



Caraconference 2022

The Impact of Community-led Approaches

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CONFERENCE AGENDA

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 12

12:00 PM ET

Ending the HIV Epidemic in Action: An Assertive, Targeted and Low-Barrier Approach

Claire Scott, LSW leads a panel discussion with India Brandon, JeMarr Jackson, Abrianna Perry and Ariel Shaw



Use this QR code to access this session's evaluation at surveymonkey.com/r/P9NS3HX

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 13

12:00 PM ET

Rapid Linkage and Initiation of Antiretroviral Therapy: Experience within a Routine HIV Testing and Linkage to Care Program in Chicago

Dr. Moira McNulty and Jessica Schmitt, LCSW



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WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 14

12:00 PM ET

Community-informed Rapid Response to an HIV Cluster

Linda Seiter leads a panel discussion with Rontae Bass, Valerie Costello, LSW, Rob Goeller, LSW, Zoey Peach and Todd Rademaker



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THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 15

12:00 PM ET

Modernizing Ohio's Felony Statutes Around HIV

Kim Welter, Naimah Shara O'Neal, MSW, LSW and Jaasiel Chapman



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FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 16

12:00 PM ET

The State of LGBTQ+ Rights

Mayor Aftab Pureval introduces presenter Maria Bruno



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Adam Reilly has worked with the HIV+ community and in HIV prevention for 15 years. During this time he has provided testing and counseling services along with one-on-one and group work with those living with HIV. Reilly also spearheaded local syringe exchange efforts to better serve the community of those who inject drugs and was a driving force behind the 2014 Ohio law that allowed for syringe exchange/access throughout the state. He was voted "Advocate of the Year" in *Citybeat's* 2011 Best of the City issue, received the Oscar Armstrong award from Public Allies in 2013, and The Cincinnati Exchange Project was awarded the 2015 Health Care Heroes award from the *Cincinnati Business Courier*. He is a fellow for Caring Ambassadors and also sits on the Ohio Health Modernization Movement steering committee. This is his fifth year leading Caraconference planning.

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 12 Ending the HIV Epidemic in Action



India Brandon is an HIV Care Coordinator with Caracole. Growing up India always had a strong passion and desire to help people organize the chaos in their lives. Graduating from Miami University with her Bachelor of Science in Education and minor in disabilities studies, she worked for more than five years with mental health and developmental disability clients in both Atlanta, GA and Cincinnati, OH to assist them with linkage to community supports. India then switched career paths to become an HR recruiter for a Fortune 500 company, where she interviewed and hired over 100 candidates. This experience of empowering people through employment led India to enroll in the Masters of Social Work program at Miami University to further expand her skills and help as many marginalized groups as possible. She has been with Caracole since December 2021 and plans to continue working in the nonprofit world after graduation.



JeMarr Jackson is a Health Educator at Caracole specializing in prevention and community outreach. In his role, he helps to change the lives of those who are living with HIV as well as work to ensure the prevention of HIV for those at high risk. A Cincinnati native, Jackson received his bachelor's degree in communications from the University of Cincinnati. At Caracole, he demonstrates his passion for those living with and at risk for HIV and exhibits the agency's values through his work in the community. Prior to his work at Caracole, JeMarr also worked with various other populations, including homeless and at-risk youth.



Abrianna Perry is an HIV Care Coordinator at Caracole, where she conducts case management and outreach services for hard-to-reach persons living with HIV, working to reengage unlinked clients with care. Abrianna graduated from Miami University with a Bachelor of Social Work and double minors in art therapy and community-based leadership. During her undergraduate work, she interned with Over-The-Rhine-Community-Housing in Cincinnati and the Florida student PIRGS, turnout the youth vote campaign, which created historic turnout rates during the 2020 election season. Abrianna is passionate about housing first and harm reduction practices and initiatives, environmental sustainability, intersectional feminism and LGBTQ+ rights.



Claire Scott, LSW has been a licensed Social Worker in the Cincinnati area for the past seven years. Six of the past seven years have been spent at Caracole serving people living with HIV. Claire is currently the Clinical Supervisor of a case management team that provides an array of services to those who are facing barriers to accessing HIV care. She has a particular passion for promoting health equity for marginalized and oppressed populations, so individuals can achieve optimal physical and mental health.



