building power among low-income people affected by HIV/AIDS, the drug war and mass incarceration, along with the organizations that serve us, to create healthy and just communities. We accomplish this through community organizing, leadership development, public education, participatory research and direct action. VOCAL-NY was formerly known as the New York City AIDS Housing Network (NYCAHN) until 2010.

**OHIO****Miami Valley Positives 4 Positives\***

<http://miamivalleyp4p.org/>

<https://www.facebook.com/mvp4p>

The mission of the Miami Valley Positives 4 Positives Consumer Advisory Committee is to improve the quality of life for people living with HIV/AIDS; to promote self-empowerment; to educate people living with HIV about HIV; to promote behavioral changes to prevent the spread, re-infection and drug resistant strains of HIV; and to provide recreational & social activities for people living with HIV. Members meet to gather feedback from consumers of services, and to express opinions and share information regarding those services.

**Gentlemen's Quarterly Positive Men Doing Positive Things\***

<https://www.facebook.com/bryan.c.jones/groups>

The primary purpose of the group is to bring men together regardless of sexuality for dinner. We work to keep positive men from isolating. We talk about a variety of issues such as criminalization, advocacy, sex and drug abuse, nonviolent conflict resolution, disclosure and acceptance, employment opportunities and networking.

**Positive Soulz**

Initially open to all African American men living with HIV, this is now a free support group open to ALL that is run by the Early Prevention and Intervention Project (EPIP) and meets twice a month in Cincinnati.

**West Ohio UMC Task Force**

<http://www.westohioumc.org/conference/event/healing-weekend-west-ohio-aids-task-force>

United Methodists are not quiet regarding this global crisis. We are there, comforting the sick and bringing healing and education to those within our reach.

**Youth Across Borders**

<https://www.facebook.com/youthacrossborders?fref=ts>

Youth Across Borders is creating a mutually beneficial cross cultural experience where youth from Central Ohio use their life experiences living with HIV to connect with the children at the Montana de Luz orphanage in South Central Honduras, which is home to 28 children living with HIV.

OREGON**International Foundation for Alternative Research in AIDS**

<http://accessshiv.org/>

The International Foundation for Alternative Research in AIDS (IFARA) is dedicated to providing in-depth educational programming for those affected by HIV, Hepatitis, and other comorbidities. IFARA's video segments facilitate easy access to timely and pertinent information about chronic manageable diseases and the associated treatment options. Panels and interviews are assembled and recorded at various conferences throughout the year, as official affiliate events.

**Let's Kick ASS –PDX\***

<http://www.lka-pdx.org/>

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/LKA.PDX/>

We are the Portland, Oregon Metro Chapter of a national grassroots movement of HIV/AIDS long-term survivors, positive and negative, men and women, honoring the unique and profound experience of living through the AIDS epidemic. We're dedicated to reclaiming our lives, ending isolation, and envisioning a future we never dreamed of.

**Positive Force NW\***

<https://www.facebook.com/PositiveForceNorthWest>

<http://cascadaids.org/support-services/positive-force>

Positive Force NW is a group by and for people living with HIV/AIDS in the Portland Metro Area and SW Washington. We seek to build community and eliminate HIV/AIDS-related stigma. We believe that HIV cannot and will not define who we are.

We hold social, educational, cultural, and recreational events, and also community service projects.

PENNSYLVANIA**ACT UP Philadelphia - AIDS Coalition to Unleash Power**

<http://www.actupphilly.org/>

<https://www.facebook.com/actupphilly>

ACT UP stands for the AIDS Coalition to Unleash Power. We are a diverse, non-partisan group, united in anger, and committed to ending the AIDS crisis through direct action. Since its inception, ACT UP has used a diversity of direct action tactics to address social inequities that threaten people living with HIV/AIDS and those at risk of infection, both in Philadelphia and around the world. The AIDS pandemic closely follows the fault lines of broader social injustice. We continue to strive to end the AIDS crisis within the context/ through a lens of ending health disparities that are a clear result of inequality and injustice.

**African Immigrants Living with HIV and AIDS\***

Advocating for the rights of African Immigrant living with HIV.

**ALPHA Pittsburgh\***

<http://www.alphapittsburgh.org/>

<https://www.facebook.com/ALPHA.Pittsburgh>

ALPHA Pittsburgh is a group of HIV+ people and their allies who are dedicated to increasing HIV/AIDS awareness in Southwestern Pennsylvania. We strive to reduce stigma surrounding HIV/AIDS and empower the LGBT community to reduce homophobia and promote wellness within our community. We are an independent “union of voices” that remains invested in our local AIDS Services Organizations.

**Philadelphia Fight**

<http://www.fight.org/>

<https://www.facebook.com/pages/Philadelphia-FIGHT/80411861715>

Comprehensive health services organization providing primary care, consumer education, research, and advocacy for people living with HIV/AIDS and those at high risk. Has a variety of different focused support/advocacy groups. See there group page.

**Second Closet\***

Facebook page coming soon.

Group in early stages of development due to dissatisfaction with clinical model of HIV care and distrust of staff at clinics.

**SOUTH CAROLINA****MUSC/Lowcountry AIDS Services Consumer Advisory Board\***

<http://www.aids-services.com/cab/>

The joint Medical University of South Carolina (MUSC) and Low country AIDS Services (LAS) Consumer Advisory Board (CAB) was created in 2013 based on the belief that the opinions, experiences and perspectives of individuals living with or affected by HIV/AIDS are essential to the development of strategies to effectively address issues raised by the HIV/AIDS epidemic. It is the mission of the CAB to provide a mechanism for MUSC and LAS consumers to have meaningful input into the development of policies and programs that address their needs.

