

REUNIÓN LATINA

VIRTUAL TRAINING INSTITUTE

JUNE 3-5, 2020

LATINO COMMISSION ON AIDS

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Welcome Letter



Welcome to Reunion Latina Virtual Training Institute 2020! For 24 consecutive years, we have organized the Reunion Latina Training Institute face-to-face. This year we are adapting to the new reality and hosting it virtually. We know it will be different, however, by coming together we are reaffirming our commitment to improve the health of our communities.

The theme of this year's Institute, "Advancing Public Health in the times of COVID-19" focuses on the fact that the coronavirus pandemic has created additional challenges around barriers to care, economic survival, anxieties and fears for Hispanic/Latinx and many other communities. The sessions will cover strategies on how to overcome health challenges, unify our efforts to end the HIV & AIDS epidemic, address viral Hepatitis and the elimination of hepatitis C, Sexually Transmitted Infections (STIs).

The three-day virtual training institute will feature a combination of panel presentations, workshops and capacity building institutes. Attendees will be able to interact with the speakers at the end of the session for follow up questions. This year's Reunion Latina Virtual Training Institute is free of charge.

This training aims to convene health care providers, nurses, outreach workers, case managers, people living with HIV, community leaders, elected officials, health department representatives and anyone interested in advancing the health conditions of the Latino communities.

We are proud to receive support from many of our sponsors and community partners. We would like to recognize the contributions of speakers, trainers, facilitators, our Reunion Latina Planning Committee, Latino Commission on AIDS staff and volunteers for their endless hard work and dedication to again making Reunion Latina Training Institute a huge success.

In Unity, our Strength!



Guillermo Chacón
President,
Latino Commission on AIDS



Luciano Reberte
Director,
Reunión Latina 2020



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Reunion Latina Virtual Training Institute

ADDRESSING HIV, HEPATITIS AND STIS IN THE COMMUNITY ADVANCING PUBLIC HEALTH IN THE TIMES OF COVID-19

Wednesday, June 3

Opening Plenary :

1:00pm-1:30pm

COVID19 Update

Overview of COVID-19 epidemiology, prevention, and treatment. The talk will emphasize what we know about COVID-19 health disparities among communities of color (most especially, Latinx communities). Furthermore, the presentation will raise questions for later discussion about what conference participants believe are potentially the most impactful strategies for building health equity as it relates to COVID-19.

David Holtgrave, PhD – Dean, SUNY Empire Innovation Professor, Distinguished Professor School of Public Health, Health Policy, Management and Behavior

1:30pm-3:00pm

Key Issues in 2020 affecting the Health of Hispanic/Latinx communities -Federal, State and Local perspectives-

Speakers will be sharing their perspective on key issues in 2020 affecting the Hispanic/Latinx communities. This will include HIV, HCV, STIs and a discussion on the recent COVID-19 pandemic and how the impact continues to raise issues about health disparities among people of color.

Welcome and Intros:

Guillermo Chacón – President, Latino Commission on AIDS

Bethsy Morales-Reid – Senior Director for Health Initiatives, Hispanic Federation

Presenters:

Johanne Morne, MS – Director of New York State Department of Health, AIDS Institute

Harold Phillips, MRP – Senior HIV Advisor and Chief Operating Officer of Ending the HIV Epidemic by 2030: A Plan for America

Iván Meléndez-Rivera, MD, FAAFP, AAHIVS – Chief Medical and Operating Officer, Centro Ararat

Thursday, June 4

1:00pm-2:00pm

Educational Workshop session I:

A. State of Health in Hispanic/Latinx communities.

Join Dr. Leandro Mena and Vincent Guilamo-Ramos in a presentation about the state of health in the Hispanic/Latinx Communities focused on HIV/Hep C and STIs as it impacts vulnerable populations within these communities.

Leandro Mena, MD, MPH – Professor, University of Mississippi Medical Center

Vincent Guilamo-Ramos PhD, MPH, LCSW, ANP-BC, AAHIVS – Professor and Associate Vice Provost Director, CLAFH Center for Latino Adolescent and Family Health, New York University

B. Lessons learned from COVID19 response

Two cities, one pandemic. In this presentation Dr. Bloome and Dr. Daskalakis will share their lessons learned from COVID19 response in San Francisco and New York City respectively.

