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**Meeting Location: Vermont Corridor**  
510 S. Vermont Ave. Los Angeles, CA 90020  
Terrace Level Conference Room TK11  
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**TRANSGENDER CAUCUS (TG) IN-PERSON MEETING AGENDA**  
**TUESDAY, JULY 23, 2024**  
**10:00 AM – 12:00 PM**

510 S. Vermont Ave  
Terrace Level Conference Room TK11  
Los Angeles, CA 90020  
Validated Parking: 523 Shatto Place, Los Angeles, CA 90020

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| <b>1. WELCOME + INTRODUCTIONS + CHECK-IN</b>                                       | 10:00am-10:10am |
| <b>2. CO-CHAIR'S REPORT</b>  | 10:10am-10:30am |
| a. Harm Reduction Institute Recap  |                 |
| b. Revisit Meeting Frequency   |                 |
| <b>3. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR/STAFF REPORT</b>  | 10:30am-10:40am |
| a. Operational and Programmatic Updates  |                 |
| <b>4. DISCUSSION</b>   | 10:40am-11:40am |
| a. Reflections from PRIDE  |                 |
| b. Draft recommendations to Planning, Priorities, and Allocations (PP&A) Committee |                 |
| <b>5. MEETING RECAP + NEXT AGENDA MEETING</b>                                      | 11:40am-11:45am |
| <b>6. PUBLIC COMMENTS + ANNOUNCEMENTS</b>  | 11:45am-12:00pm |
| <b>7. ADJOURNMENT</b>  | 12:00pm         |



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**TRANSGENDER CAUCUS 2024 MEETING SCHEDULE | (updated 7.17.24)**

All meetings are virtual unless a location is noted in blue.

DATE	KEY AGENDA ITEMS/TOPICS (subject to change; for planning purposes)
<b>Jan 23</b> 10am to 11:30 am	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Nominate/Elect Co-Chairs for 2024</li> <li>Develop meeting schedule and learning session topics for 2024</li> </ul>
<b>Feb 27</b> 10am to 12pm <b>REACH LA HQ</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Priority Setting and Resource Allocation (PSRA) process overview</li> <li>Plan for Harm Reduction Institute</li> </ul>
Mar 26 10am to 12pm	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Service Standard Development overview</li> <li>Draft PSRA recommendations to PP&amp;A Committee</li> <li>Plan for Harm Reduction Institute</li> </ul>
<b>Apr 23</b> 10am to 12pm	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Draft recommendations to PP&amp;A Committee regarding PSRA process</li> <li>Review Public Policy Committee (PPC) Legislative Docket</li> <li>Share updates regarding Harm Reduction Institute</li> </ul>
<b>Apr 29</b> 8:30am-3pm <b>Vermont Corridor Terrace Level</b>	<b>Community Engagement Activity:</b> Harm Reduction Institute. Event will take place at the Terrace Level (9 <sup>th</sup> Floor) of the Vermont Corridor (510. S. Vermont Ave. Los Angeles, CA 90020). Inform security/parking attendants that you are attending an event for the Commission on HIV.
<b>May 28</b>	<b>MEETING CANCELLED</b>
<b>Jun 25</b>	<b>MEETING CANCELLED</b>
<b>Jul 23</b> 10am to 11:30 am <b>Vermont Corridor Terrace Level</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Meeting will take place at the Terrace Level (9<sup>th</sup> floor) of the Vermont Corridor (510 S. Vermont Ave. Los Angeles, CA 90020). Inform security/parking attendants that you are attending a meeting for the Commission on HIV.</li> <li>Reflections from PRIDE and review meeting frequency</li> </ul>
<b>Aug 27</b> 10am to 11:30 am	TBD
<b>Sep 24</b> 10am to 11:30 am	TBD
<b>Oct 22</b> 10am to 11:30 am	TBD
<b>Nov 14</b> 9am-4pm	2024 Commission on HIV Annual Conference Location: TBD
<b>Nov 26</b> 10am to 11:30 am	Consider cancelling; Thanksgiving Holiday is on Nov. 28
<b>Dec 24</b>	<b>MEETING CANCELLED</b>



## Transgender Caucus Workplan 2024 | Adopted on 2/27/24 | *Revised 7/17/24*

**PURPOSE OF THIS DOCUMENT:** To identify activities and priorities the Transgender Caucus will lead and advance throughout 2024.

**CAUCUS RESPONSIBILITIES:** 1) Facilitate dialogue among caucus members, 2) develop caucus voice at the Commission and in the community, 3) provide the caucus perspective on various Commission issues, and 4) cultivate leadership within the caucus membership and consumer community.

#	Activities	Description	Target Deadline	Status/Notes
1	Strengthen core Caucus responsibilities.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Streamline priorities and meeting agendas</li> <li>Strengthen relationships between members</li> <li>Reduce barriers for participation in meetings</li> </ul>	Ongoing	COH staff meet with co-chairs in-between meeting cycles to discuss agenda development
2	Implement Transgender Caucus 2024 meeting and Community Engagement activities schedule.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Harm Reduction Institute – Apr. 29, 2024</li> </ul>	Ongoing	Caucus members are encouraged to participate and share event marketing materials.
3	Integrate mini training at meetings on how decisions are made on the Commission.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Hold trainings for members related to the COH and COH purpose, decision-making process, and composition</li> <li>Build trust between the community and Commission</li> <li>Encourage members to participate in COH-related activities and consider applying to become Commissioner</li> <li>Increase visibility of the LAC COH in the community</li> </ul>	Ongoing	Caucus members are invited to participate in committee and caucus meetings for the Commission on HIV. See the meeting schedule here: <a href="https://hiv.lacounty.gov/meetings">https://hiv.lacounty.gov/meetings</a>
4	Elevate the Caucus perspective on activities led by the Commission on HIV Standards and Best Practices (SBP) Committee.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Provide feedback and recommendations to the SBP Committee to inform the service standard review/development process</li> <li>Elevate requests for service standards review to SBP Committee for consideration</li> </ul>	Ongoing	COH staff provided a brief overview of the Service Standard Development process.
5	Elevate the Caucus perspective on activities led by the Commission on HIV Public Policy Committee (PPC).	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Provide feedback and recommendations to the PPC to inform the policy priorities document review process and legislative docket development process</li> <li>Elevate policy and legislative recommendations to Public Policy for consideration</li> </ul>	Ongoing	COH staff provided a brief overview of the Policy Priorities and Legislative Docket development process.
6	Elevate the Caucus perspective on activities led by the Commission on HIV Planning, Priorities, and Allocations (PP&A) Committee.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Provide feedback and recommendations to the PP&amp;A Committee to inform the Priority Setting and Resource Allocation (PSRA) process</li> </ul>	Ongoing	COH staff provided a brief overview of the PSRA process.



## **Steps in the Priority Setting and Resource Allocation Process Ryan White Program Year – March 1 to February 28**

**1**

Review core medical and support service categories, including HRSA service definitions

**2**

Review data/information from DHSP & COH Caucuses

**3**

Agree on how decisions will be made; what values will be used to drive the decision-making process

**4**

Rank services by priority  
*Ranking DOES NOT equal level of allocation by percentage*

**5**

Allocate funding sources to service categories by percentage  
*Ryan White Program Part A and Minority AIDS Initiative (MAI)*

**6**

Draft Directives: Provide instructions to DHSP on how best to meet the priorities  
*Informed by COH Committees, Caucuses, Task Forces, data, PLWH & provider input*

**7**

Reallocation of funds across service categories, as needed throughout funding cycle



## Ryan White Program Service Categories

### Core Medical Services

- AIDS Drug Assistance Program (ADAP) Treatments
- Local AIDS Pharmaceutical Assistance Program (LPAP)
- Early Intervention Services (EIS)
- Health Insurance Premium and Cost Sharing Assistance for Low-Income Individuals
- Home and Community-Based Health Services (aka Home-based Case Management)
- Home Health Care
- Hospice Services
- Medical Case Management, including Treatment Adherence Services (aka Medical Care Coordination)
- Medical Nutrition Therapy
- Mental Health Services
- Oral Health Care
- Outpatient/Ambulatory Health Services
- Substance Abuse Outpatient Care

