

2022 CHIPTS HIV NEXT GENERATION CONFERENCE

JANUARY 28, 2022

9:00AM-12:30PM PST

VIRTUAL CONFERENCE

Conference Theme:
“Resilience and Risk: Changing Paradigms”

WELCOME

Friday, January 28, 2022

Dear Friends and Colleagues,

The UCLA Center for HIV Identification, Prevention, and Treatment Services (CHIPTS) is proud to present the 2022 HIV Next Generation Virtual Conference. We are excited that you are here! Thank you for attending!

The theme of today's conference is "Resilience and Risk: Changing Paradigms." The conference was designed to provide an opportunity for emerging HIV investigators and community partners to highlight their research, network with other colleagues, and share their visions for future priorities. We hope that the day is valuable, and that the information you learn and the people you meet leave you invigorated and renewed in our shared mission to end the HIV epidemic in Los Angeles and around the world.

We would like to acknowledge the National Institute of Mental Health Grant #MH058107 who provided funding for this conference.

We would also like to give special thanks to our conference collaborator, the Los Angeles Region Pacific AIDS Education and Training Center for providing CEU credits for this event.

We hope you enjoy the conference and we look forward to meeting you!

Sincerely,
The Conference Planning Committee



PLENARY SPEAKER



Gary W. Harper, Ph.D., M.P.H. is a Professor of Health Behavior and Health Education and a Professor of Global Public Health at the University of Michigan School of Public Health. He has been conducting community-engaged HIV research, practice, training, and policy work domestically for 30 years and in global settings for 17 years, focusing primarily on LGBTQIA+ adolescents and young adults. Dr. Harper works collaboratively with community agencies and community members to develop and evaluate a range of culturally and developmentally appropriate HIV prevention and treatment intervention programs for LGBTQIA+ young people. In this work he utilizes an array of qualitative and mixed-methods research strategies to assure that these programs are appropriate for the intended audiences, and can be implemented in community settings in a manner that is feasible and sustainable. Given the collaborative nature of Dr. Harper's work, he prioritizes active community engagement and focuses on individual and community-level strengths, resilience, and resistance to oppressive forces and structures.

WILLIAM E. CUNNINGHAM AND MARK A. ETZEL SCHOLARSHIPS



WILLIAM E. CUNNINGHAM, MD, MPH



MARK A. ETZEL, MPP

In honor of the late William E. Cunningham, MD, MPH and Mark A. Etzel, MPP the UCLA Center for HIV Identification, Prevention and Treatment Services (CHIPTS) has established two scholarship awards. The Mark A. Etzel and the William E. Cunningham Scholarships aim to provide opportunities and support for early stage investigators, post-doctoral fellows, graduate students, and community researchers in efforts to promote science, foster networking, and increase capacity building on research themes related to comorbidities to HIV-health disparities and inequities, social/structural determinants, medical mistrust, policy impact, structural factors or implementation science.

List of scholarship recipients on page 4

OPENING REMARKS

9:00 AM - 9:15 AM PST



NORWEETA MILBURN, PHD

*Director, CHIPTS Development Core
Research Professor-in-Residence,
Senior Director of Research and Evaluation
Co-Director, DMH + UCLA Prevention Center of Excellence
Co-Director, UCLA HIV/AIDS, Substance Abuse, and Trauma Training
Program (HA-STTP)
Honorary Professor, University of Cape Town, South Africa
UCLA Nathanson Family Resilience Center, Department of Psychiatry and
Biobehavioral Sciences, Division of Population Behavioral Health
Jane and Terry Semel Institute for Neuroscience and Human Behavior at UCLA*



STEVE SHOPTAW, PHD

*Director, CHIPTS
Professor, UCLA Departments of Family Medicine and Psychiatry and
Biobehavioral Science
Vice Chair, Research in Family Medicine*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

9:15 AM - 9:20 AM PST



DALLAS SWENDEMAN, PHD (CONFERENCE FACILITATOR)

*Co-Director, CHIPTS Development Core
Associate Professor-in-Residence, Department of Psychiatry and
Biobehavioral Sciences, DGSOM and Department of Epidemiology,
UCLA Fielding School of Public Health
Co-Director, UCLA Center for Community Health, Semel Institute for
Neuroscience and Human Behavior*