Jessica Bloome, MD, MPH – Deputy Director of the SFDPH HIV Prevention CBA program and Assistant Professor of Medicine at UCSF

Demetre Daskalakis, MD, MPH – Deputy Commissioner, Division of Disease Control, New York City Department of Health and Mental Hygiene

2:30pm-
3:30pm

Educational Workshop session II

A. Mental Health & Substance use: Realities and Challenges during Uncertain Times

People with substance use disorders often have long histories of unmitigated mental illness and trauma. With very little access to the same treatment and support than their white counterparts. Black and brown people with substance use disorders are especially vulnerable to cycling in and out of correctional facilities and emergency rooms. This presentation will briefly describe why harm reduction is an effective modality of engaging with people with substance use disorders that has the potential to restore hope, personal autonomy, and healing.

Dennis O. Romero, MA – Regional Administrator, Office of the Assistant Secretary (OAS), Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA), U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) - DHHS Region II

Monique Tula – Executive Director, Harm Reduction Coalition

B. Community Perspectives: Addressing HIV, HCV and STIs during and after COVID-19

COVID-19 has created additional challenges around barriers to care, economic survival, anxieties and fears for Hispanic and Latinx communities. In this presentation four community leaders, representing different regions from the United States and Puerto Rico, will share their perspective and strategies on how to address HIV, HCV and STIs during and after COVID19 from direct services to policies and advocacy efforts.

Robert Contreras, MBA – President & CEO Bienestar Human Services

Bamby Salcedo, MA – CEO and Founder, TransLatin@ Coalition

José Joaquín Mulinelli – Executive Director, Coai, Inc.

Judith Montenegro – Program Director, Latinos in the South, Latino Commission on AIDS

Friday, June 5

1:00pm-
2:00pm

Capacity Building Workshops

A. Telehealth, Community-based providers Embracing a New Space: Challenges and Opportunities

After completing this workshop, the participants will be able to understand telehealth, and the four most common telehealth strategies. Participants will also be able to understand the four most common barriers to telehealth and ways to overcome them.

Billy Sample – Telehealth Resource Center Program Manager, Medical Advocacy and Outreach

B. Working from home: New Realities and New Technologies

During this interactive web-based session, we will explore the advantages and challenges of working off-site/ remotely; review some best-practices and share what we have learned during these past months: the good, the not so good, and the funny; and explore our own strategies to further balance our remote work and well-being.

Bolivar Nieto, MA – Director, CBA Operations, Hands United, Latino Commission on AIDS

Daniel Casillas-Villamizar – CBA Manager, Hands United, Latino Commission on AIDS

2:00pm-
2:30pm

Closing Session

Closing of Reunion Latina 2020 with a message from Latino Commission's President.

Guillermo Chacón – President, Latino Commission on AIDS

Reunion Latina Speakers



Dr. Jessica Bloome, MD, MPH

Dr. Jessica Bloome, MD, MPH is the Deputy Director for the CDC-funded Capacity Building Assistance (CBA) program for High-Impact HIV Prevention in the West region of the United States, based at the San Francisco Department of Public Health Center for Learning & Innovation. As Assistant Professor of Medicine at UCSF, she also provides medical care for people living with HIV and people seeking HIV prevention services at the San Francisco General Hospital Ward 86 clinic, where she leads the Positive Health Access to Services and Treatment (PHAST) program focused on re-engaging patients previously out of care. In March 2020, she was deployed to work on the COVID-19 response at the San Francisco Department of Public Health, and is currently serving as co-lead for the Case Investigation and Contact Tracing program.



Daniel Casillas-Villamizar

Daniel Casillas-Villamizar is a Capacity Building Assistance Manager with the Latino Commission on AIDS (LCOA). Mr. Casillas-Villamizar provides CBA services in the Southern region and is based in Dallas. Prior to joining the LCOA, Mr. Casillas-Villamizar was with the University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center (UTSW) in Dallas, Texas for 13 years. Mr. Casillas-Villamizar's work with UTSW included the replication, development and implementation, and delivery of CBA on evidence-based interventions such as Health Relationships, CLEAR, POL, PROMISE, ARTAS, and Partnership for Health. Mr. Casillas-Villamizar's work with Hands United, a division of LCOA, will focus primarily on PrEP and prevention with HIV-negative populations.