### Supportive Services

- Childcare Services
- Emergency Financial Assistance
- Food Bank/Home Delivered Meals
- Health Education/Risk Reduction
- Housing
- Linguistic Services
- Medical Transportation
- Non-Medical Case Management Services
- Other Professional Services
  - Legal Services
  - Permanency Planning
- Outreach Services
- Permanency Planning
- Psychosocial Support
- Referral for Healthcare and Support Services
- Rehabilitation
- Respite Care
- Substance Abuse (Residential)



## Ryan White Program Parts

Program Part	Recipient	Funding Purpose
<p><b>Part A and Minority AIDS Initiative Funds*</b> (Locally managed by DHSP)</p>	<p><b>Eligible Metropolitan Areas (EMAs) &amp; Transitional Grant Areas (TGAs)</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Provide medical (core) and support services to cities/counties most severely affected by HIV</li> <li>• Minority AIDS Initiative – Help RWHAP recipients improve access to HIV care and health outcomes for minorities</li> </ul>
<p>Part B</p>	<p>All 50 states, District of Columbia, Puerto Rico, U.S. Virgin Islands, and six U.S. territories; states distribute money to counties</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Improve the quality of and access to HIV health care and support in the U.S.</li> <li>• Provide medications to low-income people with HIV through AIDS Drug Assistance Program (ADAP)</li> </ul>
<p>Part C</p>	<p>Local community-based groups (e.g., FQHCs, clinics, CBOs, FBOs, etc.)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Provide outpatient ambulatory health services and support for people with HIV</li> <li>• Help for community-based groups to strengthen their capacity to deliver high-quality HIV care</li> </ul>
<p>Part D</p>	<p>Local community-based organizations</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Provide medical care for low-income women, infants, children and youth with HIV</li> <li>• Offer support services for people with HIV and their family members</li> </ul>
<p>Part F</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• AETCs &amp; SPNS</li> <li>• Dental Programs</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• AIDS Education and Training Center (AETC) Program – Provide training and technical assistance to providers treating patients with or at risk for HIV</li> <li>• Special Projects of National Significance (SPNS) – Develop innovative models of HIV care and treatment to respond to RWHAP client needs</li> <li>• Dental Programs – Provide oral health care for people with HIV and education about HIV for dental care providers</li> </ul>

\* Indicates RWP Parts that are allocated by the Commission on HIV/Planning Council.



## **2024 Transgender Caucus Recommendations for Priority Setting and Resource Allocations (PSRA) Process**

### **Purpose**

Develop recommendations to inform the PSRA process led by the Planning, Priorities, and Allocations (PP&A) Committee.

### **Background**

The PSRA process consists of the following:

- **Priority Setting:** Process of deciding which HIV/AIDS services are the most important in providing a comprehensive system of care for all people living with HIV (PLWH) in Los Angeles County. The services are ranked and fall under two categories: Core Medical Services and Support Services. These services are further broken down into service categories.
- **Resource allocation:** Process of determining how much Ryan White HIV/AIDS Program (RHWAP) Part A and Minority AIDS Incentive (MAI) program funding will be allocated to each service category.
- **Directives:** Provides guidance to the Division on HIV and STD Programs (DHSP) on how to meet prevention and care priorities.

### **Strategy**

Commission on HIV (COH) staff provided an overview of the PSRA process at the 2/27/24 Transgender Caucus meeting. The Caucus co-chairs led attendees through a brainstorming session in which attendees shared their ideas for recommendations. At the 4/23/24 Caucus meeting, the co-chairs will continue the discussion on the draft recommendations made on 2/27/24 and solicit additional recommendations to submit to the PP&A Committee. Once all recommendations have been compiled, reviewed, and approved by the Caucus, COH staff will draft a memo outlining the recommendations and directives and transmit it to the PP&A Committee.

### **Draft recommendations from 2/27/24 Transgender Caucus meeting:**

- Require agencies contracted to provide housing services to develop policies that protect the rights of Transgender, Gender Non-Conforming, and Intersex (TGI) clients.
- Support funding for training and staff development opportunities for contracted agencies to offer trauma-informed service to TGI clients.
- Support funding for peer support services that assist TGI clients in navigating the healthcare systems such as Medi-Cal, Medi-Care, and the Ryan White system of care.
- Require agencies contracted to provide housing services to review their “wet” vs. “dry” housing policies for HIV specific housing.
  - Change policies related to HIV-specific housing to improve retention of TGI clients
  - Provide agencies should foster a safe space for TGI clients and be upfront with their clients by explaining the reasoning behind certain policies are in place.

### **Draft Recommendations from 4/29/24 “Harm Reduction Institute” Event:**

- Harm reduction services for Transgender, Gender non-conforming, and Intersex (TGI) people should center around building community with emphasis on relationships and peer support networks.
- Harm reduction services for TGI people should equip people with the tools they need to make the best-informed decision for themselves and help mitigate barriers to accessing harm reduction services due to stigma and shame.



- Organizations should hire and train more staff to serve and adequately meet the needs of TGI people. Contracts should include training and staff development opportunities to improve service delivery and client satisfaction. Additionally, there need to be more entry-level, non-degree positions for members of the TGI community.

**Revised Recommendations to the PP&A Committee:**

- Housing service providers must have policies in place that protect the rights of Transgender, Gender Non-Confirming, and Intersex (TGI) People Living with HIV (PLWH).
- Housing service providers must have staff trained in Trauma-Informed Care strategies.
- Core Medical and Support service providers must have staff qualified to provide gender-affirming/appropriate services to Transgender, Gender non-conforming, and Intersex people.

# 2024 TRAINING SERIES

## Commission on HIV (COH) Overview

July 23, 2024



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# Why Community Planning?

Public process increases transparency and accountability



Diverse perspectives (populations, disciplines, and services)



Informed by personal and professional experiences



Opportunity for equitable access to information and to influence how services are prioritized and shaped

# COH ORDINANCE

## INTEGRATED HIV/STD PREVENTION & CARE PLANNING COUNCIL (PC)

- Commission (PC) governed by Los Angeles County Ordinance 03.29 [http://lacounty-ca.elaws.us/code/coor\\_title3\\_ch3.29](http://lacounty-ca.elaws.us/code/coor_title3_ch3.29)
- Formally became an integrated PC in 2013
- PC is federally required in order to receive Ryan White funds for HIV/AIDS services
- Housed as an independent commission within the Executive Office of the Board of Supervisors (BOS) of the County of Los Angeles.

# COH ORDINANCE

## INTEGRATED HIV/STD PREVENTION & CARE PLANNING COUNCIL (PC)

- Advise Division of HIV and STD Programs (DHSP) on how to prevent and reduce HIV infections via the integrated HIV plan (aka Comprehensive HIV Plan or CHP)
- 51 voting members; 1/3 (33%) must be unaffiliated consumers (UC)
- UC: PLWH and currently using a Ryan White (RW) Part A – funded service(s) and not employed by an agency receiving RW Part A funds.



# LOS ANGELES COUNTY COMMISSION ON HIV

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BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

The Commission on HIV (COH) serves as the local planning council for the planning, allocation, coordination and delivery of HIV/AIDS and Sexually Transmitted Diseases (STD)



## MEMBERS

**51**

Nominated by the  
Commission on HIV.



## APPOINTMENT

By Board  
of Supervisors.



## TERM OF OFFICE\*

**2 years**

Serve at the pleasure  
of the Board.



## FORM 700

May be subject  
to file.



## QUALIFICATIONS\*

Recommended entities shall forward candidates to the Commission for membership consideration.

**Recommending entities and the nominating body are strongly encouraged to nominate candidates living with HIV disease or members of populations disproportionately affected by HIV/ STDs.**



## INCENTIVES\*

Gift cards or stipends, and reimbursements for mileage, transportation, childcare are available only to unaffiliated consumers.

**No more than \$150 per month as determined by the Commission policy.**



## DUTIES\*

The Commission on HIV is tasked with planning, allocation, coordination and delivery of HIV/AIDS and Sexually Transmitted Disease(s) (STDs) services in Los Angeles County.

**Consistent with Section 2602(b)(4) (42 U.S.C. § 300ff-12) of Ryan White legislation, HRSA guidance, and requirements of the CDC HIV Planning Guidance.**



## MEETINGS\*

At least ten (10) times per year, plus monthly Committee meetings.