OPENING PLENARY

9:20 AM - 9:50 AM PST



GARY W. HARPER, PHD, MPH

*Professor, Health Behavior and Health Education
Professor, Global Public Health, University of Michigan School of Public Health.*

Presentation Title: Promoting Resistance and Resilience for Holistic Health: The Power of LGBTQIA+ Youth

SCHOLARSHIP AWARDEES

9:50 AM - 10:00 AM PST

ANNE E. FEHRENBACHER, PHD, MPH

*Postdoctoral Fellow, Department of Psychiatry and Biobehavioral Sciences,
UCLA Semel Institute for Neuroscience and Human Behavior*

CHELDY MARTINEZ

MPH Candidate, Student, Charles R. Drew University

JUAN SOLIS

MPH Candidate, Student, UCLA Fielding School of Public Health

ORAL PRESENTATIONS SET 1

10:00 AM - 10:35 AM PST

Attendees choose between Panel 1 or Panel 2.

PANEL 1: PREP WITH GAY AND BISEXUAL MEN



RONALD BROOKS, PHD (DISCUSSANT)

*Core Scientist, CHIPTS,
Director of Research and Evaluation, Bienestar Human Services, Inc.*

1. JUAN C. JAUREGUI, MSW, MPH

Presentation Title: Correlates of Sexual Contact, COVID Testing, and Comfort Attending Sexual Venues During the COVID-19 Pandemic in a Global Sample of Gay, Bisexual, and Other Men Who Have Sex with Men

2. MARTIN SANTILLAN JR.

Presentation Title: Using PrEP is Being Part of a Larger Movement: Additional Individual and Community Level Benefits of PrEP Use Among Latino Gay and Bisexual Men

PANEL 2: HIV AND SUBSTANCE USE



PAMINA M. GORBACH, MHS, DRPH (DISCUSSANT)

Global HIV Director, CHIPTS

*Co-director, UCLA Center for AIDS Research Program on
Biobehavioral Epidemiology and Substance Use.*

1. **CHERIE BLAIR, MD, PHD**

Presentation Title: Impact of Methamphetamine Use, HIV, and Rectal Gonorrhea/Chlamydia on Systemic and Mucosal Inflammation

2. **AMANDA P. MILLER, PHD, MSC**

Presentation Title: Sexual Risk Among Pregnant Women at Risk of HIV Infection in Cape Town, South Africa: What Does Alcohol Have to do With it?

POSTER SESSIONS VIDEO INTRODUCTIONS

10:35 AM - 10:55 AM PST

POSTER SESSIONS - BREAKOUT ROOMS

10:55 AM - 11:15 AM PST

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BREAK

11:15 AM - 11:25 AM PST

RAFFLE DRAW

11:25 AM - 11:30 AM PST



Attendees choose between Panel 3, 4 or Panel 5.

PANEL 3: PREP WITH WOMEN



DVORA JOSEPH DAVEY, MPH, PHD (DISCUSSANT)

*Core Scientist, CHIPTS Combination Prevention Core,
Assistant Professor (Adjunct), Department of Epidemiology,
Fielding School of Public Health at UCLA*

1. GLORIA AIDOO-FRIMPONG, MA, MPH | DAVID ADZRAGO, MSW, MPHIL,

Presentation Title: Examining Interest in HIV Pre-Exposure Prophylaxis Delivery Modalities Among Ghanaian Immigrant Women in the US

2. DREW MACK, BSC

Presentation Title: "I Want to See What That's About": Black Women's Insights on Accessing PrEP via a Telehealth App

3. DILARA K. ÜSKÜP, PHD, PHD | OMAR NIETO, BS

Presentation Title: Piloting TelePrEP Information Sessions: An Implementation Strategy to Increase PrEP Awareness and Optimize PrEP Uptake Among Latina Cisgender Women

PANEL 4: PEOPLE LIVING WITH HIV



DAVID GOODMAN-MEZA, MD, MAS (DISCUSSANT)

*Core Scientist, CHIPTS Combination Prevention Core,
Assistant Professor, Division of Infectious Diseases,
David Geffen School of Medicine at UCLA*

1. KARAH GREENE, MSW

Presentation Title: Developing an Online Platform to Improve Social Connections for Older Adults Aging with HIV: Lessons Learned from Multi-site Discussion Groups