Guillermo Chacón

Since 2010, Guillermo Chacón has served as President of the Latino Commission on AIDS, where he has been a vocal advocate on the impact of HIV, viral hepatitis, sexually transmitted infections, and other chronic conditions in Hispanic/Latinx communities. Mr. Chacón, serves as NYC Commissioner of Human Right, community co-chair to the HIV/AIDS Services Administration (HASA) and the Committee on City Healthcare Services. Governor Cuomo appointed Chacón to the NYS Ending the AIDS Epidemic Taskforce, the New York State AIDS Advisory Council and nominated him for the New York State Minority Health Council. He also serves on various Boards and Networks, including the National Hispanic/Latinx Health Leadership Network, New York Immigration Coalition, and the New York City AIDS Memorial; advisor for Alianza Americas, AIDSVu.org, and co-chair for the Latino Jewish Coalition in New York.



Robert Contreras, MBA

Robert Contreras has worked for Bienestar Human Services (BIENESTAR) since 1991. He currently serves as the President and Chief Executive Officer. He has served as the agency's representative on multiple local, state and national planning and advisory boards— NIH Office of AIDS Research (OAR) Hispanic Advisory Group, Office of National AIDS Policy (ONAP) Community Working Group for the National HIV/AIDS Strategy. His focus has been on Latinos at-risk for or living with HIV/AIDS. Mr. Contreras has a BA from California State University, Los Angeles and an MBA degree from Loyola Marymount University, Los Angeles.



Demetre Daskalakis, MD, MPH

Demetre Daskalakis, MD, MPH is the Deputy Commissioner for the Division of Disease Control at the New York City Department of Health and Mental Hygiene. Dr. Daskalakis directs the public health laboratory and all infectious disease control programs for New York City, including HIV, tuberculosis, sexually transmitted infections, vaccine-preventable diseases, and general communicable diseases. His Division is one of the largest in the Department, employing more than 1,100 staff, managing >$350 million, and operating 14 clinical facilities. Dr. Daskalakis is the incident commander for the Health Department's COVID-19 response.



Vincent Guilamo-Ramos, PhD, MPH, LCSW, ANP-BC, AAHIVS

Dr. Vincent Guilamo-Ramos is a Professor at the Silver School of Social Work, New York University and Director of the Center for Latino Adolescent and Family Health (CLAFH.org). In addition, he is a Nurse Practitioner with The Adolescent AIDS Program at The Children's Hospital at Montefiore. Dr. Guilamo-Ramos is an expert on the role of Latino families in promoting adolescent health, with a special focus on preventing HIV/AIDS, sexually transmitted infections, and unplanned pregnancies. At Montefiore, Dr. Guilamo-Ramos provides primary care to adolescents living with HIV, PrEP for high risk youths, and screening and treatment of sexually transmitted diseases.



David Holtgrave, PhD

David Holtgrave, PhD, has served as the Dean of the School of Public Health, University at Albany, State University of New York since March, 2018. He is also appointed as a SUNY Empire Innovation Professor. In July, 2017, he was appointed to hold the Inaugural Health, Behavior and Society Professorship (an endowed professorship). He also held joint appointments in the Johns Hopkins schools of medicine and nursing. Dr. Holtgrave has worked extensively in the field of HIV prevention since 1991. His research has focused on the effectiveness and cost-effectiveness of HIV prevention interventions and the translation of those study findings to HIV prevention policy. Dr. Holtgrave previously served as member and then vice-chair of the Presidential Advisory Council on HIV/AIDS during President Obama's Administration, and testified before the U.S. House of Representatives during Representative Henry Waxman's hearing on domestic HIV prevention in 2008.



Ivan Melendez-Rivera, MD, FAAFP, AAHIVS

Dr. Iván Meléndez-Rivera obtained his MD at Ponce School of Medicine. He was accepted as a member of the National Health Service Corps program to research and provide care of HIV/AIDS patients, a cornerstone of his Family Practice.In 2001, Meléndez-Rivera founded Centro Ararat, a non-profit private multidisciplinary healthcare center. Today, he acts as CMO/COO of this HIV/AIDS clinic, respected for its unique biopsychosocial care model for the LGBTTQI population, and for providing PrEP treatment. In 2019, he was appointed as Puerto Rico's spokesperson for the 65th Presidential Advisory Council on HIV/AIDS Meeting in Miami.