**Additional time commitment may be required.**

# BOARD OF SUPERVISORS (BOS)



## Caucuses & Task Forces

Aging Caucus, Black Caucus, Consumer Caucus, Transgender Caucus, Women's Caucus, Bylaws Review Taskforce



# CAUCUSES

- Established by the COH as needed
- Provide a forum for Commission members of designated “special populations” to discuss their Commission-related experiences and to strengthen that population’s voice in Commission deliberations.
- With Commission consent, caucuses determine their membership, meeting conduct and timelines, work plans, and activities.



# CAUCUSES

- A vehicle to provide a safe and judgement-free setting where the Commission's caucus members can easily and freely discuss their reactions and experiences, share their insights, and exchange perceptions of issues addressed by the Commission among other Commission members who are more likely to share/ understand those perspectives.
- Intended to develop a more organized voice to ensure that the caucus population's perspective is effectively heard when relevant issues are raised and discussed at the Commission.



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# CAUCUSES

## Primary responsibilities:

1. Facilitating a forum for dialogue among the caucus members
2. Developing the caucus voice at the Commission and in the community
3. Providing the caucus perspective on various Commission issues
4. Cultivating leadership in the caucus membership and population

# DHSP and COH Roles and Responsibilities

- ❖ DHSP and COH = two independent entities, both with legislative authority and roles
- ❖ Some roles belong to one entity and some are shared
- ❖ Effectiveness requires clear understanding of the roles and responsibilities of each entity, *plus*:
  - ✓ Communications, information sharing, and collaboration between the recipient, COH, support staff, and community partners
  - ✓ Ongoing consumer and community involvement

## COH, DHSP, Roles & Responsibilities

Task	Committee	DHSP	COH
Carry Out Needs Assessment	PP&A	X	X
Do Comprehensive Planning	PP&A	X	X
Set Priorities*	PP&A		X
Allocate Resources*	PP&A		X
Manage Procurement		X	
Monitor Contracts		X	
Evaluate Effectiveness of Planning Activities	PP&A	X	X
Evaluate Effectiveness of Care Strategies	SBP	X	X
Do Quality Management		X	[Standards Committee Involvement]
Assess the Efficiency of the Administrative Mechanism*	Operations		X
Member Recruitment, Retention and Training	Operations		X

\* Sole responsibility of RWHAP Part A Planning Councils

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Fesia A. Davenport

June 27, 2024

To: Supervisor Lindsey P. Horvath, Chair  
Supervisor Hilda L. Solis  
Supervisor Holly J. Mitchell  
Supervisor Janice Hahn  
Supervisor Kathryn Barger

From: Fesia A. Davenport FAD  
Chief Executive Officer [FAD \(Jun 25, 2024 10:56 PDT\)](#)

### **REPORT BACK ON 2024-25 RECOMMENDED BUDGET REQUEST FOR INVESTMENTS THAT SERVE THE TRANSGENDER, GENDER NON-CONFORMING, AND INTERSEX (TGI) COMMUNITY (ITEM NO. 82, AGENDA OF APRIL 23, 2024)**

On April 23, 2024, as part of the 2024-25 Recommended Budget discussion, Supervisor Horvath directed the Chief Executive Officer to report back to the Board of Supervisors (Board) with investments related to existing programs that already serve the Transgender, Gender Non-Conforming, and Intersex (TGI) community.

It is estimated that 14,428 transgender individuals live in LA County, with a potential range of 7,214 to 21,642.<sup>1</sup> As this population experiences a high degree of unique needs and challenges, it is important to ensure that there are programs available to address their needs in a supportive and affirming manner.

The Chief Executive Office (CEO) surveyed all 38 County departments to identify existing investments specific to the TGI community. Eight departments responded with current estimated TGI investment information, and noted that they have other broader programs that the TGI community is likely participating in. These departments are: CEO, Capital Projects (CP) and Homeless Initiative (HI); Children and Family Services (DCFS); Executive Office of the Board (EO), Human Relations Commission (HRC); Health Services (DHS); Justice, Care and Opportunities (JCOD); Mental Health (DMH); Public Health (DPH); and the LA County Library (Library).

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<sup>1</sup> Division of HIV and STD Programs, Los Angeles County Department of Public Health, "Los Angeles County Transgender Population Estimates," 2012.





**County Departmental TGI Community Investments**

<b>County Dept.</b>	<b>Program/Service Description</b>	<b>Estimated One-Time Funding</b>	<b>Estimated Ongoing Funding</b>
CEO-HI	Casa Del Zuma - an interim housing program run for transgender women		\$400,000
CEO-CP	Trans-Inclusive Housing project	\$8,000,000	
DCFS	TGI affirming community-based services for DCFS youth and families; affirming products and events for TGI youth; recruitment of affirming caregivers; and staff training on affirming practices		\$3,417,400
EO-HRC	Tracking TGI hate crimes; care coordination and services for TGI people experiencing hate; TGI supportive messaging, outreach, and awareness; and monitoring of TGI inmates in jail		\$200,000
DHS	Gender Health Clinics – gender affirming medical and mental health services, and transgender health services (medical and surgical)		\$950,000
JCOD	Transitional housing for post-release TGI people; tailored mobile clinic services; behavioral health supports for TGI people; and health education		\$1,179,500
DMH	LGBTQIA2-S Champion Network providing consultation to staff and external partners on affirming practices, and web-based affirming trainings	\$210,000	\$1,000,000
DPH	Trans Wellness Centers for holistic service array; TGI health education; TransInLA social media; Visibility <i>Transformed</i> event; DoxyPEP Campaign with a TGI focus; TGI specific trainings/ toolkits for emergency preparedness and homeless shelter staff, and substance abuse treatment providers	\$20,000	\$2,770,500
Library	TGI specific books and DVDs; Pride website page with resources; and the Rainbow Parenting and Family Program for creating safe spaces and connections		\$540,000
<b>Total Estimated Funding</b>		<b>\$8,230,000</b>	<b>\$10,457,400</b>

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A recent report from the Williams Institute, TransLatin@ Coalition, and the Royal Collection Corporation found that 40 percent of TGI survey respondents had applied for government benefits within the last 12 months, and that 48 percent of them experienced being harassed, misgendered, or denied access to the appropriate bathroom by staff or security during the process. These data support the need to further enhance access to affirming care and service delivery, and to expand the variety of supportive services and supports offered through trusted partners.<sup>2</sup>

In 2023, the Board established the LA County LGBTQ+ Commission (Commission), and its first Executive Director, Sunitha Menon, started her position in June 2024. This Commission will be helpful in engaging with the TGI community and highlighting their needs, as well as making recommendations to our partners on achieving comprehensive and affirming care.

Should you have any questions concerning this matter, please contact me or Carrie D. Miller, Branch Manager, at (213) 262-7823 or [cmiller@ceo.lacounty.gov](mailto:cmiller@ceo.lacounty.gov).

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c: Executive Office, Board of Supervisors  
County Counsel  
Children and Family Services  
Health Services  
Justice, Care and Opportunities  
LA County Library  
Mental Health  
Public Health

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<sup>2</sup> Williams Institute, TransLatin@ Coalition, & Royal Collection Corporation, "LA County Trans and Nonbinary Survey: Key Findings and Recommendations," 2024.