2. CHENGLIN HONG, MSW, MPH

Presentation Title: HIV Stigma is Associated with Patient-Reported Outcomes and Quality of Life Among Black Sexual Minority Men Living With HIV

3. ANDREA. N. POLONIJO, PHD, MPH

Presentation Title: How Does Payment Shape Research Participation Decisions? Results from a National Survey of People Living with HIV

PANEL 5: YOUTH AND HIV



SABRINA L. SMILEY, PHD, MPH, MCHES (DISCUSSANT)

*Core Scientist, CHIPTS Combination Prevention Core,
Assistant Professor of Research in Preventive Medicine,
Keck School of Medicine (KSOM) of the University of Southern California (USC)*

1. ROXANA REZAI, MPH

Presentation Title: Alcohol Misuse During the COVID-19 Stay-at-Home Orders Among Youth at Risk or Living with HIV: A Study in Los Angeles and New Orleans

2. JOSHUA A. RUSOW, PHD, MSW

Presentation Title: Violence Experiences are Associated with HIV Transmission Risk Over One Year Among a Prospective Sample of Sexual Minority Adolescents in the United States

3. ERIK STORHOLM, PHD | WILSON VINCENT, PHD

Presentation Title: Impact of Resilience, Social Support, and Healthcare Empowerment on HIV Care Engagement and Viral Suppression Among Young Black Sexual Minority Men with HIV in the US South: Overcoming Social and Structural Barriers

RAFFLE DRAWING

12:20 PM - 12:25 PM PST



CLOSING REMARKS

12:25 PM - 12:30 PM PST



RAPHAEL J. LANDOVITZ, MD, MSC

*Co-Director, CHIPTS
Co-Director, CHIPTS Combination Prevention Core
Professor of Medicine, UCLA Center for Clinical AIDS Research and Education*

ORAL PRESENTATIONS



PANEL 1: PREP WITH GAY AND BISEXUAL MEN

1. JUAN C. JAUREGUI, MSW, MPH

Doctoral Student, Gay Sexuality and Social Policy Initiative, UCLA Luskin School of Public Affairs, Los Angeles

Presentation Title: Correlates of Sexual Contact, COVID Testing, and Comfort Attending Sexual Venues During the COVID-19 Pandemic in a Global Sample of Gay, Bisexual, and Other Men Who Have Sex with Men

Presentation Summary: This presentation discusses results from a large global study administered through a gay geosocial networking app. We assessed the degree to which gay, bisexual, and other men who have sex with men (GBMSM) felt comfortable attending social/sexual venues, as well as GBMSM sexual practices during the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic.

2. MARTIN SANTILLAN JR.

Research Assistant, Bienestar Human Services

Presentation Title: Using PrEP is Being Part of a Larger Movement: Additional Individual and Community Level Benefits of PrEP Use Among Latino Gay and Bisexual Men

Presentation Summary: This presentation speaks to the additional benefits PrEP provides to Latino gay and bisexual men (GBM) beyond HIV prevention. They encompass a range of social, emotional, and psychological advantages that Latino GBM experience while using PrEP. Further, these findings can inform the development of culturally relevant PrEP messaging to help improve motivation for PrEP uptake and persistence in this population.

PANEL 2: HIV AND SUBSTANCE USE

1. CHERIE BLAIR, MD, PHD

*Assistant Professor, Department of Medicine, Division of Infectious Diseases
David Geffen School of Medicine at UCLA*

Presentation Title: Impact of Methamphetamine Use, HIV, and Rectal Gonorrhea/Chlamydia on Systemic and Mucosal Inflammation

Presentation Summary: This project seeks to identify the independent and combined effects of methamphetamine use, HIV, and rectal gonorrhea/chlamydia on systemic and rectal mucosal inflammation. Preliminary findings from this CHIPTS Mentored Pilot Grant project will be discussed.

2. **AMANDA P. MILLER, PHD, MSC**

Postdoctoral Scholar, Department of Epidemiology, UCLA

Presentation Title: Sexual Risk Among Pregnant Women at Risk of HIV Infection in Cape Town, South Africa: What Does Alcohol Have to do With it?

Presentation Summary: This presentation describes the prevalence of alcohol use and explores associations between alcohol use and HIV sexual risk among 1200 pregnant women at risk for HIV infection attending an antenatal clinic in Gugulethu, Cape Town. We provide recommendations for targeted intervention development to reduce HIV risk in this population.