Leandro Mena, MD, MPH

Leandro Mena, MD, MPH, is a clinician-researcher and public health advocate with expertise in the prevention and clinical management of sexually transmitted diseases (STD) and the human immunodeficiency virus (HIV) and STD/HIV prevention research. He is founding chair of the Department of Population Health Science at the University of Mississippi Medical Center John D. Bower School of Population Health and professor of Medicine in the Division of Infectious Diseases. He directs the Center for HIV/AIDS Research, Education & Policy at the Myrlie Evers-Williams Institute for Elimination of Health Disparities, and serves as the STD medical director for the state of Mississippi. He is also the medical director of the Crossroads Clinic (Jackson's public HIV/STD clinic) and Open Arms Healthcare Center (a community-based clinic with a focus on the health needs of LGBT populations. He was awarded the 2016 Achievement Award by the Gay and Lesbian Medical Association (GLMA). He is board certified in infectious diseases with multiple publications.



Judith Montenegro

Judith Montenegro is the Program Director for Latinos in the South, a program of the Latino Commission on AIDS. Judith is a community organizer at heart and has worked on immigration reform, promoting higher education and health care access for Latinx and immigrant communities to eliminate health disparities since 2004. Judith currently serves on the Boards of Directors of the American Heart Association, Alianza Americas and El Centro Hispano, Inc. in North Carolina.



Bethsy Morales-Reid

Bethsy is the Senior Director for Health Initiatives at the Hispanic Federation. Ms. Morales-Reid leads the Latinos Unidos Contra el SIDA (LUCES) advocacy coalition, while also developing healthy living programs and health advocacy strategies that engage communities and their leaders. Bethsy is an experienced trainer/facilitator and has vast experience in working with non-traditional partners, type 2 diabetes, HIV/AIDS, viral hepatitis, advocacy, program design and evaluation, curriculum development, coalition building and capacity building. Bethsy is a native New Yorker who received her BA in Political Science at Fordham University, and her MA in International Affairs at the New School University.



Johanne E. Morne, MS

Johanne Morne currently serves as Director of the New York State Department of Health (NYSDOH) AIDS Institute. Ms. Morne has been with the AIDS Institute for more than 12 years. Ms. Morne's leadership has advanced the State's Ending the Epidemic initiative and the Hepatitis C Elimination campaign. Her direction of deliberations related to U=U led the NYSDOH to sign on to the U=U consensus statement. Ms. Morne has served as a board member of the National Alliance of State and Territorial AIDS Directors (NASTAD) and has served as Board Chair since May 2019. In 2019, Ms. Morne was appointed to the CDC/HRSA Advisory Committee (CHAC) on HIV, Viral Hepatitis and STD Prevention and Treatment. The CHAC advises on objectives, strategies, policies, and priorities for HIV, viral hepatitis, and STD prevention and treatment efforts.



José Joaquín Mulinelli Rodriguez

José Joaquín Mulinelli Rodriguez, Executive Director of Coai, Inc. in Puerto Rico. He defines himself as a Puerto Rican, gay, black, married man. Graduated with a degree in Business Administration from the University of Puerto Rico - Rio Piedras Campus in 1990. Since 1989, he began volunteering and working in several LGBTQI organizations that include Rainbow Pride Coalition, Gay and Lesbian Puerto Rican Coalition, AIDS Foundation of Puerto Rico. He has also served as a co-host for radio program Saliendo del Closet, columnist for newsletter PR

Breeze, co-host for the internet program ReTorxid@s, among other organizations. He has also served on the Board of Directors of PROFAMILIAS, Inc., Shared Action program at AIDS Project Los Angeles in California, and President of the Planning Council for HRSA Part A & Minority Aids Initiative Funds and the Puerto Rico Department of Health.



Bolivar Nieto, MA

Bolivar Nieto, MA, is the Director of Operations for Hands United, the technical assistance (TA) program at the Latino Commission on AIDS. Bolivar has more than 15 years of experience providing national, regional, and local TA aimed at addressing challenges impacting the effective implementation of HIV programming from an infrastructure and communication perspective. He has developed trainings and tools including: Talent Acquisition, Strategic Partnerships, Strategic Planning, Organizational Assessment, Understanding and Managing Burnout, Process Charting, Spark Summit, and others. Bolivar is an organizational development practitioner with degrees in Industrial-Organizational Psychology and Business Administration from Baruch College and the City University of New York.