# GARM REDUCTION INSTITUTE

Presented By

**REACH LA**

# AGENDA

9:30 - 10 AM: Community Discussion on LGBTQ+ Substance Use

10 - 10:15 AM: BREAK

10:15 - 11 AM: REACH LA's Harm Reduction Survey  
Julien De Jesus & Jake Moran

11 - 12 PM: Health Equity Action Liaison (HEAL) Panel  
Moderated by Jade Ali

12 - 1 PM: LUNCH & Performance by Die Anna & S A M

1 - 1:45 PM: Harm Reduction in Young Adults & Adolescent Populations  
Blanca Tinoco-Rodriguez | Children's Hospital Los Angeles

1:45 - 2:45 PM: Naloxone Training & Demonstration  
Inland Empire Harm Reduction

2:45 - 3PM - Closing Remarks and Evaluation

# Land Acknowledgement

As people located in Southern California we at REACH LA would like to respectfully acknowledge and recognize our responsibility to the original and current caretakers of this land, water, and air: the Gabrieleno, Serrano, Tongva, and Cahuilla peoples and all of their ancestors and descendants, past, present, and future. Today this meeting place is home to many indigenous peoples from all over the world and we are grateful to have the opportunity to visit these homelands

Please take a moment to acknowledge and reflect on the native, aboriginal, and indigenous peoples of your area from which you are physically joining us today, if you are unfamiliar with the original and current caretakers of the land, water, and air from your area, we highly encourage you to take the time to self-education, reflect and listen to these histories

# LA COUNTY COMMISSION ON HIV

The Los Angeles County Commission on HIV (COH) serves as the integrated prevention and care local planning council for the planning, allocation, coordination, and delivery of HIV/AIDS and STD services. The COH is composed of 51 members appointed by the Board of Supervisors and represents a broad and diverse group of providers, consumers, and stakeholders. 33% of the membership are individuals living with HIV who are consumers of the federally funded Ryan White Program.



# REACH LA

In 1992, three women artists and one community organizer founded REACH LA in response to the lack of HIV/AIDS prevention education for youth of color. They worked with teenage youth to develop educational programming that was targeted to combat the rise in HIV infection rates. Our current approach includes HIV prevention education, HIV testing, linkage to care, and mental health support services for HIV positive and high-risk negative youth and young adults. In addition, we host a variety of creative arts programming to create space for local community artists through visual and performance mediums. REACH LA has built a safe and supportive environment that strives to educate, motivate and mobilize youth around sexual/reproductive health, culture and self-preservation.

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YOUTH CALIFORNIA





# Community Discussion

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## LGBTQ+ Harm Reduction Community Discussion

A. How are your agencies intersecting Harm Reduction and HIV for TGI/LGBQ Individuals in LA County?

a. What are the challenges and successes?

b. How has this improved or benefited services?

B. How has Harm Reduction personally impacted you, and why is it essential to include it in HIV Prevention services?

Participants will split into pairs or groups (20 minutes to discuss, 10 minutes to share back)

# LGBTQ+ Harm Reduction Community Discussion

## LET'S SHARE!

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HARM REDUCTION





# Harm Reduction Survey

Preliminary Findings

Presented By

**REACH LA**

# WHO WE ARE

# REACH LA



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# ABOUT THE SURVEY

## Welcome

This survey's purpose is to gather information on the changing climate of substance use in LA County as it pertains to LGBTQ+ communities from the ages of 13-50. REACH LA aims to identify the challenges our communities face and why they decide to use substances. Using this survey, we will create a report that analyzes the data to push policy makers to create sustainable programming that centers LGBTQ+ Harm Reduction.

Administered December 2023 - April 2024

# SURVEY ELIGIBILITY

1

**2S/LGBTQ+**

2

**Resident of LA County**

3

**13-50 years old**

**\*Especially interested in learning from TGI (Trans, Gender-expansive, Intersex) Black and/or Latinx folks with lived experience with substance use\***



# WHY THESE POPULATIONS?

REACH LA primarily serves Black and Latinx individuals.

- **Disproportionate Impact:** Black and brown communities have borne the brunt of the War on Drugs.
- **Lack of Data:** Minimal to no research exists on substance use among TGI individuals, especially those of color.
- **Data Gaps:** REACH LA works with SAMHSA, but SAMHSA only began including considerations for trans individuals in surveys last year.

# PARTICIPANT LOGISTICS



- **Survey Tools** : Utilized SurveyMonkey for access and distribution via QR codes and/or email invites.
- **Participant Incentive**: Offered a \$30 Target gift card upon survey completion
- **Tracking and Management**: Monitored participant engagement and responses using Excel and Notion



# PARTICIPANT RECRUITMENT

## Behold Our Legacy

Interested in supporting the work of transforming the landscape of LGBTQ+ substance use in LA County?

**Complete our Harm Reduction Survey and receive a \$30 incentive!**

### Eligibility:

1. 2S/LGBTQ+
2. LA County Resident
3. Ages 13-50 years old

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# HEALTH EQUITY & ACTION LIASION (HEAL) PROGRAM

## 1. Garner Unique Survey Responses

- **Approach:** Encouraged HEALers to utilize their personal networks to gather varied opinions & experiences.
- **Benefit:** Achieved a broader, more inclusive data set that reflects the true diversity of the community.

## 2. Participate in Program Meetings & Outreach

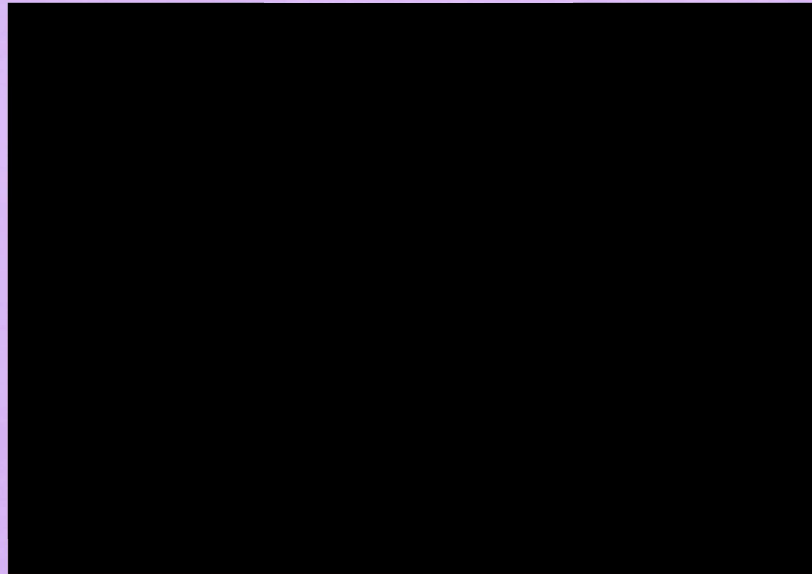
- **Role:** Shared insights, offer feedback, and help shape the direction of community outreach efforts.
- **Impact:** Provided community members with harm reduction education, tools, and skills.


## 3. Collaboratively Host Sexy & Sober

- **Purpose:** Organized an social event focused on promoting a fun, inclusive, and substance-free environment.
- **Outcome:** Strengthened community bonds, provided a safe social setting, and highlighted party atmosphere through the lens of sober living, introduced folks to REACH LA and its services.