PANEL 3: PREP WITH WOMEN

1. **GLORIA AIDOO-FRIMPONG, MA, MPH**

PhD Candidate, Department of Community Health and Health Behavior, University at Buffalo -The State University of New York, Buffalo, NY

DAVID ADZRAGO, PHD(C), MSW, MPHIL

PhD Candidate, Center for Health Promotion and Prevention Research, School of Public Health, University of Texas, Houston, Texas

Presentation Title: Examining Interest in HIV Pre-Exposure Prophylaxis Delivery Modalities Among Ghanaian Immigrant Women in the US

Presentation Summary: This study examines the preferences of Ghanaian immigrant women in the US towards different HIV pre-exposure prophylaxis (PrEP) delivery methods (i.e., daily oral pill, injectable, microbicide gel, vaginal ring, subdermal implant, vaginal film).

2. **DREW MACK, BSC**

Medical Student, Charles Drew University, Urban Health Institute

Presentation Title: "I Want to See What That's About": Black Women's Insights on Accessing PrEP via a Telehealth App

Presentation Summary: Black women are disproportionately affected by HIV - our demographic makes up 60% of new infections in American women. With the advent of preventative methods like PrEP, and heightened accessibility to these medications through telemedicine, why aren't these statistics changing? Through cohort analysis, we analyze Black women's perceptions to accessing PrEP via telehealth.

3. **DILARA K. ÜSKÜP, PHD, PHD**

Assistant Professor (In Progress), UCLA Department of Family Medicine & Charles R. Drew University of Medicine and Sciences Department of Internal Medicine

OMAR NIETO, BS

Project Director, UCLA Department of Family Medicine

Presentation Title: Piloting TelePrEP Information Sessions: An Implementation Strategy to Increase PrEP Awareness and Optimize PrEP Uptake Among Latina Cisgender Women

Presentation Summary: The overall goal of the project is to assess the acceptability and appropriateness of our pilot implementation strategy to raise awareness and optimize PrEP uptake among LCW through use of a telemedicine service (i.e., PlushCare). For this presentation, we report findings from our qualitative interviews with Latina Cisgender women (LCW) who participated in an information session with agency staff at East Los Angeles Women's Center to learn about PrEP and PlushCare as an option for accessing PrEP.

PANEL 4: PEOPLE LIVING WITH HIV

1. **KARAH GREENE, MSW**

Research Assistant, ACCESS Lab, University of South Florida, School of Social Work

Presentation Title: Developing an Online Platform to Improve Social Connections for Older Adults Aging with HIV: Lessons Learned from Multi-site Discussion Groups

Presentation Summary: Our research team is developing an online platform to promote social connectedness among older people living with HIV. During the facilitation of virtual, multi-site discussion groups, we encountered several technological barriers. This presentation highlights the lessons we learned and how to more efficiently and effectively facilitate virtual focus groups among older individuals in the future

2. **CHENGLIN HONG, MSW, MPH**

PhD Candidate, Department of Social Welfare, UCLA Luskin School of Public Affairs

Presentation Title: HIV Stigma is Associated with Patient-Reported Outcomes and Quality of Life Among Black Sexual Minority Men Living With HIV

Presentation Summary: I analyzed the baseline data from a randomized control trial of a community-developed, web-based mobile app intervention (the LINX study) that aimed to address the social work and legal needs of Black sexual minority men living with HIV (BSMM+). Results revealed that BSMM+ experience high levels of HIV stigma, and higher levels of HIV stigma were associated with higher mental health distress and lower levels of life satisfaction and quality of life. Reducing HIV stigma and improving good health-related quality of life is imperative to achieve the 4th 90 target among BSMM living with HIV.

3. **ANDREA. N. POLONIJO, PHD, MPH**

Assistant Professor, Department of Sociology and Health Sciences Research Institute, University of California, Merced

Presentation Title: How Does Payment Shape Research Participation Decisions? Results from a National Survey of People Living with HIV

Presentation Summary: Payment for participation in HIV research is a common practice, yet little is known about how payment affects individuals' research participation decisions. Using data from a U.S. national survey of people living with HIV (N=292), we examined sociodemographic differences in (a) attitudes toward payment for research participation, (b) perceptions of study risk based on payment amount, and (c) preferred forms of payment. We find payment may influence prospective HIV research participants' risk-benefit calculus and participation, and that a one-size-fits-all approach to payment could differentially influence participation among distinct sociodemographic groups.

