Priority Population: Black Cisgender Women

Nationally, Black cisgender women make up 13% of women but account for 59% of new HIV diagnoses among women.¹

Nationally, Black cisgender women are 15x more likely to be diagnosed with AIDS and 14.5x more likely to die from HIV infection, when compared to White cisgender women.²

Harms Experienced by Black Cisgender Women

Higher poverty and unemployment rates when compared to other groups. Black cisgender women earn on average $5,500 less per year than the U.S. average for women and $20,702 less than the U.S. average for White men.³⁴

Common occurrence of different health conditions such as cancers, stroke, heart disease, diabetes, obesity, maternal morbidities, and stress.⁵

Lower rates of PrEP-use to prevent HIV because of stigma and fear of isolation from family, being labeled as having HIV, and stress of experiencing more discrimination.⁶

Challenges in negotiating safer sex with sexual partners increase the risk of contracting STIs and HIV.⁷
Policy and Advocacy at AFC

Keeping Youth Safe & Healthy Act:

**Public Act 102-0522** establishes the requirements for the way public and charter schools in IL teach comprehensive personal health and safety (grades K-5), and comprehensive sexual health education (grades 6-12), if they are taught in their schools.

Patient and Provider Protection Act:

**Public Act 102-1117** safeguards and expands reproductive and gender affirming care in Illinois. This protects patients and providers, from aggressive litigation from states targeting reproductive health care and gender-affirming health care within Illinois. It will also require health insurers to cover necessary reproductive health care, including abortion medication, PEP/PrEP, and gender-affirming services without cost-sharing.

Getting to Zero Illinois Initiative (GTZ-IL) State Funding:

Implementation and spending by the Illinois Department of Public Health (IDPH) of the GTZ-IL specific funding to increase access to HIV testing, supportive services, treatment, and education for Black people.

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