Priority Population: Latin/o/e/x Gay, Men Who Have Sex With Men (MSM), Same Gender Loving (SGL) and Bisexual Men

In 2020, Latino/e/x men accounted for 21% (243) of HIV diagnoses in Illinois.¹

The lifetime risk of HIV transmission for Latino/e/x MSM is 1 in 4, compared to the lifetime risk among White MSM of 1 in 11.²

Harms Experienced by Latin/o/e/x Gay, MSM, SGL, and Bisexual Men

HIV disparities are fueled by underutilized healthcare services, few language-accessible and culturally humble services, lack of health insurance, limited transportation options, and harmful immigration enforcement policies.³

Lower PrEP uptake where 12% of prescriptions are filled by Latino/e/x people compared to 75% of White people.⁴

Undiagnosed HIV reaches 46% of Latino/e/x MSM, compared to the 26% of White MSM that are HIV positive and unaware.⁵
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Sexual Orientation Gender Identity (SOGI) Data Collection Law in IL:
Implementing Public Act 102-0543, which requires data collection on age, sex, disability status, sexual orientation, gender identity, and primary or preferred language across ten state agencies of individuals who utilize major services administered by state government. In response to the lack of primary or preferred language data collection, this policy will aim to provide clear information on service utility and reach for those whose primary or preferred language is not English, including some within the Latin/o/e/x community.

Increased Access to PrEP and PEP through Community Pharmacies Act:
Public Act 102-1051 allows pharmacists to administer and dispense PrEP and PEP under a standing order of a licensed physician. This law aims to address the lower PrEP uptake among Latino/e/x people by increasing access and availability to PrEP and PEP.

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 the Latin/o/e/x community.