PANEL 5: YOUTH AND HIV

1. **ROXANA REZAI, MPH**

Doctoral Student, Department of Epidemiology, Fielding School of Public Health, UCLA and Center for Community Health, Department of Psychiatry, UCLA

Presentation Title: Alcohol Misuse During the COVID-19 Stay-at-Home Orders Among Youth at Risk or Living with HIV: A Study in Los Angeles and New Orleans

Presentation Summary: There is evidence from prior epidemics that quarantine and stay-at-home orders issued by governments to mitigate the spread of the virus could have negative mental health consequences such as increases in anxiety, depression, alcohol, and other substance use. Given the higher risk for alcohol misuse among vulnerable youth, understanding binge drinking and hazardous alcohol use during COVID-19 stay-at-home orders and identifying potential risk factors are public health imperatives. The present study examines important factors linked to alcohol misuse during COVID-19 stay-at-home orders in a sample of vulnerable youth at-risk or living with HIV in Los Angeles, CA and New Orleans, LA.

2. JOSHUA A. RUSOW, PHD, MSW,

Postdoctoral Research Fellow, Children's Hospital, Los Angeles

Presentation Title: Violence Experiences are Associated with HIV transmission Risk Over One Year Among a Prospective Sample of Sexual Minority Adolescents in the United States

Presentation Summary: This study examines HIV-risk sexual activities (sex without condoms, sex while feeling the effects of substances, or sex without discussing the partner(s)' HIV status) among sexual minority adolescents (ages 14 to 17 at baseline) in the United States. In this longitudinal study, we use baseline levels of self-reported demographics (age, sex, sexual identity, and race), mental health symptomology (depression, anxiety, and posttraumatic stress), minority stress, and interpersonal violence experiences to look at reports of each of three HIV-risk sexual activities over the following year. Several demographic differences were identified, and each

3. ERIK STORHOLM, PHD

Assistant Professor, San Diego State University, School of Public Health

WILSON VINCENT, PHD

Assistant Professor, Temple University, Department of Psychology

Presentation Title: Impact of Resilience, Social Support, and Healthcare Empowerment on HIV Care Engagement and Viral Suppression among Young Black Sexual Minority Men with HIV in the US South: Overcoming Social and Structural Barriers.

Presentation Summary: Informed by Minority Stress Theory and Syndemic Theory, this exploratory analysis of data from a community cohort of (N=224) YBSMM+ in the US south sought to shed light on the impact of socioeconomic distress, intimate partner violence, depressive symptoms, HIV-related social support, resilience, and healthcare empowerment HIV care continuum engagement. Findings suggest that interventions that focus on improving HIV care continuum engagement are likely to have success if they focus on increasing levels of healthcare empowerment, sources of resilience and HIV-related social support.

POSTER PRESENTATIONS



POSTER 1

CHERIE BLAIR, MD, PHD

Assistant Professor, Department of Medicine, Division of Infectious Diseases, David Geffen School of Medicine at UCLA

Presentation Title: HIV, Methamphetamine Use, and Pulmonary Hypertension: From Blue Skies to an Integrated Research Agenda

Presentation Summary: This project was funded by the 2021 CHIPTS Kickstarter Grant. We will present findings from a joint UCLA/CHIPTS and Stanford symposium to develop a collective research agenda to identify and address the overlapping behavioral, biomedical, and social contexts of HIV, methamphetamine use, and pulmonary hypertension.

POSTER 2

EKREM CETINKAYA, MS

Medical Student, Rowan University School of Osteopathic Medicine

ESHANI CHOKSI, BS

Medical Student, Rowan University School of Osteopathic Medicine

SURAYYA MILLER, MBS

Medical Student, Rowan University School of Osteopathic Medicine

NISHAWN RAHAMAN, MS

Medical Student, Rowan University School of Osteopathic Medicine

KRZYSZTOF ZEMBRZUSKI, BA

Medical Student, Rowan University School of Osteopathic Medicine

Presentation Title: Risk Factors for HIV Progression Among Males Ages 18-35 in Essex County, New Jersey: A Literature Review

Presentation Summary: This presentation summarizes various risk factors that were identified in literature, that affect HIV progression and poor prognosis. We chose the 18-35-year-old male population in Essex County, New Jersey, as we believe that this population specifically faces extensive socioeconomic disadvantages that have contributed to the extremely high prevalence of HIV in this region. We believe that highlighting the risk factors that predispose this population to poorer outcomes is imperative in facilitating change to allocate more resources and attention to individuals in this area.

