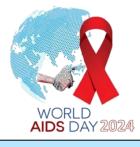
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Prep vs. Pep

PrEP and PEP are methods for preventing HIV infection that involve taking HIV medicines. When you take steps to protect yourself against a disease, like HIV, it's called prophylaxis.

PrEP and PEP are for people who don't have HIV, but are at risk of getting it.

PrEP stands for pre-exposure prophylaxis.

What's it called?

PEP stands for post-exposure prophylaxis.

Before HIV exposure.

PrEP is taken every day, before possible exposure.

When is it taken?

After HIV exposure.

In emergency situations, PEP is taken within 72 hours (3 days) after possible exposure.

PrEP is for people who don't have HIV and:

- have a sex partner with HIV
- have sex with people whose HIV status is unknown
- · share injection drug equipment

Who's it for?

PEP is for people who don't have HIV but may have been exposed:

- during sex
- at work through a needlestick or other injury
- · by sharing injection drug equipment
- during a sexual assault

Prep can reduce the risk of getting HIV from sex by more than 90% and from injection drug use by more than 70%.

How effective is it?

PEP can prevent HIV infection when taken correctly, but it is not always effective.

Start PEP as soon as possible to give it the best chance of working.



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UNDETECTABLE

UNDETECTABLE UNTRANSMITTABLE A PERSON LIVING WITH HIV WHO HAS AN UNDETECTABLE VIRAL LOAD DOES NOT TRANSMITTHE VIRUS TO THEIR PARTNERS.

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In 2022 there were 858 new HIV diagnoses in Louisiana.

It is estimated that 1 in 6 people living with HIV in Louisiana (are undiagnosed and do not know their HIV status.



Around the World

In 2022, an estimated 39 million people were living with HIV.



Since the start of the epidemic, an estimated 40.4 million people have died from an AIDS-related illness.



HIV & AIDS in the United States

- There are over 1 million Americans living with HIV.
- In 2021, over 35,000 people were diagnosed with HIV.
- In 2021, over 16,000 people were diagnosed with AIDS.

In 2022, there were 22,588 people living with HIV in Louisiana. Almost half of people living with HIV had a prior AIDS diagnosis.

Among persons living with HIV in 2022...







2 in 3 were Black

70% were male

Over half were over 45 years old

Undetectable = Untransmittable

U=U

People with HIV who take their medications as prescribed and keep virally suppressed or undetectable cannot pass HIV on to sex partners.

How YOU can prevent HIV transmission:

If you are living with HIV, take your HIV medicine ,5 to stay healthy & reduce the risk of passing HIV on to a partner.

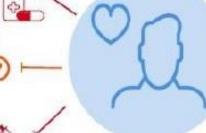
Know your status and your partner's status.

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and other injecting

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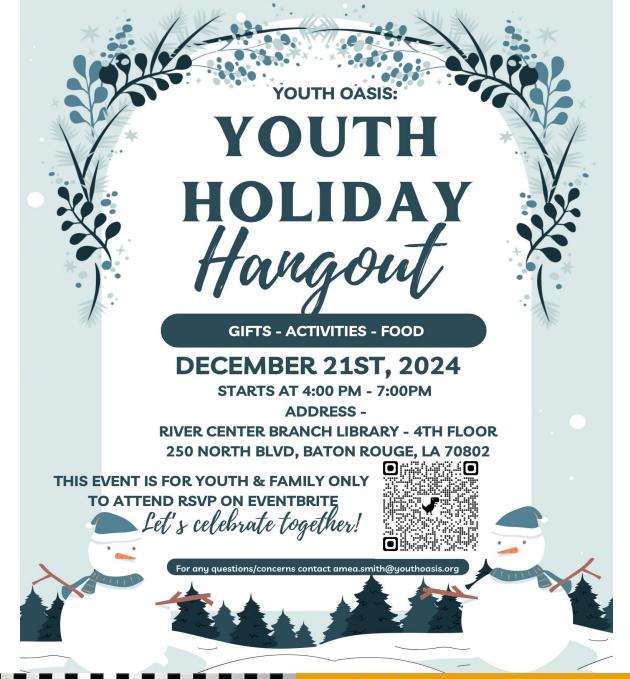
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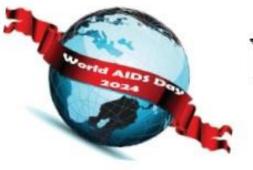
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THE JOURNEY TO MAKING A DIFFERENCE IN OUR COMMUNITY"