# SURVEY QUESTIONS

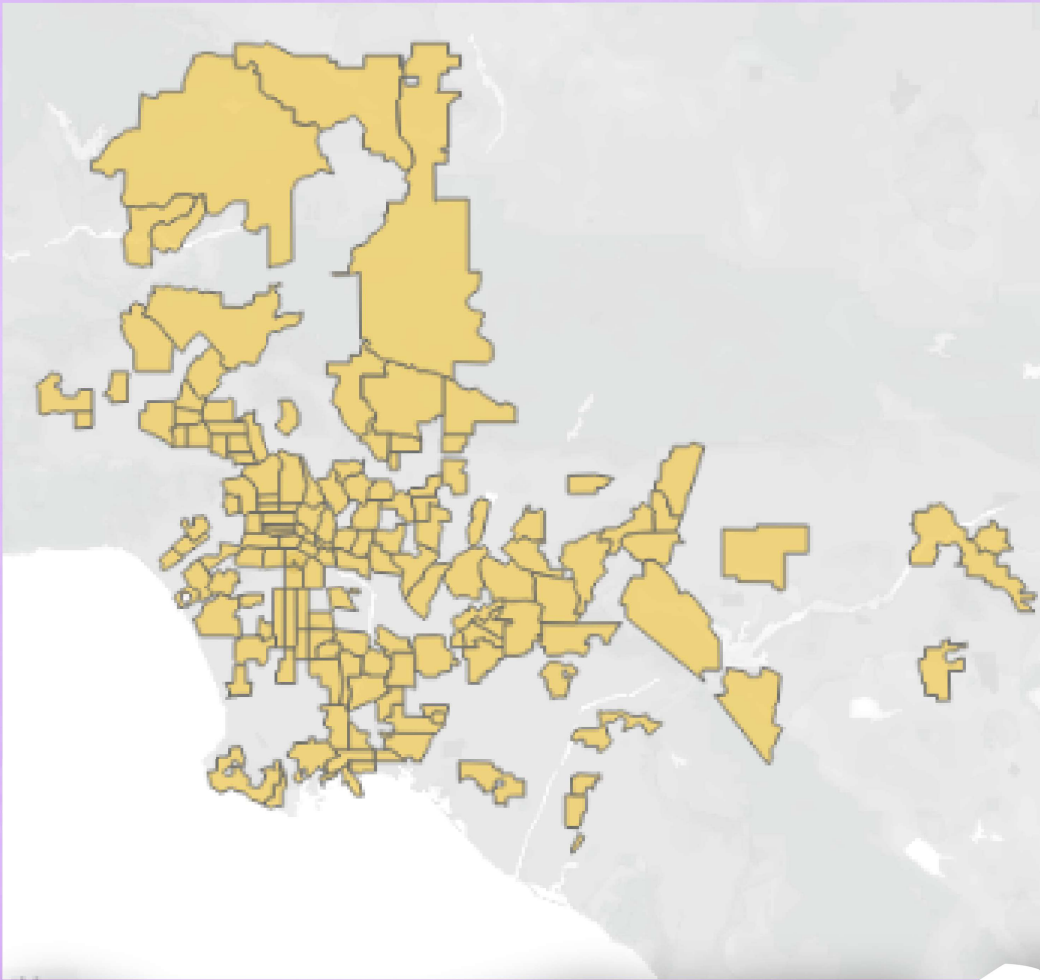
- Question Types: Mostly multiple-choice & checkboxes with some written responses.
- Survey Sections:
  - **Demographics**
  - **HIV/STIs**
  - **Police/Probation**
  - **Substance Use**
  - **Recovery**
  - **Harm Reduction**
  - **Feedback**