Harold J. Phillips, MRP

Harold J. Phillips works in the Office of HIV/AIDS and Infectious Disease Policy (OIDP), Office of Assistant Secretary for Health at the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services as the Senior HIV Advisor and Chief Operating Officer of Ending the HIV Epidemic: A Plan for America. In this position, he oversees the coordination of the initiative's activities, ensuring that all U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) operating divisions are collaborating and communicating as they work to support jurisdictions in making the best use of the science, data, and tools we now have available to end the HIV epidemic. He also works to ensure there is both community awareness and engagement in our efforts to End the HIV Epidemic. He has a Master's degree in urban and regional planning from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill and an undergraduate degree from Kalamazoo College in Michigan.



Dennis O. Romero, M.A.

Mr. Dennis O. Romero, M.A., is the first Regional Administrator (RA), DHHS Region II for the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA), an operating division of the U. S. Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS). In that role, he represents the Assistant Secretary for Mental Health and Substance Use at the regional level in fulfilling the agency's mission of reducing the impact of mental illness and substance abuse on America's communities. He earned his Bachelor of Arts Degree in Philosophy and Psychology from Cathedral College, and Master's Degree in Counseling Psychology from Manhattan College. He received post-graduate training at the State University of New York, Albany Campus.



Bamby Salcedo, M.A.

Bamby, nationally and internationally recognized transgender Latina Woman who received her Master's Degree in Latin@ Studies from California State California Los Angeles. Bamby is the President and CEO of the TransLatin@ Coalition, a national organization that focuses on addressing the issues of transgender Latin@s in the US. Bamby's remarkable and wide-ranging activism has brought voice and visibility to not only the trans community, but also to the multiple overlapping experiences including migration, HIV, youth, LGBT, incarceration and Latin@ communities. Bamby has been featured and recognized in multiple media outlets such as People en Español, Latina Magazine, Cosmopolitan, the Los Angeles Times, Los Angeles Magazine, OUT 100 and featured in the HBO documentary The Trans List, among many other.



Billy Sample

Mr. Sample is the Telehealth Resource Center Program Manager for Medical Advocacy and Outreach (MAO) for the past last 8 years, maintaining the technology infrastructure for the agency, while developing and expanding their Telehealth Network. MAO currently has one of the State of Alabama's most robust Telehealth Networks and is currently the only agency state wide to use telehealth for Direct Patient care. Mr. Sample currently trains and assists medical organizations nationwide develop and deploy their own telehealth strategy. He provides technical guidance and follow on training and support for Medical and Administrative personnel.



Monique Tula

Monique Tula is the Executive Director of Harm Reduction Coalition. Ms. Tula holds a degree in Community Planning with a concentration in Non-Profit Management from the University of Massachusetts and a Masters Certificate in Non-Profit Leadership and Management from Boston University's School of Management. Previously, she was the Vice President of Programs with AIDS United. With more than 20 years of experience in the non-profit sector, Ms. Tula has devoted her career to harm reduction advocacy and infrastructure development of community-based organizations. Ms. Tula is a recipient of multiple awards, nominations and recognitions and presently serves as Board Chair for BEAM, a collective of mental and emotional health advocates focused on Black people in America.

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March 19, 2020

Dear Friends:

I am delighted to send greetings and to welcome you to the 23rd Annual Reunion Latina Training Institute of the Latino Commission on AIDS focusing on the theme, "Addressing Stigma, Advancing Public Health: Working Together to End Health Disparities." This theme speaks to the need for our communities to come together to respond to the impact of stigma and the changing landscape of health care access and delivery.

This occasion brings together many key partners from all over New York State to share strategies and best practices for HIV/AIDS prevention, support, care and treatment. Thank you for remaining at the forefront of ending epidemics, eliminating hepatitis c, and addressing chronic conditions that disproportionately impact many New Yorkers.

The NYSDOH AIDS Institute applauds your collective efforts to address health disparities with the intention of achieving health equity. We must continue to work together to reduce stigma and leverage all opportunities to promote health and wellness.

My best wishes to all.

