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Grow in awareness of stigma, discrimination, and indifference surrounding the domestic HIV/AIDS crisis

Develop tools to respond to HIV/AIDS in our ministry context with God's compassion and justice

Intro

Name & City

How are you currently involved in HIV/AIDS Ministry?

or

What were your earliest memories of HIV/AIDS?

"Lord, when did we see you?"
Mt 25:37

36.9 million people living with HIV/AIDS worldwide (Nov 2015)

1,218,400 people living with HIV in the U.S. (13 yrs+)

156,300 (12.8%) unaware of their diagnosis (Sep 2015)

Est. 50,000 new HIV diagnosis annually in the U.S.

34 million people have died from HIV related causes worldwide

658,507 have died in the U.S.

www.AIDS.gov

www.CDC.gov

Countries with HIV by pop. South Africa Remaining countries Nigeria India Kenya Zambia USA Mozambique Uganda Zimbabwe Tanzania

Source: UNAIDS Global Report 2014

Rank	Country	% of people with HIV in the world
1	South Africa	18%
2	Nigeria	9%
3	India	6%
4	Kenya	5%
5	Mozambique	4%
6	Uganda	4%
7	Tanzania	4%
8	Zimbabwe	4%
9	USA	4%
10	Malawi	3%
	Remaining countries	39%

HIV/AIDS Stigma

- Religious/Moral Judgment
- Sex
- Homophobia
- White Supremacy/Racism
- Drug Criminalization
- Poverty
 - Education
 - Health care
 - Housing

"I have given you a new command."

"Involving ourselves within these issues — serving those who need justice — is an example of following Jesus that today's Christians must adhere to, because throughout the world there are millions of people who are suffering. But many Christians remain simply apathetic, ignorant, or refuse to admit any problems exist."

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The Pill

Pre-Exposure Prophylaxis (PrEP) is a prevention method involving taking an HIV medication (Truvada) daily to significanty lower (99%) the risk of getting infected.

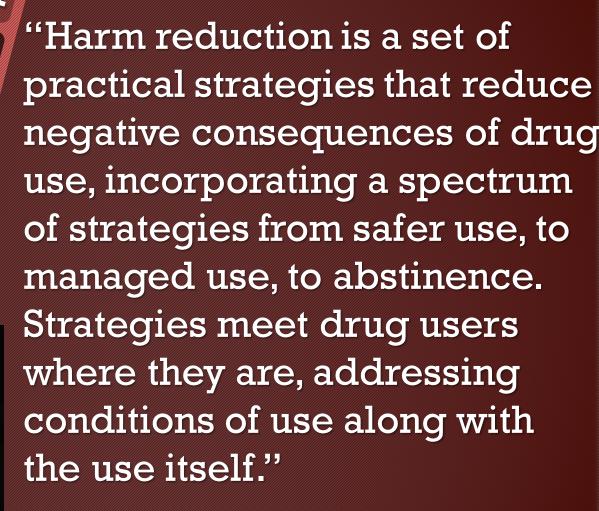


Age is not a condom





Harm Reduction



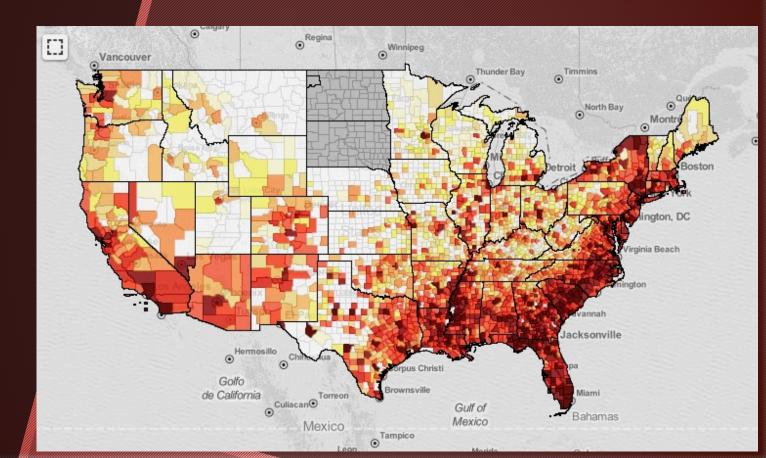
Harm Reduction Coalition, NY

Iove mercy....
Micah 6:8

HIV Criminalization

"Who is my neighbor?"
Lik 10:29

Localizing HIV/AIDS www.aidsvu.org/map/



"Here am I; send me." Isaiah 6:8

How can/will you include compassion and justice for people with HIV/AIDS in your preaching and teaching?

Ps 146, Is 66:13-14, Mt 25:31-44, 2 Co 4:8-10

Who are the HIV/AIDS service providers in your area?

- Testing
- Housing
- Care/Treatment
- Case Management

How can you/your ministry partner with HIV/AIDS providers in your area?

- Promote community support, acceptance, and education.
- Volunteering
- Financial Support
- Donations
- Meals
- Needle Exchange

Resources

www.phewacommunity.org/panaids network.html

www.aids.gov/mobileapps/

www.hivanswers.com

www.cdc.gov/hiv/

www.balmingilead.com

www.prepfacts.org

Thank you

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