What About Us?

Challenges Faced by Transgender People of Color When Accessing HIV Prevention & Care Services
Objectives

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What’s the “T”?

• **Gender Binary** — The Separation of Gender into Two Distinct, Opposite Sexes

• **Trans/Transgender** — An Umbrella Term referring to those whose Gender Identity is Not the same as the Sex they were Assigned at Birth

• **Cisgender** — Someone who Identifies Exclusively as their Sex Assigned at Birth
What’s the “T”?

Gender Queer/Gender Non-Binary/ Gender Non-Conforming - A Term referring to Individuals who Do Not Identify within the Gender Binary

Transition – The Process of Changing One’s Gender Expression to Match their Gender Identity

Pronouns – A word referring to someone that is being talked about.
[Ex. He/Him/His, She/Her/Hers, They/Them]
Why This Presentation?

**Intersectionality** – A concept coined by Kimberle’ Crenshaw to describe the ways in which oppressive institutions are interconnected and cannot be examined separately from one another.
Intersectionality

“This idea that we all have the same life is false, Race, Class, and Gender come together to shape the life chances of people in very different ways.”

- Kimberle’ Crenshaw
Challenges & HIV/STI Prevention

Lack of Transgender and Gender Non-Binary Specific Campaigns, Programs, and Interventions that build Community, HIV Education, and Positive Mental, Physical, and Spiritual Health that Centers People of Color

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Challenges Accessing & Maintaining HIV/STI Care

- Limited Education, Sensitivity, and Representation amongst HIV Professionals
- Intersectional Challenges with Maintaining HIV/STI Care
Resources

1. Saving Our Sisters United, Inc - www.facebook.com/saveoursistersunited
2. University of Wisconsin (Milwaukee) - www.uwm.edu/lgbtrc/
3. Human Rights Campaign - www.hrc.org/resources
4. Trans Lifeline - (877) 330-6366
5. The Mahogany Project - www.mymahoganyproject.org
6. Avert - www.avert.org
7. Houston I am Life Campaign - www.houstoniamlife.com
8. End HIV Houston - www.endhivhouston.org
11. University of Houston LGBTQ Resource Center - www.uh.edu/lgbtq/
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