

DENVER HIV RESOURCES PLANNING COUNCIL

HIV and Aging Forum Survey Results November 2009

1. In your opinion what are the top five challenges facing 50+ PLWH/A?

- Highest Ranked Answer
 - Service Provider
 - Education (Doctors/healthcare providers and 50+ population)
 - Living with multiple illnesses
 - Medical/Dental
 - Lack of financial resources
 - Housing for aging adults with HIV/AIDS
 - Reality of dealing with life-long treatment-often for several illnesses
 - Community Member
 - Isolation
 - Getting services for the homeless 50+
 - Insurance-losing it/access to
 - System Leader
 - Stigma
 - Medical care
 - Direct outreach to the clients
 - Being in a high risk group for illness
 - Multiple Checked
 - Retention of, or access to healthcare and insurance
 - Medical care – education of HIV and non-HIV physicians
 - Medical (aging earlier)
 - Healthcare, access for all people

- #2 Ranked Answer
 - Service Provider
 - Coordinate 50+ w/ aging specific services
 - Connecting with support services
 - Psychosocial
 - Isolation
 - Access to medical and mental health care
 - Financial challenges
 - Community Member
 - Financial cost
 - Getting services to individuals who can't come to us
 - Financial planning
 - System Leader
 - Isolation
 - Transportation
 - Lack of knowledge about HIV/AIDS w/ group
 - Planning for the future/not just for today
 - Multiple Checked
 - Financial stability
 - Education and prevention in HIV-negative aging communities
 - Long term care and housing (in near future)
 - Anal, bone, dental; nutrition, etc

- #3 Ranked Answer
 - Service Provider
 - Competent service providers – training/education
 - Drug and alcohol use
 - Support, including funding
 - Depression
 - Housing
 - Increase prevention outreach
 - Community Member
 - Stigmas preventing open discussions
 - Other “aging” illnesses – diabetes, etc
 - Preparing strategies and organizing a better system
 - System Leader
 - Home care
 - My weight
 - Undocumented population (not able to access services)

- Multiple Checked
 - Independent living
 - Independent living, transportation, mobility
 - Psycho-social issues
 - Reduce stigma within all areas of community
- #4 Ranked Answer
 - Service Provider
 - Financial planning
 - Spiritual needs
 - Building community and support amongst PLWH/A
 - Planning for retirement
 - Losing insurance and health care
 - Stigmas
 - Community Member
 - For using more on prevention and education
 - Keep affordable in insurance for those who are middle class – not eligible for financial aid, but can't afford high cost of HIV/AIDS
 - Co-morbid illnesses
 - System Leader
 - Finances
 - Changing my insurance from CICP
 - This population doesn't want to reach out services often
 - Multiple Checked
 - Funding
 - Financial issues – planning, poverty, etc
 - HIV education
 - Reduce isolation personally and socially
- #5 Ranked Answer
 - Service Provider
 - Funding
 - Prevention for 50+, reducing stigma
 - Planning for end of life issues
 - Distinct needs for different ethnic and linguistic groups
 - Receiving home care
 - Stigma
 - Community Member
 - Getting more people involved Aging issues (transportation, etc) that prevent access to care

- System Leader
 - Services not tailored to this population
 - Long term affects of meds
 - Insurance
- Multiple Checked
 - Housing always
 - Social support
 - Independent living Plans

2. In your opinion what are the top ways we need to prepare and respond to the aging demographics of HIV/AIDS?

- Top Ranked Answer
 - Service Provider
 - Planning, ongoing discussion with affected groups
 - Prepare medical and pharmacy systems for dealing with multiple problems, not just HIV
 - Prepare for next 15-20 years
 - Increase community leadership!
 - Needs assessment
 - Educate ourselves to communication across language barriers
 - Community Member
 - Make plans and have more discussions
 - Getting transportation services in place
 - System Leader
 - Outreach
 - Education to plan
 - Better education of HIV for medical providers
 - Work with other community senior organizations to collaborate
 - Multiple Roles
 - Outreach: Social, Financial, Lifespan
 - Coordination and collaboration between agencies and communities
 - Update medical guidelines and standards
 - Education through topic specific forums

- #2 Ranked Answer
 - Service Provider
 - Build community
 - Resources collaboration
 - More opportunities for drug and alcohol treatment
 - Partnering with medical social workers and aging organizations
 - Increase community/ancillary support interaction!
 - Funding resources
 - Community Member
 - Getting community members who are HIV+ involved to leader
 - System Leader
 - Better (real) dental care
 - Funding
 - Messaging for all communities and ages
 - Tailor messages to population
 - Multiple Roles
 - Collaboration
 - Education, Education, Education!
 - Institute medical checklist for all PWAs
 - Reaching out to senior service agencies for education

- #3 Ranked Answer
 - Service Provider
 - Focus groups
 - Better coordination with insurance programs (Medicare)
 - Create 15 year plan for funding this population
 - Comprehensive care rather than distinctive and separate services
 - Increase outreach and communication overall!
 - System Leader
 - Tailor messages to different ethnic groups
 - Collaborations
 - Multiple Roles
 - Creating Community
 - Planning for long term care and housing
 - Healthcare reform support and education

- #4 Ranked Answer
 - Service Provider
 - Workshops on working with population
 - Implement life-span continuum of care
 - Long term plan for TGA
 - Foster communication on end of life issues
 - Distinguish “aging” group (ages, needs, services)
 - System Leader
 - Build community (language oriented)
 - Advocating
 - Multiple Checked
 - Test and treat everyone (start with universal testing)
 - Efforts to reduce stigma

- #5 Ranked Answer
 - Service Provider
 - Input from population
 - Monitor and evaluate
 - Skills/advocacy training for clients
 - System Leader
 - Collaborate/Identify services demand
 - Multiple Roles
 - Conference annually on Aging and HIV. Statewide, Regional and National