



DO YOU KNOW?

- An estimated 22,000 Chicagoans are currently living with HIV/AIDS
- 1,000 Chicagoans are infected with HIV each year
- Since 1981, at least 20,480 persons in Chicago have been diagnosed with AIDS
- 11,500 have died
- African-Americans alone account for 65% of recently diagnosed adult AIDS cases
AND
61% of recently diagnosed adult HIV cases

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A SERIES ON HIV/AIDS IN CHICAGO AND AROUND THE WORLD

Wednesday, October 26th

**“The Faces of AIDS Exhibit” followed by “Putting a Face to AIDS” discussion
9:00am-2:30pm Congress Lounge (Discussion Panel will be 1:00pm – 2:30pm)**

We are all affected, even if we're not infected. Some of Chicago's leading activists and people directly affected by HIV/AIDS are speaking out, bypassing all you've already learned and making it real. Join:

Paul LaKosky, M.A. Department of Public Health STD/HIV/AIDS Public Policy and Programs
Brett Stockdill, Associate Professor of Sociology at Northeastern Illinois University
Paco Zamora, Program Coordinator, Howard-Brown Health Center

For a real life, in-depth question and answer discussion around the issue of HIV/AIDS in Chicago.

The Mansfield Institute for Social Justice in cooperation with the Chicago Department of Public Health is pleased to present “The Faces of AIDS Exhibit” on display in the Michigan Ave. Lounge. The exhibit features photographs documenting the personal testimonials of those living with HIV/AIDS in America’s Heartland.

Tuesday, November 1st

**Incarcerated and Infected: A Life Sentence
1:00pm-2:30pm Congress Lounge**

The presence of HIV/AIDS in the correctional system is often overlooked, but with the number of infected inmates estimated to be more than 14 times higher than the general population, it can hardly be ignored.

According to the U.S. Department of Justice, 2% of inmates in state prisons are estimated to be HIV-positive. Advocates are concerned that increases in the number of HIV-positive African-Americans may be linked to the disproportionate incarceration of African-American men and women.

Reverend Doris Green, Director of community affairs, AIDS Foundation of Chicago
Jeannie Pejko, Formerly incarcerated HIV+ activist
Arthur J. Lurigio, Ph.D., Psychologist and professor of Criminal Justice at Loyola University
James A. Swartz Ph.D., Associate Professor at Northwestern University – Chicago
 Listen as a former prison inmate and prison HIV activists speak out about their experiences dealing with the largest at-risk population in Chicago and how it affects you.

Tuesday, November 8th

From Chicago to Rwanda: Women and AIDS with Dr. Mardge Cohen, CORE center for the prevention, care and research of infectious diseases.
1:00pm-2:30pm Congress Lounge

In the spring of 1994, as most of the world - including the United States - watched, "never again" happened again. More than 800,000 men, women and children in Rwanda were bludgeoned, stabbed, blown up, burned alive, shot, strangled, drowned and hacked to death in 100 days of premeditated madness. During this time men infected with HIV raped countless numbers of women.

Now, 11 years later, many of the women who survived the abuse are dying of AIDS. For them, the genocide continues, a sort of “murder on the installment plan.” Dr. Mardge Cohen has been traveling between Chicago and Kigali to set up an HIV clinic and a research project that will track the disease in women tormented by the restless ghosts of genocide. “We deserted this country once,” Cohen says. “We shouldn't do it again.”

Here at home, nearly 66% of Illinois women living with HIV are African-American. Many of these women became infected through no fault of their own. Can you see the similarity? If not, look again! Dr. Mardge Cohen shares her groundbreaking work with women infected with HIV and illustrates the link between “the land of 1,000 hills” and “the Windy City”.