Ariel Shaw is a Health Educator with Caracole by day and a local artist and activist by night. As a health educator, Ariel works with her colleagues to provide HIV-related services, such as HIV/HCV testing, resources and education, in the community. In her free time, she is an actor, playwright and theatre artist working to make theatre accessible to those who have not always had a place at the table.

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 13 Rapid Linkage and Initiation of Antiretroviral Therapy



Moira McNulty, MD, MS is an Assistant Professor in the Section of Infectious Diseases and Global Health at the University of Chicago. She also serves as the Director of HIV Testing within the Chicago Center for HIV Elimination, leading the Expanded Testing and Linkage to Care Program for routine HIV screening in healthcare settings. Her research focuses on HIV testing and how it can be optimized to engage individuals in the HIV care and prevention continuum. She is also interested in strengthening existing academic partnerships with public health entities and works with the Chicago Department of Public Health. In her clinical practice she cares for individuals living with HIV as well as providing PrEP.



Jessica Schmitt, LCSW is the Director of HIV Clinical Engagement and a licensed clinical social worker for the Section of Infectious Diseases and Chicago Center of HIV Elimination. Jessica oversees implementation of HIV care and prevention initiatives at The University of Chicago's Medical Campus with the HIV Prevention and Care Team (HIV-PACT) to improve access to services for people living with HIV and those vulnerable to HIV. She serves as the program director for the Expanded HIV Testing and Linkage to Care (xTLC) supporting routine HIV, working with local partner hospitals and health clinics to improve routine screening programs. Jessica holds a Master's degree in Social Work from the University of Chicago and a Bachelor's in International Studies from the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign.

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 14 Community-informed Rapid Response to an HIV Cluster



Ronate Bass has a BA in sociology and criminal justice. He brings 24 years of experience in mental health and case management services to his role with Butler County's Regional Harm Reduction Collaborative. Ronate has worked in a variety of settings, including psychiatric hospitals, substance use treatment services, children's services and mental health services. He most recently worked with Butler County Children Services and Family Treatment Drug Court, collaborating with the magistrate, prosecutor, guardian ad litem, and substance use and mental health treatment providers, to ensure the best outcomes for clients and families. Ronate is skilled in building a trusting rapport with clients, as well as community partners. He acknowledges the negative impacts substance use and mental health concerns can have on individuals and family members and is passionate about providing assistance to these individuals to successfully navigate community resources.



Valerie Costello, LSW is a Medical Case Manager at Caracole, where she provides compassionate and skilled care to empower people living with HIV to focus on their health and life goals. Valerie also has extensive experience in working with high-risk and vulnerable populations. Currently, she is involved in Caracole's outreach efforts to address the cluster of new HIV infections among people who inject drugs and are living on the streets in Butler County. Apart from her role at Caracole, she serves on the board of directors for the Cincinnati Health Network, a Federally Qualified Health Center that serves individuals experiencing homelessness or living with HIV/AIDS in the Greater Cincinnati area.

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Rob Goeller, LSW is one of Caracole's many recidivists, having first worked as a Medical Case Manager. He returned to Caracole in early 2019 as a Harm Reduction Services Coordinator, working to curb the increase of new HIV infections in the region's community of people who inject drugs. He now serves as a prevention supervisor, overseeing Caracole's harm reduction and PrEP teams.



Zoey Peach is a health educator at Caracole with a focus on rural health and the Trans population. She is a 2016 graduate of Transylvania University with a degree in women's and gender studies. Zoey has been working in the field of HIV prevention for five years in various community settings. Prior to her work in HIV prevention, her efforts were focused on providing safe and inclusive school environments for LGBTQ youth.



Todd Rademaker has been working in HIV testing and prevention for over 25 years. Starting as the Youth Educator at AIDS Volunteers of Cincinnati, becoming the HIV Education and Testing Director at STOP AIDS, and currently as the HIV/STI Coordinator with Hamilton County Public Health.



Linda Seiter serves as the CEO of Caracole, Greater Cincinnati's HIV services organization. Linda also served as president and trustee on the Board of Directors in Caracole's early days and was the first executive director of AIDS Volunteers of Cincinnati. For more than 19 years, Linda has provided strategic direction and vision for Caracole by actively building partnerships, supporting community efforts and advocating for those at-risk for or living with HIV/AIDS as well as the Southwestern Ohio community and beyond. Prior to Caracole, Linda worked in the fields of domestic violence, mental health and substance abuse, experiences which inspired her deep passion for nonprofit work, human rights and social justice.

