Project Announcement
People Living with HIV Stigma Index
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Detroit, Michigan

UNIFIED – HIV Health and Beyond and University of Michigan School of Public Health are partnering to conduct a follow-up study to the People Living with HIV Stigma Index (HIV Stigma Index) that was completed across the Detroit Metro Area in 2014. The HIV Stigma Index is a survey used worldwide to identify and compare how stigma and discrimination impacts the lives of people living with HIV (https://www.stigmaindex.org). It has been completed in over 100 countries with more than 100,000 people living with HIV participating in the process. Through this follow-up in Wayne County, we will be able to identify where progress has been made in addressing HIV stigma and discrimination and what challenges persist in our community.

Conducting the HIV Stigma Index is a huge undertaking, and it will require broad engagement to be successful. Over the next 12 months there will be a variety of ways your organization can take part!

1. Join the HIV Stigma Index Steering Committee which will provide oversight and input throughout the project
2. Help spread the word about HIV Stigma Index interviews by sharing project information on your organization’s social media and/or webpage
3. Promote the HIV Stigma Index at your organization to help recruit people living with HIV to share their experiences
4. Provide private space for scheduled interviews to be conducted
5. Share the results with your network

As a team we strive to be transparent, inclusive, intersectional, and hopeful. We are committed to creating a multitude of opportunities for meaningful community engagement, to giving voice to the experiences of people living with HIV beyond viral load and sexual experiences, and to using the results to act in meaningful ways that contribute to structural changes and provide tools for the community.

Contact stigmaindex@miunified.org to get involved!

Stay up to date on the project by visiting https://www.miunified.org/stigmaindex.