

Special Presentation: Aging with HIV and the whole life approach

Grissel Granados, MSW; Senior Director, Planned Parenthood Los Angeles

Grissel Granados has over a decade of experience in managing HIV programming in a healthcare setting. She is a current CHAC member and former PACHA member. Grissel holds a Master's degree in Social Work and believes that a gender and racial justice approach is key to ensuring people living with HIV have a high quality of life. She has been living with HIV since birth and she co-directed and co-produced the 2015 documentary titled, *We're Still Here*, which depicts the stories of the first generation of people born with HIV in the 80s and 90s who are now adults. Grissel is a nationally recognized leader in the topic of lifetime survivors and serves in a leadership capacity for the Lifetime Survivors Network.

Richard Adkins; Lifetime Survivors Network

Richard Adkins is a 33-year-old life-time survivor, advocate, and accountant based in the Washington DC area. He is currently one of the chairs of the Lifetime Survivors Network, a national advocacy group for people living with HIV since birth or early childhood. He has over 20 years of experience in the HIV field which includes serving on community advisory boards, facilitating men's and youth support groups, empowering youth living with HIV through summer camps, and being a youth delegate for the International AIDS conference in Melbourne Australia. He has worked to educate the community about HIV and AIDS through workshops, artworks, toolkits, and panel discussions. In 2024, he received the Mary Bowman Award from DC Health, for service toward ending the HIV epidemic. In his free time, he enjoys cooking, reading, and working out.

Antoinette Jones; Co-Executive Director/ Co- Founder, Dandelions, Inc.; National Field Organizer, Positive Women's Network

Antoinette Jones is a seasoned advocate who embarked on her advocacy journey in her early 20s, initially as a Peer Specialist facilitating access to preventative care and treatment for individuals living with and at risk for HIV. As a Dandelion Woman Living with HIV, she brings a unique perspective, having navigated this experience since birth. Currently serving as the Co-Founder and Co-Executive Director of Dandelions, Inc., also known as the "Dandelions Movement," Antoinette leads a non-profit organization that prioritizes the needs of individuals born with HIV through mentorship, healing initiatives, and peer-to-peer connections.

Antoinette's dedication extends to the upliftment of Black and Indigenous women's Reproductive Wellness, Human Rights, and Social Dignity, epitomized by her brand "Sun-DAIE," symbolizing Self-Driven and Independently Empowered. In her role as the National Field Organizer at Positive Women's Network, she facilitates local and federal organizing skills to chapters across four states, focusing on policy and legislation improvements for both Trans-Gender and Cis-Gender Women Living with HIV. Collaborating with organizations and providers, Antoinette strives to enhance clinical and social services for women.

Her commitment to Youth Rights is reflected in her position on the Board of Directors of Advocates for Youth, a national organization at the forefront of advocating for young people's

rights. Antoinette's impactful advocacy has played a significant role in advancing federal guidelines related to breast/chest feeding for individuals living with HIV. Leveraging her Artist mindset, voice, and influence, she skillfully bridges unique intersections among the creators of our time and contributes to the advancement of black health.

Allison Agwu, MD, ScM, FAAP, FIDSA; Professor of Adult and Pediatric Infectious Diseases at Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine

Allison Agwu, M.D., ScM is Professor of Adult and Pediatric Infectious Diseases at Johns Hopkins University (JHU) School of Medicine. Dr. Agwu received her B.S. from University of Maryland, M.D. from University of Maryland School of Medicine, and Master of Science from Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health. She completed her internal medicine/pediatric residency at Case Western Reserve University and a combined adult and pediatric infectious disease fellowship at Johns Hopkins School of Medicine. Dr. Agwu oversees a clinical research program that aims to coordinate care, treatment, and research for vulnerable populations through a multidisciplinary and socially responsible lens. She cares for patients across the age spectrum, both in the pediatric and adult Ryan-White funded HIV clinics at Johns Hopkins, as the founder and medical director of the Accessing Care Early (ACE) Clinic and the Program Director of the Pediatric/Adolescent HIV/AIDS Program. She is also the Project Director of JH-WICY Partnership, a regional RW Part D funded program aimed at improving care for vulnerable populations in central Maryland. Dr. Agwu's independent research studies use multimodal approaches, including clinic and field-based/community-involved approaches and clinical trials. She is also involved with large national and international research groups (IMPAACT, ATN, PAVE) where she is actively involved in directing the research agenda and approaches. She is an active member of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services' Adolescent and Adult Antiretroviral Treatment Guidelines, Chair of the HIV Medicine Association, and Chair of the Advocates for Youth Board, all spaces where she tirelessly advocates for and with those who are impacted by HIV, especially the youth.