



AIDS Foundation Chicago's 2023 Policy Priorities Community Survey

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[Introductory Statement:]

*Para completar esta encuesta en español, por favor oprima **aquí** [Link to translation]:*

Thank you for your interest in completing the AIDS Foundation Chicago's (AFC) 2023 Policy Priorities Community Survey. Your input is very important to us and these responses will inform AFC's 2023 policy priorities. This survey should take approximately 5 minutes to complete.

The goal of this survey is to better understand what barriers you face in achieving your best all-around health, as well as what barriers providers face in assisting the people they serve.

This survey is completely voluntary, and all responses will be anonymous and reported in aggregate - this means that individual survey results are combined together and presented as a group.

Only one completed survey per person please.

If you have any questions about the survey, you may contact the AFC Policy & Advocacy team at advocacy@aidschicago.org

[Section 1 – Demographics Part 1:]

First, we would like to ask you for a little information about your background.

1. Do you live in Illinois?

- Yes
- No *[Skip to end if selected]*
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[Only ask following questions of Illinois residents; Non-residents skip to end of survey:]

2. Are you a provider of HIV services and supports?

- Yes
- No

3. Are you a provider of housing/homelessness services and supports?

- Yes
- No

4. Have you ever received services or supports for HIV?

- Yes
- No
- Not sure
- Prefer not to say

5. Have you ever received services or supports for housing/homelessness?

- Yes
- No
- Not sure
- Prefer not to say

6. What is your HIV status?

- Positive
- Negative
- Not sure
- Prefer not to say

[Section 2 – Services and Policy Areas:]

In this section we will be asking questions related to the services you, your community and/or the people you serve need in order to achieve the best all-around health.

7. Considering your experience (either personal or professional), what are the top 3 challenges to ending the HIV epidemic and homelessness? Please rank in order of importance, with one being the most important.

- Housing availability, affordability, & accessibility
- Food
- Health care availability, affordability, & accessibility
- Education
- Economic Stability (for example, access to jobs, pay equity, access to social security)
- Criminal Legal System (for example, mass incarceration, access to HIV services within jail/prison, criminalization of sex work)
- Personal Safety (for example, social stigma, gender violence, LGBTQ discrimination)
- Other, please specify *[Open ended]* _____

8. What are the 3 most important policy issue areas that you believe AFC's Policy & Advocacy work should focus on in the coming year? Please rank in order of importance, with one being the most important.

- _____ Increase in funding for supportive and affordable housing
- _____ Increase the type of food available through the SNAP (i.e. food stamps) program (e.g. prepared food from the grocery store or a restaurant)
- _____ Increase availability and accessibility to community mental health services (e.g. therapists, psychiatrists)
- _____ Increase availability and accessibility of harm reduction & recovery services (e.g. treatment; overdose prevention sites)
- _____ Public education campaign(s) to reduce HIV Stigma
- _____ Increase availability and accessibility to medications that prevent (e.g. PrEP & PEP) and treat (e.g. antiretroviral medication) HIV.
- _____ Improve administrative processes so those eligible for Medicaid can get on and stay on Medicaid
- _____ Mandate sexual health education in K-12 schools to ensure that youth in IL are able to make informed choices about their health..
- _____ Increase the availability and accessibility of living-wage jobs, especially for Illinoisans with multiple barriers to employment (e.g. incarceration)
- _____ Decriminalization of sex work
- _____ Decriminalization of use or possession of controlled substances
- _____ Reduce the amount and impact of violence on people and communities (Including gun, police, and other forms of violence)
- _____ Access to reproductive health services (including contraception and abortion)
- _____ Other, please specify *[Open ended]* _____

[Section 3 – Demographics Part 2:]

Finally, we just have a few more questions to help us learn more about you. You can skip over any questions you do not want to answer, and all responses are completely anonymous:

9. What is your age (in years)? *[Open numeric text]* _____

10. What is the zip code where you currently live or stay?

[Open numeric text] _____

11. What is your race/ethnicity? Please select all that apply:

- Black or African American
- White
- American Indian or Alaska Native
- Hispanic or Latina/o/x *[If not selected skip to question 15]*
- Asian or Pacific Islander
- Arab or Middle Eastern
- Another race or ethnicity, please specify *[Open ended]*: _____
- Prefer not to respond *[Exclusive response]*

[Ask questions 12 and 13 if Hispanic or Latina/o/x is selected in previous question:]

12. Which of the following best describes your cultural background? Please select all that apply:

- Mexican
- Central American
- South American
- Puerto Rican
- Dominican
- Cuban
- Another cultural background, please specify *[Open ended]*: _____
- Prefer not to respond *[Exclusive response]*

13. Where were you born?

- Mainland USA (i.e. 1 of the 50 states in the US)
- Puerto Rico
- Other US Territory
- Another country (not the mainland U.S. or a U.S. territory)
- Prefer not to respond

[Ask question 14 if born outside the US or US territory]

14. My immigration status is:

- I am a naturalized U.S. citizen
- I am a permanent resident
- I have a visa and/or other protected status
- I am undocumented
- Other, please specify *[Open ended]*: _____
- Prefer not to respond

15. I consider myself to be...?

- Woman
- Man
- Genderqueer
- Intersex
- Non-binary/Nonconforming/Third Gender
- Prefer to self-describe, please specify *[Open ended]*: _____
- Prefer not to say

16. Do you identify as transgender?

- Yes
- No
- Don't know
- Prefer not to say

17. What is your sexual orientation?

- Lesbian/Gay/Same gender loving
- Bisexual
- Heterosexual/Straight
- Queer
- Questioning
- Something else, please specify *[Open ended]*: _____
- Prefer not to respond

**18. Is there anything else you would like to share with us about AFC's Policy
Priorities? _____**

[Open-ended; limit to 2-3 sentences].

[Section 4 – Survey end – thank you screen:]

Thank you for your participation in this survey! Your responses will help inform AFC's 2023 policy priorities.

Want to participate in a raffle to win an Amazon gift card? Click on the link below for a chance to win: *[Link to new page]*

Note: Your email address will not be connected to your survey responses and will not be used for any purpose other than the raffle. To participate in this survey and be entered into the grand prize drawing, you must be an Illinois resident currently living in the state of Illinois. All questions regarding the raffle can be sent to advocacy@aidschicago.org. Thank you for your participation in this important community survey!

If you would like to get involved in AFC's policy and advocacy work, please join AFC's Mobile Action Network: <https://p2a.co/kr90c4G>