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 15 Modernizing Ohio's Felony Statutes Around HIV



Kim Welter is CEO of KLVW Consulting, LLC, which supports LGBTQ and affiliated advocacy organizations with human resources, finance, diversity and inclusion, board and policy expertise. Her primary client since 2016 is Equality Ohio where she holds the responsibilities of Director of Finance and Special Projects after previously serving as Deputy Director and Director of Programs and Outreach while on staff. She also briefly served as interim Executive Director. With over 15 years of experience with the organization, she is Equality Ohio's most seasoned consultant.



Jaasiel Chapman is a native Cincinnati who is dedicated to finding a cure for HIV/AIDS. Currently, he works at Hamilton County Public Health as the HIV/STI Program Coordinator overseeing the Ending the HIV Epidemic initiative. His work there focuses on engaging and empowering community partners with resources and tools to end the HIV/AIDS epidemic in the Greater Cincinnati area. Previously, Chapman worked with IV-CHARIS, the only minority-run HIV/AIDS organization in the area and as a community educator for University of Cincinnati College of Medicine Infectious Diseases Research Center. Jaasiel attended the University of Cincinnati.



Naimah O'Neal, MSW, LSW is a Licensed Medical Social Worker at Circle Health Services where she works with people living with HIV and the interdisciplinary medical teams that provide care and support. Prior to this, she worked as an HIV Test Counselor. Naimah has served as a member of the Ryan White HIV Planning Council several times since 2003. She is a founding member of OHMM serving as the Co-Chair of the Education Subcommittee. She is an experienced public speaker and has focused on sexual and reproductive health, supporting mothers living with HIV, HIV disclosure, advocacy and housing issues at events and educational forums. Naimah has blogged, written articles and educated on the journey of living with HIV, how stigma impacts people who are marginalized, social work policy issues and the complexity of HIV disclosure and how to approach it. She is also a wife, mother, grandmother of three and has been living with HIV for the past 30 years this December 2022.

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 16 The State of LGBTQ+ Rights



Maria Bruno joined Equality Ohio in August 2021 as the Public Policy Director. She leads EO's policy strategy at the local, state and federal level. Throughout her career, Maria has utilized her legal education and community organizing background to address systemic problems through smart public policy and practical systemic solutions. She has been an advocate with the Coalition on Homelessness and Housing in Ohio (COHHIO), America Votes, and the ACLU of Ohio, and has worked on public policy issues ranging from civil rights to affordable housing to criminal justice reform. Maria was born and raised in Medina, Ohio, earned a BA from the University of Pittsburgh, and a JD from The Ohio State University Moritz College of Law. She began community organizing in college and continues to work with a diverse array of local organizers and advocates in Columbus on civil rights and anti-poverty issues. Maria also serves on the Cleveland Votes Advisory Board.



Aftab Pureval is the 70th Mayor of Cincinnati. He was raised in Southwest, Ohio, the son of first-generation Americans. He is making history as Cincinnati's first Asian American mayor. As mayor, he is working to grow Cincinnati equitably across all 52 neighborhoods. He served as Hamilton County Clerk of Courts from 2016 to 2021 and was the first Democrat to hold this office in over 100 years. Mayor Aftab graduated from The Ohio State University and the University of Cincinnati for law school. He resides in Clifton with his wife, Whitney, and their sons, Bodhi and Rami.



ABOUT US

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Caracole is Greater Cincinnati's nonprofit devoted to positively changing lives in the fight against HIV/AIDS. For people living with HIV, we provide housing, case management and pharmacy services to improve health and well-being. Our prevention services focus on outreach, testing, education and harm reduction to help people reduce their risk for HIV. The work we do to end the HIV epidemic is central to a healthy community. Volunteer, donate or find out how we can help you or someone you love at caracole.org

OUR VISION

To be a relentless force for health equity.

OUR MISSION

We positively change lives in the fight against HIV/AIDS through prevention, housing and care.

OUR VALUES

Unconditional Inclusivity

We believe that being open-minded, non-judgmental and empathetic creates an environment of safety essential to preserving dignity.

Relentless Advocacy

We champion causes to eliminate negative outcomes and stigma from our local communities and beyond.

Practical Innovation

We are problem solvers who find new solutions to improve the lives of those we serve.

Absolute Accountability

We uphold the highest standards to not only be the best we can be but also the most effective.

Radical Optimism

We allow humanity and hope to have a visible presence and be a driving force in all we do.

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