POSTER 3

HOMERO E. DEL PINO, PHD, MS

Associate Professor, Charles R. Drew University of Medicine and Science and Research Health Scientist, GRECC (Geriatric Research, Education & Clinical Center), VA Greater Los Angeles Healthcare System

PETRA DURÁN, BA

Clinical Coordinator, Charles R. Drew University of Medicine and Science

ANGEL MARTÍNEZ, MS

Volunteer, Charles R. Drew University of Medicine and Science

EDWIN ROJAS, MPH

Research Assistant, St. John's Well Child and Family Center

Presentation Title: Engaging the Siblings of Latinx MSM in Promoting PrEP Use

Presentation Summary: The siblings of Latinx MSM are an overlooked source of social support in HIV prevention strategies. We will share findings from our community-partnered study that aims to engage siblings in the promotion of PrEP.

POSTER 4

CAROLYN BELTON, MHHS

Patient Care Manager, AIDS Healthcare Foundation

GABRIEL EDWARDS, MD, MPH

Assistant Project Scientist, UCLA David Geffen School of Medicine, Division of General Internal Medicine & Health Services Research

Presentation Title: Services for Re-Entry Populations: Community-Focused Development of a Policy Brief

Presentation Summary: This presentation describes the process of creating a policy brief on community re-entry services for individuals leaving incarceration. The brief was a collaboration between academics and community members, in response to an ongoing initiative to create policy recommendations around alternatives to incarceration in Los Angeles County.

POSTER 5

KEVIN FROST

*Undergraduate Student, University of Southern California
Director of External Affairs at Harm Reduction Los Angeles*

SID GANESH, BA, BS

*PhD Candidate, Department of Population and Public Health Sciences and the Institute for Prevention Research at the Keck School of Medicine, University of Southern California
Cofounder and Codirector at Harm Reduction Los Angeles*

TUCKER AVRA, DVM

*Medical Student, David Geffen School of Medicine at UCLA
Cofounder and Codirector at Harm Reduction Los Angeles*

Presentation Title: 1st Annual Harm Reduction in Clinical Praxis CME Conference

Presentation Summary: Birthed in the HIV epidemic in the US, Harm Reduction is a social justice movement and a framework for resource allocation that centers intersectional communities most impacted by the racist and anti-immigrant War on Drugs. The 1st Annual Harm Reduction in Clinical Praxis CME Conference was hosted by Harm Reduction Los Angeles in conjunction with the USC CME office at Keck School of Medicine on September 25, 2021, with a focus on offering interventional, institutional, and structural tools specific to improving care and outcomes for people who use drugs.

POSTER 6

CALEB GARCIA

Bachelor of Science Candidate, Undergraduate Student, HIV Counseling and Testing Coalition at UCLA

Presentation Title: UCLA's First Annual Sexual Health and Wellness Fair: Building a Healthier, Safer, & More Sex-Positive Campus

Presentation Summary: With the gracious support of the CHIPTS Kick Start Grant, the student-run HIV Counseling and Testing Coalition held its' inaugural Sexual Health and Wellness Fair. The primary goal of the Fair was to administer free HIV tests and provide client-specific risk-reduction counseling to students, staff, and faculty. Our organization also utilized the Fair as an opportunity to re-introduce ourselves to the campus community as a free and confidential testing, counseling, and educational resource after a long hiatus due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

POSTER 7

BILL LE, BA

PrEP Education Specialist, APLA Health

IAN KLINGER, MA

Research Coordinator, APLA Health

MATT MUTCHLER, PHD

Principal Investigator, APLA Health

Presentation Title: Innovative Outreach Strategies for a PrEP study during COVID-19

Presentation Summary: The poster presentation will discuss how to increase strategies for outreach and recruitment during the COVID-19 pandemic to support PrEP uptake between YBMSM and their close friends. As time has progressed and mandated shutdowns and “stay at home orders” in Los Angeles County have been lifted or lessened, in-person events have slowly started reappearing. This has led to us developing a new hybrid strategy which we are currently working to employ to reach our target population during these challenging times.