**POSITIVE Voices\***

<https://www.facebook.com/pages/South-Carolina-HIVAIDS-Council-SCHAC/107432272617033>

We have one goal: Reduce the spread of HIV/AIDS in South Carolina. Period. We can do this through prevention, education and advocacy, improving the quality of life for those impacted, and mobilize communities across to better deal with the issues surrounding HIV/AIDS.

**South Carolina HIV Planning Council/ Positive Advocacy Committee\***

<http://www.schpc.org/historyofthehpc.html>

<http://www.schpc.org/committees/positiveadvocacy.html>

The SC HIV Task Force is a non-partisan advocacy coalition of individuals, non-profit organizations and allies committed to ensuring access to quality HIV prevention, treatment, care and linkage to services.

**South Carolina HIV/AIDS Task Force\***

<http://www.schtf.com/>

<https://www.facebook.com/schivtaskforce>

The SC HIV Task Force is a non-partisan advocacy coalition of individuals, non-profit organizations and allies committed to ensuring access to quality HIV prevention, treatment, care and linkage to services.

**TENNESSEE****Tennessee Association of People With AIDS\***

[https://www.facebook.com/pages/Tennessee-Association-of-People-With-AIDS/1490017231211054?ref=br\\_tf](https://www.facebook.com/pages/Tennessee-Association-of-People-With-AIDS/1490017231211054?ref=br_tf)

TAPWA advocates on behalf of all people living with HIV/AIDS. We address local, state, and federal policy issues; create opportunities for education; and provide a network of support and communication among and between people living with HIV/AIDS, agencies, and government.

## TEXAS

### **ADODI DFW\***

The Adodi brotherhood was born in 1986 out of the early ravages of the AIDS epidemic. It has since become one of the most affirming and spiritually uplifting movement of same-gender-loving men of African descent in history. The ideals and principles of Adodi (accept, acknowledge, appreciate, affirm, ache) provide a code of conduct and a roadmap toward fostering relationships based on agape love, mutuality and deep abiding respect.

### **AFIYA Center**

<http://theafiyacenter.org/>

<https://www.facebook.com/theafiyacenter?fref=ts>

Our mission: To engender empowerment, re-education, and end reproductive oppression amongst marginalized black women and girls to end the cycle of disease disparities including HIV and life-long poverty while increasing self-efficacy.

Our purpose: To address the unique needs political, social, and economic needs of black women and other women of color in a woman centered environment.

### **HIV/AIDS Poz Love**

To educate, for support to go without being stigmatized.

### **International AIDS Empowerment**

<http://www.internationalaids.org>

<https://www.facebook.com/InternationalAIDSEmpowerment?ref=hl>

International AIDS Empowerment (IAE) is a nonprofit organization providing HIV related services for almost 20 years in El Paso and southern New Mexico. International AIDS Empowerment is a grassroots, peer-based minority organization that works on a daily basis in the community to better develop an understanding of the needs of HIV infected and affected individuals.

### **Positive Organizing Project\***

Secret FB Page.

The Positive Organizing Project is an advocacy and leadership training program designed by and for people living with HIV. Its goal is to build on the self-empowerment movement embodied in the Denver Principles by seeking to involve people living with HIV in decisions that impact our community.

## WASHINGTON

### **BABES Network-YWCA\***

<http://www.babesnetwork.org/>

<https://www.facebook.com/pages/BABES-Network-YWCA/378044007737?fref=ts>

BABES Network-YWCA is a peer education and support program for women living with HIV; a sisterhood of women facing HIV together. BABES was started by a group of HIV positive women in Seattle, Washington who came together to share information, experiences and support.

### **MSM Poz Project**

No description provided and no information found on the internet.

### **Seattle Central College Queer-Straight Alliance**

<https://www.facebook.com/QSASCC?fref=photo>

We are a self-governing, self-defining, club at Seattle Central College. We are made up of Queer people and Allies.

## WASHINGTON D.C.

### **Common Threads\***

<http://www.workingpositive.net/pdf/pf2014-johnson.pdf>

Common Threads is an innovative holistic leadership development training. It is designed to enhance the ability of women of living with HIV to share their life experiences with family members, partners, friends, and community members. The goals of Common Threads are to 1), decrease stigma associated with HIV; 2), increase utilization of

services across the HIV Continuum of Care; and 3) address select determinants of health which impact HIV longevity. We have collectives and newly formed collectives in DC, FL, GA, SC, and TX. Representatives from these collectives formed a Steering Committee, which guides the development and sustainability of Common Threads.

#### **IMPAACT**

<https://www.facebook.com/pages/International-Maternal-Pediatric-Adolescent-AIDS-Clinical-Trials-Group/111851128945022?fref=ts>

<http://www.impaactnetwork.org/>

The International Maternal Pediatric Adolescent AIDS Clinical Trials Group, known as IMPAACT, is a United States-based research network which studies HIV and AIDS in infant, pediatric, adolescent and pregnant women populations.

#### **Muslims Living Positive**

<http://www.muslimlinkpaper.com/community-news/community-news/3299-support-group-announced-for-often-shunned-hiv-positive-muslims-.html>

Muslims Living Positive (HIV Support Group) provides each member with a safe haven to discuss their issues and realize that they are not alone “We are your Mothers, Fathers, Sisters and your Brothers”

#### **The Women’s Collective\***

<http://www.womenscollective.org>

<https://www.facebook.com/pages/The-Womens-Collective/164733053294?fref=ts>

The Women’s Collective (TWC) is a leading community health and human service agency in Washington, DC that provides prevention, care, and support services and advocates for the health and human rights of girls and women. TWC stands alone in D.C. and the region as the *only* agency dedicated to meeting the needs of women and girls in fighting the epidemic and protecting their rights.