EQUITABLE ACCESS TO HIV PREVENTION, CARE, AND EDUCATION IN SPRINGFIELD

Our Goal: Decrease HIV incidence in Springfield among Black and Latino/a/x and/or Hispanic people and reduce HIV stigma, which contributes to barriers to care.

- Black and Latino/a/x and/or Hispanic people in Springfield do not have equitable access to sexual and reproductive health care and education. We hear this from our patients and communities and see it in the numbers:
  - Between 2013-2015, Black (non-Hispanic) and Latino/a/x and/or Hispanic people represented **74% of new HIV infections in Springfield**
  - In 2017, Black (non-Hispanic) and Latino/a/x and/or Hispanic people represented **79% of people living with HIV/AIDS in Springfield**
  - Black (non-Hispanic) and Latino/a/x and/or Hispanic people represent 64% of Springfield residents
- **Addressing this health injustice is a part of our mission.**
- Already, PPLM has **taken steps to improve access to health care and education and strengthen partnerships:**
  - PPLM now offers PrEP to minors with parental consent.
  - The Planned Parenthood Advocacy Fund actively supported the **Welcoming Community Trust Act**, a city ordinance that strengthens immigrant rights in Springfield.
  - PPLM educators are teaching the **Get Real curriculum** in Springfield and teaching parenting programs in schools, prisons, and community-based organizations.

**DECREASE NEW HIV INFECTIONS IN SPRINGFIELD AMONG PEOPLE WHO ARE BLACK AND LATINO/A/X AND/OR HISPANIC BY 10%.**

**REDUCE HIV STIGMA AND BARRIERS TO CARE.**

**IMPROVE BLACK AND LATINO/A/X/ AND/OR HISPANIC COMMUNITIES’ AWARENESS AND USE OF HIV PREVENTION AND TREATMENT RESOURCES.**

**INCREASE OPPORTUNITIES FOR HOLISTIC AND CULTURALLY APPROPRIATE CARE AND IMPROVE CARE COORDINATION.**
PPLM will continue to partner with the Springfield community to improve access to our STI services and increase patients’ awareness and utilization of other services to promote health equity and strengthen the continuum of care across the city to reduce incidences of HIV.

In collaboration with community partners, PPLM is actively working to:

**INCREASE ACCESS TO AND QUALITY OF HIV PREVENTION HEALTH CARE SERVICES:**

- **Support** relationships with HIV case management and care and harm reduction programs.
- **Improve HIV prevention services and risk screening**, including the introduction of PEP services and connection to organizations addressing the social determinants of health
- **Train providers** on culturally responsive care.
- **Strengthen** ongoing relationships with patients by **increasing connections to resources** and implementing telehealth programs.

**MOBILIZE COMMUNITY DECISION-MAKERS, ELECTED OFFICIALS, AND CANDIDATES:**

- **Advocate** for city and state level policies that support efforts to achieve zero new HIV infections and zero HIV-related deaths in the Springfield community, including improving minors’ access to PrEP and state funding for HIV programs.
- **Support** community mobilization efforts centering Black and Latino/a/x and/or Hispanic communities.

**CREATE AND STRENGTHEN PARTNERSHIPS IN BLACK AND LATINO/A/X AND/OR HISPANIC COMMUNITIES:**

- **Establish** and strengthen **authentic partnerships**.

**INCREASE ACCESS TO COMPREHENSIVE CULTURALLY RESPONSIVE HEALTH EDUCATION:**

- **Utilize** PPLM’s LGBTQ-inclusive In*Clued curriculum.
- **Launch** Get Real Teen Council in Springfield.
- **Provide** peer education as part of Planned Parenthood Federation of America’s HIV Prevention Initiative.
- **Launch** collaborative and culturally responsive HIV prevention ad campaigns.