**PRELIMINARY  
RESULTS**

# DEMOGRAPHICS

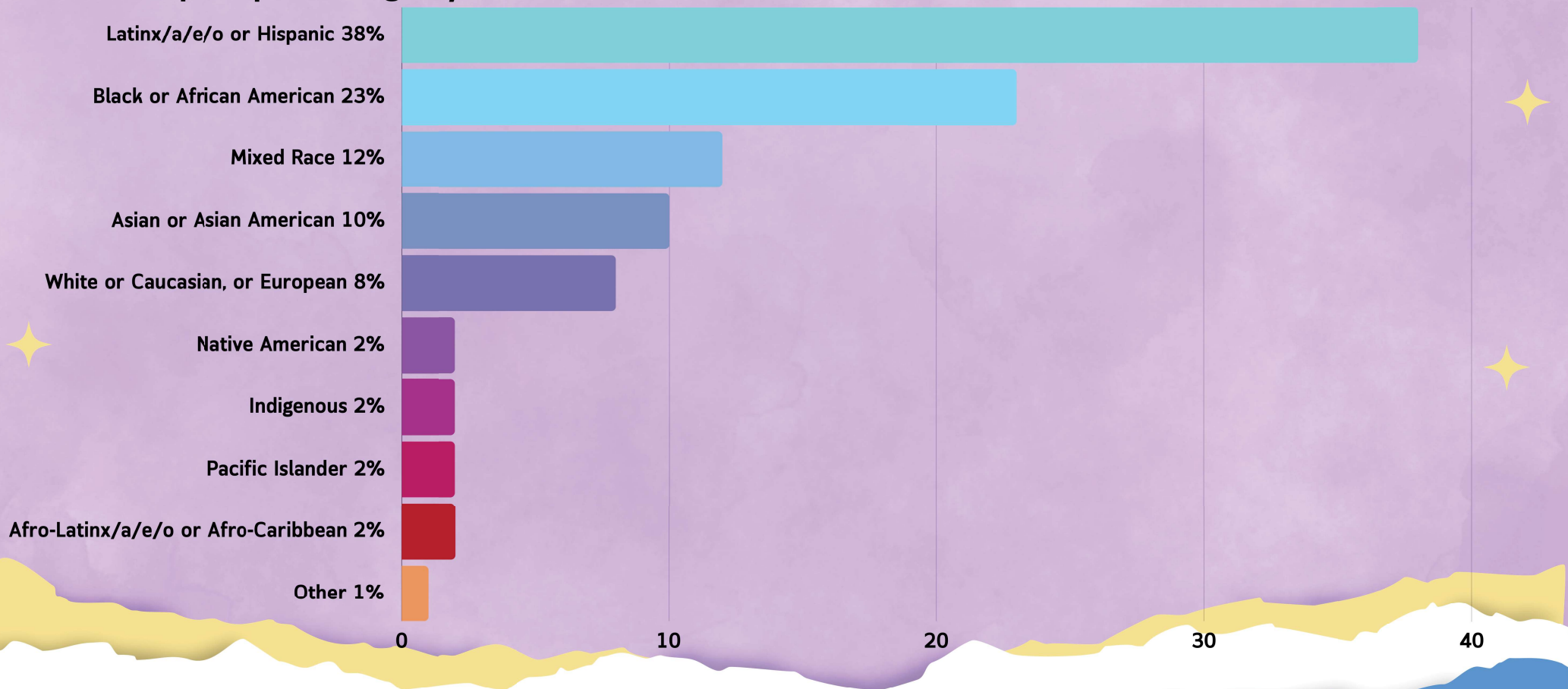


**340 Community members  
completed our survey**

**This map shows zip code coverage of where  
participants reside**

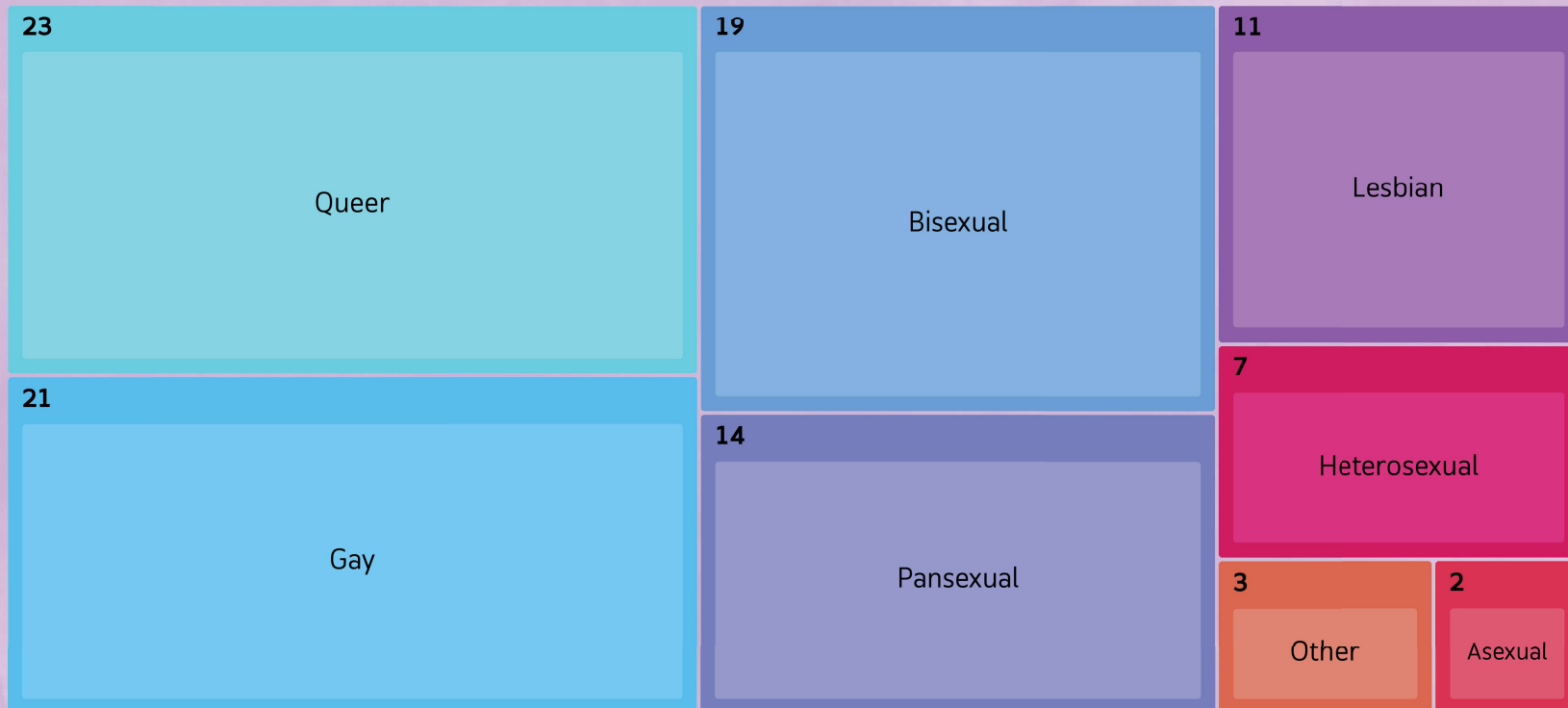
# SURVEY PARTICIPANTS

## Participant percentage by race



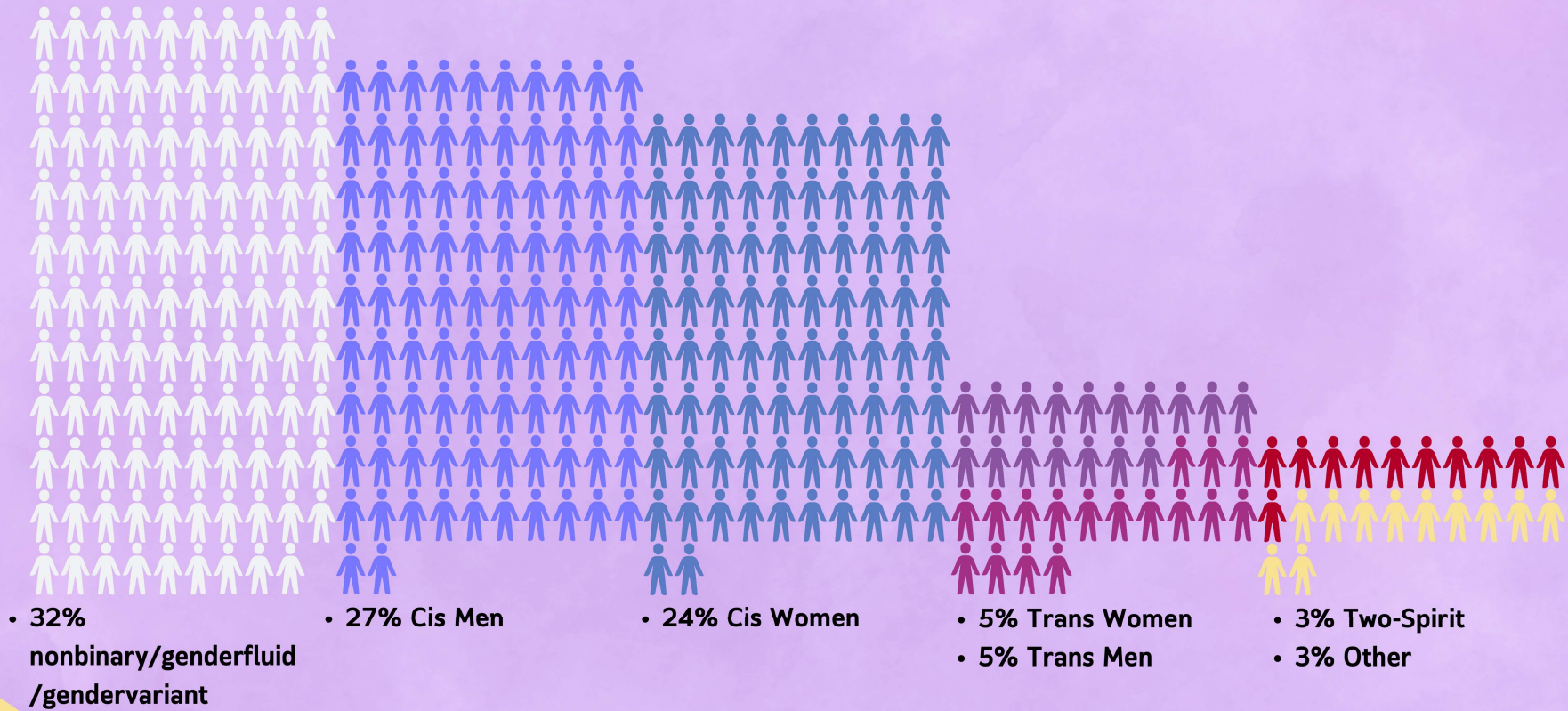
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Participant percentage by sexuality