Sincerely,

Johanne E Morne

Johanne E. Morne, MS
Director
AIDS Institute

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NEW YORK, NY 10007

March 19, 2020

Dear Friends:

I am delighted to join the Latino Commission on AIDS in welcoming everyone to the 23rd Annual Reunion Latina Training Institute.

New Yorkers have always been known for their resiliency and ambition, and my administration is committed to addressing the challenges our city faces with solutions that are worthy of its diverse and dynamic residents. While we are on track to meet our goals to end the HIV/AIDS epidemic in our city by 2020, we will not rest until every individual affected by this disease receives the services and support they deserve, and the Latino Commission on AIDS has demonstrated exemplary leadership in this work for three decades. Its Annual Reunion Latino Training Institute brings together members of the HIV/AIDS community, scholars, health professionals, and Hepatitis C service providers for an opportunity to network, share evidence-based approaches to treatment, and discuss further opportunities for collaboration. I applaud all those in attendance for their work to end the HIV/AIDS epidemic, viral hepatitis, and chronic conditions disproportionately impacting vulnerable New Yorkers. Together, we will forge a healthier future for the five boroughs and beyond.

On behalf of the City of New York, please accept my best wishes for a memorable training and continued success.

Sincerely,

Bill de Blasio
Mayor

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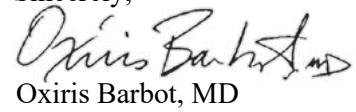
This year's theme, "Addressing Stigma, Advancing Public Health: Working Together to End Health Disparities," touches on the detrimental effects of prejudice and shame on individual and community health outcomes and on the need to combat them collectively. Diseases and chronic illnesses are equal opportunity aggressors; they pay no heed to race, ethnicity, sexual orientation, gender identity, immigration status, language, religion, or income. But decades of structural social and economic forces have led to significant health inequities, and stigma against the most affected is frequently among the greatest barriers to change.

This has been especially true in the fight against HIV/AIDS and associated medical conditions. The good news is that here in New York City, the number of new HIV diagnoses in our last annual count fell below 2,000 for the first time since surveillance began, and declines were seen among all racial and ethnic groups.

But people of color remain disproportionately affected. In the same year, Latinos accounted for nearly 43% of diagnoses among men who have sex with men, and statewide, Latino rates of diagnosis were 6.6 times higher than the rate for whites.

Ending HIV – and especially the stigma and discrimination still attached to it – demands that we come together across communities of every kind to raise awareness, develop solutions, and take action. The incredible advances we have already made are as much the result of community engagement, population intervention, and neighborhood support systems as they are medical breakthroughs. I am so gratefully for the organizations, providers, health professionals, academic institutions, health departments, and dedicated individuals from across the state who are here to share strategies and best practices. With your continued commitment, we will succeed.

Sincerely,



Oxiris Barbot, MD
Commissioner



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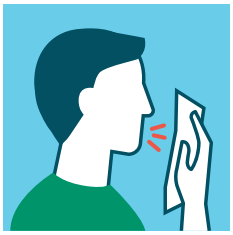
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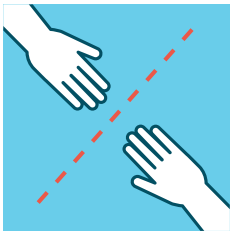
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You might have been exposed

