



**AIDS  
FOUNDATION  
CHICAGO**

# **2023 POLICY PRIORITIES DEVELOPMENT COMMUNITY STAKEHOLDER LISTENING SESSION**

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# INTRODUCTIONS

**To get to know each other, please introduce yourself in the chat including your:**

- **Name**
- **Pronouns**
- **Favorite Fall/Autumn Activity**

# GOALS & OBJECTIVES

- **Shared understanding of AFC's policy priorities development process**
- **Brief overview of AFC's 2022 policy priorities and recent legislative wins**
- **Provide insight to inform new 2023 policy priorities for AIDS Foundation Chicago**

# COMMUNITY AGREEMENTS

- **Speak from your own experience**
- **Make space, take space**
- **Slow it down and break it down**
- **We are all teachers and learners**
- **Respect one another and honor the time we have together**
- **Give each other some grace while holding each other accountable**

# AREAS OF FOCUS

## Community-Centered

We can have the greatest impact on the syndemics of HIV and homelessness by centering the communities most impacted including Black and Latin/o/e/x gay and bisexual men, transgender women of color and Black cisgender women.

## Intersectionality

We must address the factors that drive the syndemics of HIV and homelessness in our communities including poverty, unemployment, immigration status, justice involvement, lack of affordable housing and other social determinants of health (SDOH).

## Leading with Race

We prioritize the work of racial equity to dismantle systems of oppression, racism and white supremacy in support of our common humanity.

## Getting to Zero-IL

We will get to zero through increased access to and uptake of PrEP for prevention, retaining more people living with HIV in care and continued funding of ongoing services, programs and resources.

# GETTING TO ZERO ILLINOIS



- Led by sixty-two (62) community partners across Illinois, GTZ-IL will be accomplished through increased access to and uptake of PrEP (pre-exposure prophylaxis) for prevention, retaining more people living with HIV in care and continued funding of ongoing supportive services and programs.
- Despite significant progress in reducing new HIV transmissions, dramatic health disparities remain. All genders, ages, racial/ethnic groups, and geographic regions are impacted by HIV in Illinois but not all are impacted equally.
- GTZ-IL prioritizes four communities in Illinois who are disproportionately impacted by HIV:
  - **Black and Latino/e/x gay, bisexual and other men who have sex with men,**
  - **Transgender women of color, and**
  - **Black cisgender women.**

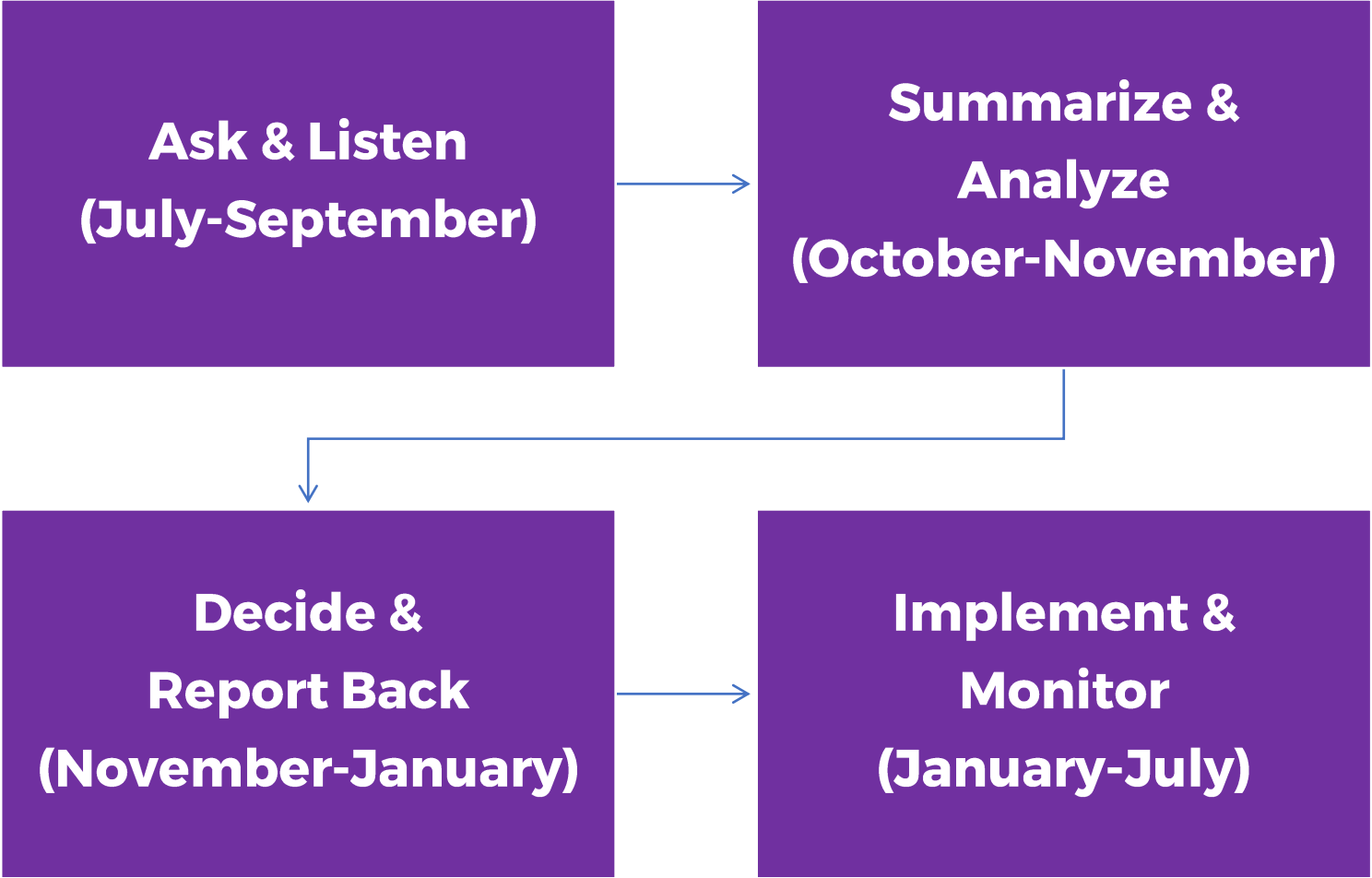
The GTZ-IL plan takes action across six domains:

1. Build The Future Workforce
2. Increase Access To Health Care
3. Improve Health Equity
4. Increase Efficiency Through Governmental Coordination
5. Care For Linked, Co-occurring Conditions
6. Measure Our Progress Through Surveillance And Other Data

Each domain contains multiple goals and strategies, for a total of **22 goals and 78 strategies**. Together, these create a plan that will help us achieve our outcomes and accelerate progress toward ending the epidemic.

For more information, visit <https://gtzillinois.hiv/>.

# AFC'S POLICY PRIORITIES DEVELOPMENT PROCESS



# HOW DOES AFC ENGAGE COMMUNITY?





# RECENT POLICY WINS



**Secured the fundamental right to reproductive health in Illinois (SB 25, 2019)**



**Allows young people to access PrEP without parental consent (HB 2665, 2019)**



**Adds LGBTQ+ older adults to the “greatest social need” population (SB 1319, 2019)**



**Repealed Illinois’ HIV criminalization statutes (HB 1063, 2021)**



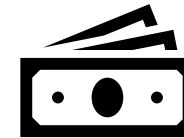
**Expansion of comprehensive sexual health education standards, grades 6-12 (SB 818, 2021)**



**Mandates 10 state agencies collect critical SOGI demographic data (SB 2133, 2021)**



**Increases access to PrEP and PEP in community pharmacies (HB 4430, 2022)**



**Secured \$10 million in state funding for GTZ-Illinois (FY23 Illinois State Budget, 2022)**

# DISCUSSION

- **What does Getting to Zero mean to you?**
- **Given your personal experience and/or your understanding of this work, what are the top 3 challenges people living with or vulnerable to HIV, people experiencing homelessness or housing instability, and the LGBTQ+ community face in achieving their best health?**
- **What policy would you want to enact to help people living with or vulnerable to HIV, people experiencing homelessness or housing instability, and/or the LGBTQ+ community?**
- **What's your one takeaway from today's conversation?  
Feedback?**

# STAYING ENGAGED

- In addition to this listening session, we are also conducting a **Community Stakeholder Survey**. (<https://p2a.co/OkcZG38>)
- **Best way to keep up with AFC's policy & advocacy work is to sign up for our Mobile Action Network (Text AFC to 40649) or by visiting <https://p2a.co/Vga0JeE>.**
- **Be on the lookout for AFC's 2023 Policy Priorities to be shared in January 2023**



# FOR MORE INFORMATION



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