# SURVEY PARTICIPANTS

## PARTICIPANT PERCENTAGE BY GENDER

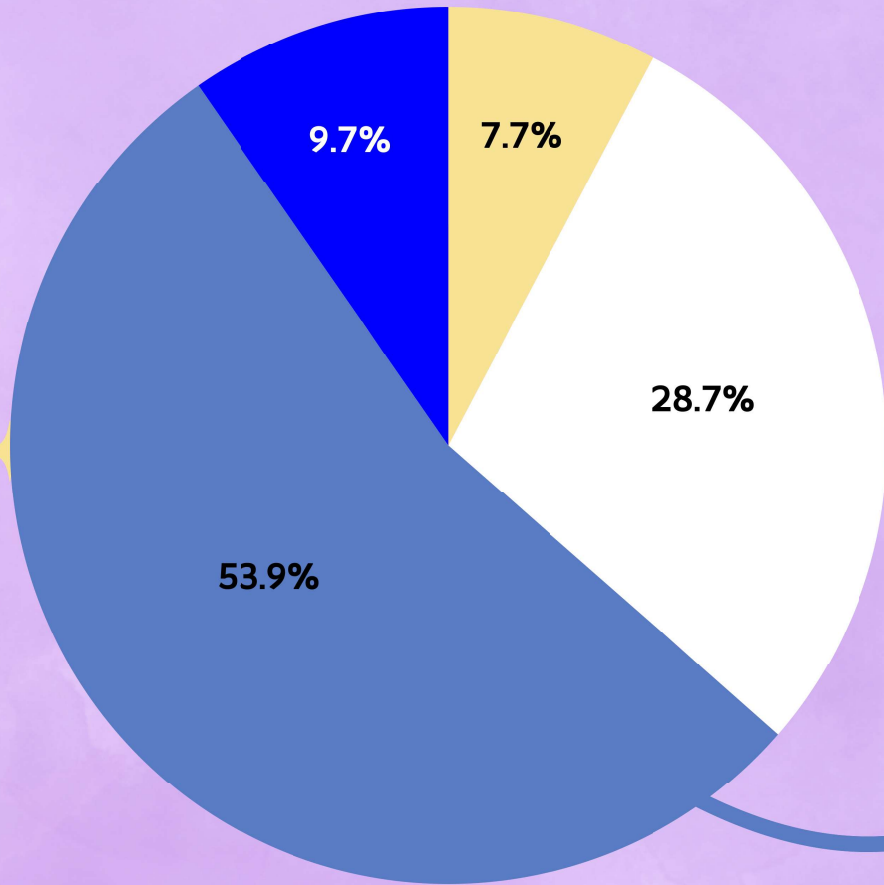




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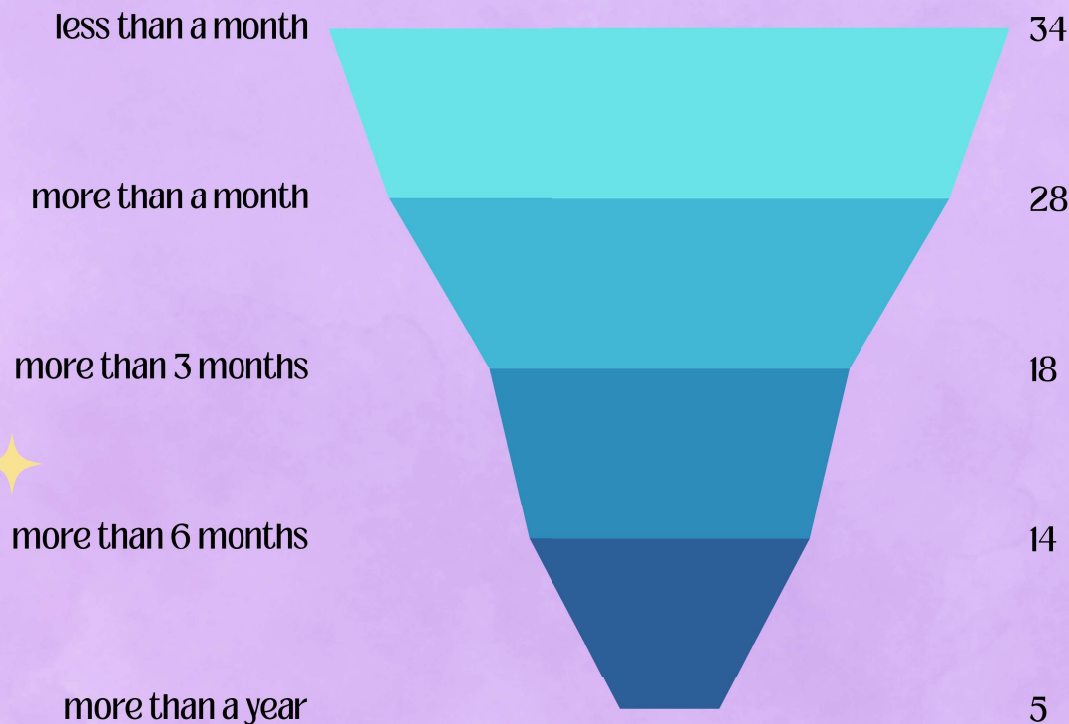
Participant percentage by Age

40-52 30-39 20-29 14-19



**Highest participation from those 24-25 yrs old making up 14%**

# HIV TESTING



34 **55 percent** of participants indicated being “regularly” tested for HIV

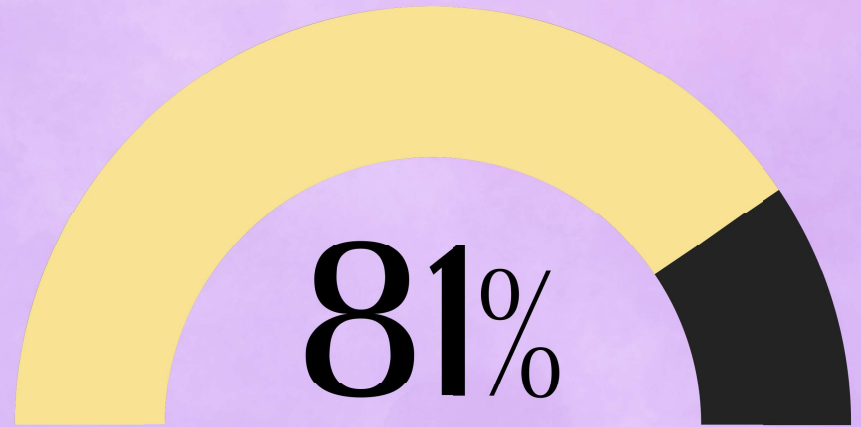
28 **Over 1/3 of participants** indicated high frequency - being within the last month

14 **Continued efforts to promote regular testing are needed!**

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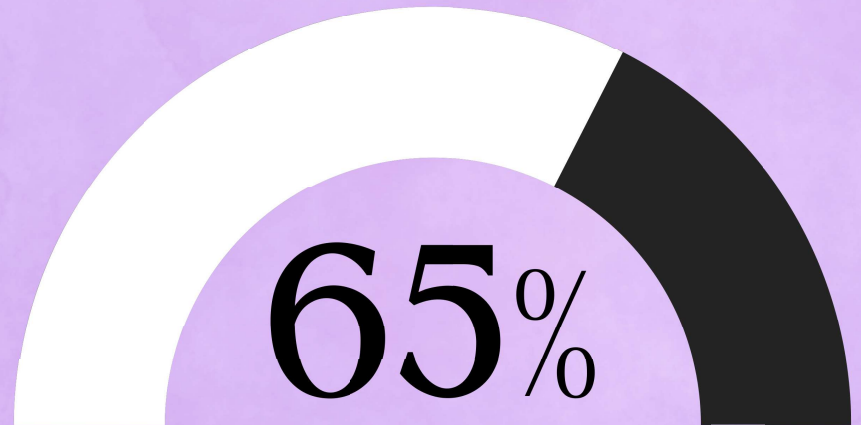
# AWARE OF PREP?

81% of participants knew of PrEP before the survey



# AWARE OF PEP?

65% of participants knew of PEP before the survey



# WHO'S USING PREP?



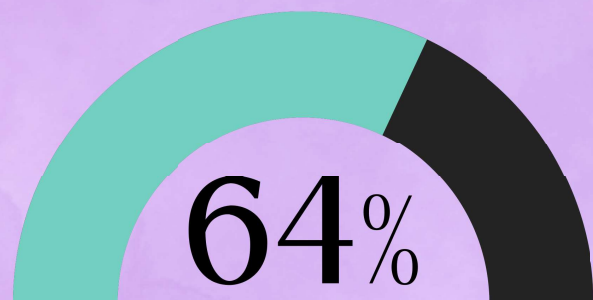
Only 12% were actively taking PrEP



9% who weren't actively taking PrEP were interested in taking it

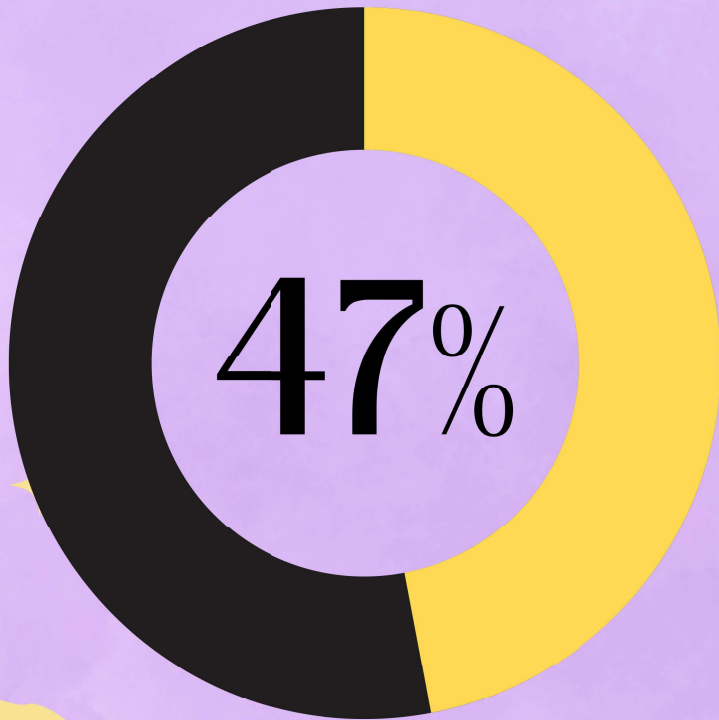


68% were not taking PrEP and had no interest in starting

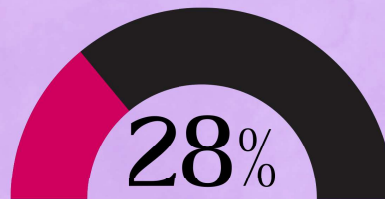


Of those taking PrEP 64% fell under Black or Latino and nonbinary or cisgender men

# IDENTITY X SUBSTANCE USE

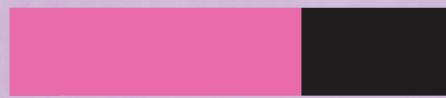
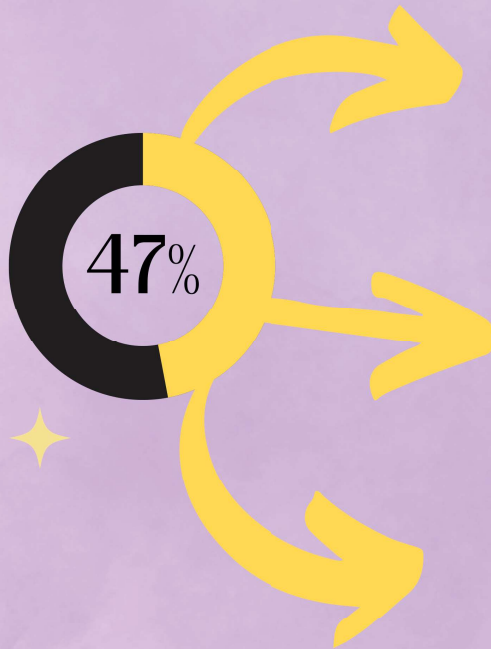