POSTER 8

CHARLES MCWELLS, BA

*HIV Prevention Services Manager, Los Angeles Centers for Alcohol and Drug Abuse
Instructor, Community Faculty at Charles R. Drew University of Medicine and Science*

Presentation Title: Velvet Jesus: An Edu-tainment Model for Behavioral Change Among At-Risk LGBTQ Adults of Color

Presentation Summary: "Educational Entertainment" (or "Edu-tainment") is an evidence-based model that uses film, television, theatre or other forms of performance art to convey health-empowerment messages. In this project, Black and Latinx LGBTQ adults participated in screenings of a motion picture that focused on homophobia, childhood trauma, mental health disorders, and HIV/AIDS. Following the screenings, audience members discussed how their shared experiences mirrored the film plot, and developed alternative plot-lines in which the characters made healthier behavioral choices.

POSTER 9

DIANNA POLANCO, BA

Research Coordinator, UCLA Semel Institute Center for Community Health

Presentation Title: Do Chatbots Have a Place in Adolescent HIV Research? A Qualitative Study in Los Angeles and New Orleans

Presentation Summary: The purpose of this abstract is to assess usability chatbots in research. Focus groups were held to discuss the pros and cons of using chatbots in research studies.

POSTER 10

REBECCA RUIZ, BS

HIV Project Empowerment Trainer, AltaMed Health Services

Presentation Title: Virtual Training Significantly Increases Primary Care Providers' PrEP Knowledge

Presentation Summary: Several studies have shown that a lack of knowledge among primary care providers (PCPs) about pre-exposure prophylaxis (PrEP) can be a barrier to HIV preventative care; when PCPs increase their knowledge about PrEP, they are more likely to initiate discussions about PrEP and prescribe it to their patients. We developed and conducted trainings among PCPs within a Federally Qualified Health Center (FQHC) to increase provider comfort/willingness with prescribing PrEP.

POSTER 11

JIMENA SANDOVAL, BA

Case Manager, Bienestar Human Services, Inc.

RICARDO MENDOZA LEPE, PHD

Field Specialist and Research Coordinator, Bienestar Human Services, Inc.

BRENDAN O'CONNELL, MSW

Chief Operating Officer, Bienestar Human Services, Inc.

Presentation Title: Homeless not hopeless: The impact of support systems in improving the quality of life of transgender people of color experiencing homelessness

Presentation Summary: Identifying the impact that social support connections, specifically from family members, have on trans people of color in facing risk situations and preventing future risk factors.

APPRECIATION

We appreciate CHIPTS leadership, members and partners for volunteering their time to help with today's conference. We thank the keynote speaker for effectively setting the stage for the conference, and the poster and oral session presenters for sharing their remarkable research with us. We would like to thank the Conference Planning Committee for their countless hours in planning and organizing this conference namely: Damilola Jolayemi, Norweeta Milburn and Dallas Swendeman. We equally appreciate the CHIPTS team, Uyen Kao, Enrique Sanchez, Elena Rosenberg-Carlson and the UCLA IT for their support towards making the conference a success. We would also like to thank the CHIPTS faculty, Community Advisory Board and volunteer reviewers for their continued service in reviewing and providing feedback on the conference abstracts. We thank the keynote speaker for effectively setting the stage for the conference, and the poster and oral session presenters for sharing their amazing research with us today.

CONTINUING EDUCATION CREDIT

This free continuing education training is available to nurses and mental health providers. This activity has been planned and implemented by CHIPTS and the Los Angeles Region Pacific AIDS Education and Training Center (LA PAETC) and followed the accreditation requirements and policies of the California Board of Registered Nursing and California Board of Behavioral Science.

The Pacific AIDS Education and Training Center - Los Angeles Area is accredited to provide the following: Continuing LCSW and MFT Education Credit. Courses meet the qualification for a maximum 3.5 hour of continuing education credit for LMFTs, LCSWs, LPCCs, and LEPs as required by the California Board of Behavioral Sciences. Provider #PCE 128280. Continuing Nursing Education Credit. Course is approved for a maximum of 3.5 contact hour by the California Board of Registered Nursing. Provider #15484.

Thank you for attending this conference!

Conference resources will be available post-conference on the conference website.