**Session: Pre-SET (Prevent, Screen, Engage and Treat) to Reset: Re-Imagining Health and Wellness Approaches for MSM of Color to THRIVE!**

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Unstable housing, low income, unsafe neighborhoods, food instability, and substandard education and training are directly associated with a lack of access and retention to holistic health and wellness services for MSM of Color. The **Targeted Highly-Effective Interventions to Reverse the HIV Epidemic (THRIVE)** demonstration project, CDC funded, supports state and local health departments (HD) in the development of community collaboratives that deliver comprehensive HIV prevention, care, behavioral health and social services to MSM of color at-risk for or living with HIV. THRIVE jurisdictions have been implementing programming for three years to reimagine prevention and care models of engaging communities highly impacted by HIV. This session will detail the THRIVE jurisdictions’ response to addressing the social and behavior conditions in the places where MSM of color live, learn, work, and play by sharing strategies, lessons learned, and model practices that are improving health outcomes and advancing health equity. A facilitated panel discussion and community dialogue with Health Department representatives and session participants will explore the transformation of projects from operationalizing and uptake to creating accountable linkage to PrEP, HIV fourth generation screening, STI testing, viral suppression strategies, social and behavior changes, and other treatment as prevention methods.

**Format:** Panel Discussion, facilitated by HealthHIV

**Learning Objectives:**

1. Increase understanding of social factors that affection MSM of color engagement in HIV prevention, care, behavioral health, and social services.
2. Identify model practices that improve health outcomes and advance health equity for MSM of color.
3. Describe lessons learned in creating an accountable network of health and wellness providers serving MSM of color.

**Discussion Questions:**

1. Transforming Outcomes
   1. What makes the THRIVE programming unique from other activities that your jurisdiction has implemented previously?
   2. How are the programmatic outcomes being impacted by the project?
      1. There is a formal cross-site evaluation in place that will officially qualify outcomes of the demonstration project. Are there initial observations you are discovering?
2. Models of Engagement and Care
   1. How has the care model been modified to address holistic health care for the priority community? Who is engaged in the collaboratives, types of providers?
   2. Stigma and shame are directly associated with obstacles have been consistent barriers for the MSM community of color being linked and retained into prevention programs. How does your THRIVE demonstration project reduce stigma while fostering safe space to record accurate sexual history taking?
   3. Unstable housing, low income, unsafe neighborhoods, food instability, and substandard education and training are directly associated with a lack of access and retention to holistic health and wellness services. How are you addressing the social determents of health into your programming?
      1. What have the successes been?
      2. What are the challenges?
      3. How have you adapting training or built provider capacity to address these issues prior to HIV prevention or treatment?
3. PrEP Uptake/Missed Opportunities
   1. How are the MSM of color responding to PrEP services in your jurisdiction?
   2. What are the missed opportunities for PrEP services being offered to for MSM of color?
      1. Life issues
      2. Environmental
      3. Attitude – care of themselves
      4. Late to care
   3. What are the consistent challenges of MSM of color not accessing PrEP?
      1. PrEP -- retention and attrition rates
   4. What innovation are you implementing to engage MSM of color in PrEP services?
4. STI Testing/HIV Screening
   1. In the implementation of STI screening/test what strategies have been effective for increasing extra genital testing (3 site collection) for MSM communities of color as they engage project THRIVE?
      1. Acceptability
      2. Environment
      3. Notification of Results
   2. With scaling of 4th generation lab based testing, how are you mitigating the demand of this screening protocol with the expectation of the community?
   3. What challenges/barriers have presented in this process?
5. Prevention as Treatment (U=U)
   1. Advances in treatment and prevention of HIV infection continue to develop. In September 2017, CDC issues a “Dear Colleague” letter, supporting the U=U (Undetectable = Untransmittable) activities. A person living with a HIV with an undetectable HIV viral load means that there is effectively no risk for HIV transmission to others. How are you incorporating this messaging into program?
   2. How are we engaging and ensuring MSM communities of color are accessing services regardless of status to promote healthy outcomes?