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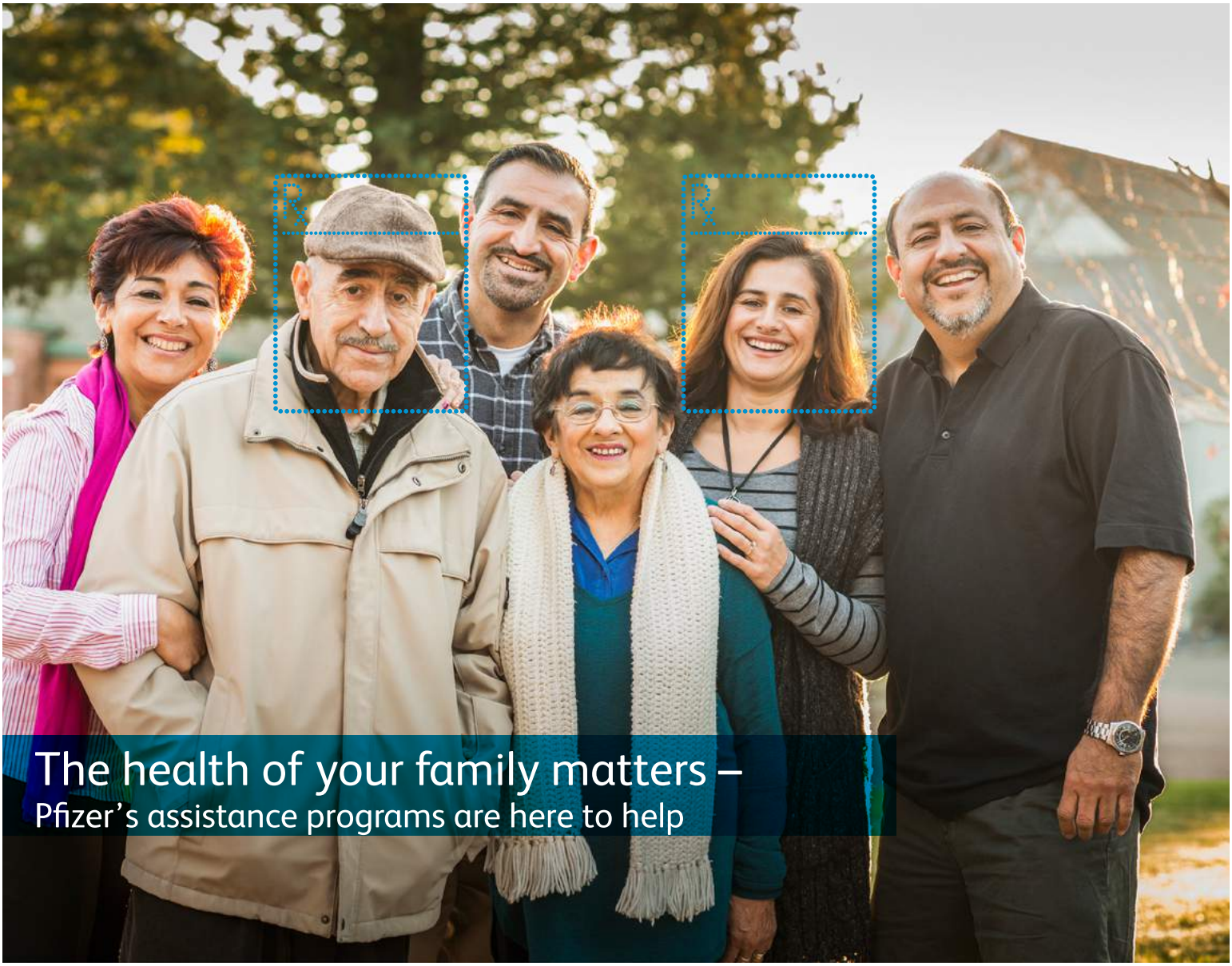
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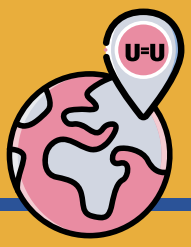
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- Transforms the social, sexual and reproductive lives of people with HIV and their partners
- Dismantles HIV stigma on the personal, community, clinical and policy level
- Encourages people living with HIV to start and stay on treatment and engage in care to stay healthy and stop new transmissions
- Strengthens advocacy efforts for universal access to treatment and care



Share the message, join the movement:

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Share the message with your communities
Stay connected with **#UequalsU** on social media

Organizations are invited to join as U=U Community Partners at www.uequalsu.org to stay updated with resources and engage with a global community of over 750 organizations from nearly 100 countries.



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"From a practical standpoint, the risk is zero."
–Anthony S. Fauci, M.D., Director, NIAID, NIH

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*Having an undetectable viral load means that HIV treatment has suppressed the virus so low in the body that it's not detected by tests. This keeps a person with HIV healthy and prevents HIV transmission through sex. Prevention Access Campaign pays tribute to the first U=U Community Partners to sign on to the campaign including the New York City and NY State departments of health, the first the city and state public health department partners; NASTAD, the first nonprofit partner; Janssen Pharmaceutical Companies of Johnson & Johnson, the first pharmaceutical company partner; CATIE, the first HIV research resource partner; HIV Medicine Association, the first HIV provider association partner; and Broadway Cares / Equity Fights AIDS, the first funding partner.

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