**47% of respondents believe their queer identity contributes to their personal substance use**



**28 percent of people were unsure or chose not to respond**

# QUEER IDENTITY?



**66% of Non-binary folk that participated said their identity influenced their substance use**



**50% of trans men that participated said their identity influenced their substance use**



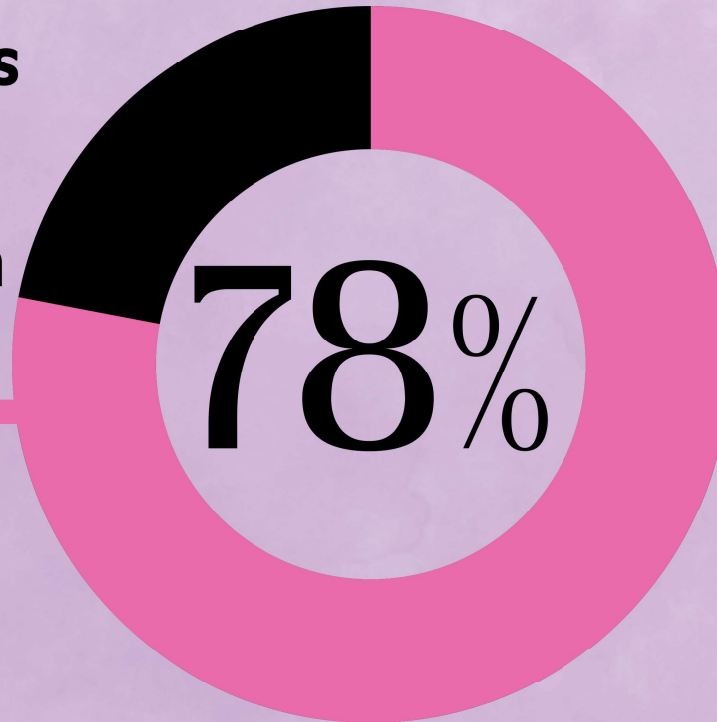
**64% of trans women that participated said their identity influenced their substance use**



LIVE SURVEYING

# FIRST SUBSTANCE USE

78% of respondents reported first using substances between the ages of 10-18



Of that percentage the two highest ages Reported were 18 and 13



# WHICH SUBSTANCES

300

200

100

0

76% report to use/used Marijuana  
having the highest use rate than any substance  
including alcohol.

46% report to use/used mushrooms

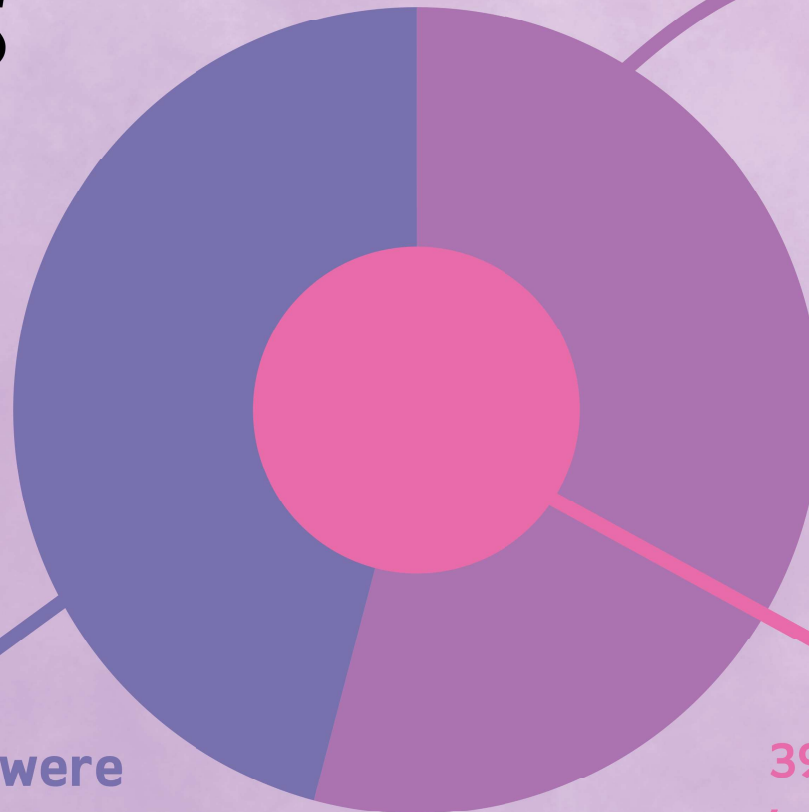
making it the 3rd most used substance over  
even nicotine



# OVERDOSES

When asked if participants knew someone who had overdosed 61% said they did.

33% of those were over a year ago



28% being within the last year

39% reported Not knowing someone who has

# HOW DO YOU PRACTICE HARM REDUCTION?

## **Direct Harm Reduction Strategies:**

Carrying Narcan, drug testing, safe dosing, and substance sharing awareness.

## **Substance Education & Safety:**

Understanding substance effects and safe consumption.

## **Support Networks:**

Seeking help from peers and providing non-judgmental support.

# HARM REDUCTION SERVICES

We asked participants to rank from Very Likely to Not Likely



\*Only extreme ends depicted



**IN ONE WORD, WHAT DOES A  
BRIGHTER QUEER FUTURE LOOK  
LIKE TO YOU?**

Hopeful Unity accepting One Queer People  
**Safety**  
Love Community Thriving Respect  
Equality Bright  
Trans Judgment Sober  
Safe

Support Liberation Inclusivity  
Needs Met  
Inclusive Without  
**Acceptance** Justice  
Peaceful  
Happy Friendship Resources Harmonious  
Future Less  
**Freedom** Joyful  
Free everyone Able  
Healthy

# WHAT'S NEXT?

1. **2S/LGBTQ+ Substance Use Impact Report:** coming in June!
2. **Increase REACH LA's capacity** to support TGI and sober & sober-curious folks, and provide Harm Reduction programming
3. **Continue the work:** distribute Narcan, link folks to HIV/STI testing and PrEP & PEP, build community

# ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

**We extend our deepest gratitude to all individuals and organizations who contributed to the success of this survey and the compilation of its findings:**

- Participants who generously shared their experiences and insights.
- Community Partners' collaboration and support were invaluable in reaching out to diverse communities and ensuring the survey's inclusivity.
- HEALers whose dedication in administering the survey and assisting with data collection played a crucial role in gathering comprehensive and meaningful data.
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- Sierra Health for their generous support and unwavering commitment to our mission
- Special shout out to Xelestíal Moreno Luz and Jade Ali

**Together, we are driving positive change and advocating for the creation of safer, more supportive environments for LGBTQ+ individuals in LA County.**



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**THANK YOU**



**QUESTIONS?**



**BIO BREAK  
5 MINUTES**



# Heal Panel

Highlighting the work and thoughts of the Healing Education Action Liason's (HEAL) of REACH LA's Harm Reduction Survey



**JADE ALI (SHE/ELLA)**  
MODERATOR



**JASPER BRAND (HE/HIM)**  
PANELIST



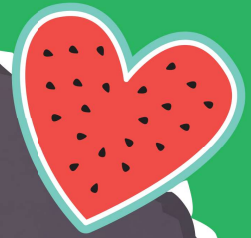
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## What inspired you to join the HEAL Program?



JADE ALI (SHE/ELLA)  
MODERATOR



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## What was it like working together as HEALers?



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What stood out to you during the preliminary findings of the Harm Reduction Survey?



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MODERATOR



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## How has your queer identity influenced your drug usage?



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How do you feel we agencies can better educate our  
communities in sexual health and harm reduction?



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What advice would you give to your younger self or another person who has struggled with substance use?



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MODERATOR



JASPER BRAND (HE/HIM)  
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RYKU BELLA HE/HIM  
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LUNCH  
TIME

