**2023 AFC Policy Priorities: Results from the 2022 Policy Priorities Community Survey**

**Survey Methods:**
- Survey was fielded in Summer and Fall of 2022
- 130 people across the state of Illinois responded to this survey

**Demographics**

**Race & Ethnicity**
- 61% of respondents identified as Black, Latinx, or other persons of color
- 10% of surveys were completed in Spanish
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**Gender Identity**
- 36% Man
- 53% Woman
- 3% Genderqueer
- 6% Non-binary, nonconforming, third gender
- 4% also identified as transgender

**HIV Status**
- 21% of respondents were living with HIV

**Sexual Orientation**
- 25% of respondents identified as being both LGBTQ+ and Black, Latinx, or other persons of color

**Service Providers**
- 35% of respondents were service providers
Considering your experience (either personal or professional), what are the top 3 challenges to ending the HIV epidemic and homelessness?

Across all respondents, Housing, Health care, and Economic stability were ranked most frequently, but there were differences by race and ethnicity:

### Differences to note by race and ethnicity:

- **Black or African American Respondents**
  - Housing availability, affordability, & accessibility
  - Health care availability, affordability, & accessibility
  - Economic Stability

- **White Respondents**
  - Housing availability, affordability, & accessibility
  - Health care availability, affordability, & accessibility
  - Economic Stability

- **Hispanic or Latinx Respondents**
  - Housing availability, affordability, & accessibility
  - Health care availability, affordability, & accessibility
  - Economic Stability

What are the 3 most important policy issue areas that you believe AFC’s Policy & Advocacy work should focus on in the coming year?

### Differences to note by race and ethnicity:

- **Black or African American Respondents**
  - Increase availability and accessibility of community mental health services
  - Increase availability and accessibility to medications that prevent and treat HIV
  - Increase availability and accessibility of food programs

- **White Respondents**
  - Increase in funding for supportive and affordable housing
  - Increase availability and accessibility to community mental health services
  - Increase in funding for supportive and affordable housing

- **Hispanic or Latinx Respondents**
  - Increase in funding for supportive and affordable housing
  - Increase availability and accessibility of community mental health services
  - Increase in funding for supportive and affordable housing

### Community Priorities

- **Increase in funding for supportive and affordable housing**
  - Increase in funding for supportive and affordable housing
  - Increase availability and accessibility of community mental health services
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- **Increase availability and accessibility to community mental health services**
  - Increase availability and accessibility of community mental health services
  - Increase the availability and accessibility of living-wage jobs
  - Increase availability and accessibility of community mental health services

- **Increase availability and accessibility to medications that prevent and treat HIV**
  - Increase the type of food available through the SNAP (i.e., Food Stamps) program
  - Increase in funding for supportive and affordable housing
  - Increase availability and accessibility of community mental health services

Housing, mental health services, and availability of medications for prevention and treatment were ranked most frequently across all respondents.

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