A Worldwide news article was released on September 24th, 2009, "Scientist Surprised as Vaccine Prevents AIDS Virus." According to the developed under the Baton Rouge Black article, the vaccine reduces the risk of becoming Alcoholism Council, where Mr. William Jackson infected with HIV by more than 31% in the world's largest AIDS vaccine trial of more than 16,000 volunteers in Thailand. Strains of HIV common in Thailand were used in the study.

An effort to educate and mobilize the Baton Rouge Community to address HIV/AIDS began in BRBAC's Metro Health also worked with the the late eighties. Dr. James Hines, III was a resident at Tulane University working on his master's degree in Public Health. His focus was now the largest agency in Baton Rouge providing medicines such as PrEP and PEP, treatments to on community health. He encouraged the State to medical/treatment, case management, housing, allow him to develop and bring an HIV prevention and other support services for HIV positive program to Baton Rouge to start HIV/AIDS prevention activities in the community. Dr. Hines largest prevention agency in Baton Rouge which I see even a cure! then met with the late Larry B. Griffin, who was the Executive Director of South Baton Rouge Community Development Association, Inc. (SBRCDA), which was housed in the Dr. Leo S. Butler Community Center. The program was named South Baton Rouge Health Education. under SBRCDA, Inc. and was the first agency to address HIV prevention and testing in Baton

(the first agency to offer services and support in community. the community for HIV positive clients), which is no longer in service. SBRCDA closed in 1991. The Health Education Program's HIV/AIDS component was very successful, and the State wanted to continue the prevention activities started with HIV.

The late Mr. Melvin Aaron, former Program Director of the Health Education Program recruited me (former Health Educator), and we signed individual contracts with the State in 1991 substance abuse in our community. From all of to continue the prevention activities in the community and created and operated under the name of Metro Health. In 1992, Metro Health wanted to expand and receive a federal grant to

this endeavor we asked that a component be was board president and Mr. Aaron was a board member, and that we retain the name Metro Health since the name was already well known in HIV/AIDS. Our goal is to continue to evolve and the community. Metro worked diligently to build identify ways to strengthen the agency to better community relationships and recruit partners. Office of Public Health to develop and expand clients. Today, BRBAC's Metro Health is the also provides case management and support services for clients who are HIV positive and/or have a sexually transmitted infection.

Our first Compassion Arrest was held on World AIDS Day 2003. After participating in St. Jude's Arrest, we decided to use the same concept to involve our community, as well as our community leaders, to bring attention to World

Rouge. The agency staff was very instrumental in AIDS Day and HIV awareness, and increase funds assisting with the development of Friends for Life to strengthen our agency for better service in our

> The wonderful thing is that our community and community leaders not only support us with this activity, but they also help us to serve our community by involving us in health fairs. seminars on Hepatitis and HIV/STDs and allow us to provide testing for HIV, Syphilis and Hepatitis. There are so many community leaders who support and assist Metro Health and other organizations which address HIV/AIDS and us: "Thanks and God Bless." We could not be successful without your help to reach people who need our services.

have outreach in the community. To assists us in 2016 marked the 1st year of our "The Difference is Us" World AIDS Day observation event. This event is a free community luncheon in which the community is educated on current statistics. prevention methods, treatment methods and supportive services available in the fight against serve the Baton Rouge area.

The one constant in this world is change. But, it is great to see a change coming in this field. HAART, HIV/AIDS Alliance for Region II, which is With strong commitment to extensive research on stop the replication of the virus in the immune system, and more research and dissemination of U=U. I am sure a great change is on the horizon.

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