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# QI News You Can Use

Newsletter from the Las Vegas TGA Recipient's Office

Darnell Duwyenie, from Golden Rainbow, has been a part of the Las Vegas Transitional Grant Area for the past five years. We want to spotlight his contributions for educating and advocating about Housing and Health Education Risk Reduction. His support and assistance have improved people's quality of life by providing a safety net and enhanced understanding during times of need.

**Please share how you educate and advocate in our community.**

I advocate and educate by helping people navigate their housing and sexual health journey. Normalizing these conversations and providing nuggets of information can break barriers through truth and understanding.

**What motivates you at work?**

I was born and raised in this city; this is my community, and it is my honor to serve our members. Providing these essential housing services and programs motivates me and drives me to push even further.

**What services and programs does Golden Rainbow provide?**

Golden Rainbow has managed two federal programs since the 90s. The Housing Opportunities for Persons with AIDS (HOPWA) Program primarily focuses on housing that provides long-term and transitional housing to low-income individuals and families affected by HIV/AIDS who have had challenges securing a safe, affordable place to live. Golden Rainbow owns and maintains various Las Vegas real estate properties, including apartment buildings and single-family homes, that help clients manage their disease. In addition, Golden Rainbow also provides Emergency Financial Assistance (EFA) and Health Education Risk Reduction (HERR) through the Clark County Social Service Office of HIV. Through this program, eligible clients can receive emergency short-term financial assistance and learn about how to reduce the risk of HIV transmission.

For more information about HOPWA, EFA, & HERR contact Darnell at Golden Rainbow.

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# National Minority AIDS Council (NMAC)

## Training Opportunities

NMAC has been a leader in supporting and building healthier communities of color from coast to coast for over 35 years. It leads with race to urgently fight for health equity and racial justice to end the HIV epidemic in America. Program descriptions below provide detailed information about ELEVATE and ESCALATE.

### What is ELEVATE?

ELEVATE stands for, Engage Leadership through Employment, Validation, and Advancing Transformation and Equity for persons with HIV.

The purpose of the ELEVATE program is to build the capacity of Persons with HIV (PWH) to be meaningfully involved in the planning, delivery, and improving of Ryan White HIV/AIDS Program (RWHAP) services.

ELEVATE will address needs in workforce recruitment, development, and advancement for PWH in populations 50+, Young Black Men, transgender/gender non-conforming (T/GNC), Latinx, and the recovery community. ELEVATE will bring forth an increased initiative in these communities hit hard by HIV so that self-awareness and self-advocacy will grow, while supporting the four goals of the HIV National Strategic Plan.

### What can we learn about ESCALATE?

ESCALATE stands for Ending Stigma through Collaboration and Lifting All to Empowerment

ESCALATE is an innovative training and capacity-building initiative specifically designed to address HIV-related stigma that creates barriers at multiple levels of the HIV care continuum.

ESCALATE is open to all Ryan White HIV/AIDS Program Recipients (Parts A, B, C, & D). This includes community-based organizations, federally qualified health centers, health departments, planning councils, and planning bodies. Recipients interested in applying can do so as Stigma Reduction Teams. Stigma Reduction Teams consist of one person living publicly with HIV.

The ESCALATE program offers three tracks to mitigate and eliminate stigma in HIV-related service provision in the United States.

To learn more about **ELEVATE & ESCALATE**, the training schedule and other valuable learning opportunities, please visit: [website. https://www.nmac.org/programs/thecenter/](https://www.nmac.org/programs/thecenter/)

# Civic Literacy & Engagement: Legislative Updates

It is important to stay informed about legislation to understand the impacts of healthcare-related bills. Monitoring the implementation of healthcare laws and policies is essential to ensure that they effectively benefit individuals living with HIV and the broader community. Read below to see how legislative actions can affect HIV care.

## Current 2023:

- 2023 [AB139](#), Revises provisions governing certain demographic information (race) collected by governmental agencies.
- 2023 [SB172](#), Revises provisions governing the ability of a minor to consent to certain health care services.
- 2023 [SB439](#), Requires a public or private detention facility to take certain measures to ensure the access of prisoners to treatment for and methods to prevent the acquisition of human immunodeficiency virus
- R148-22, Relating to communicable diseases and human immunodeficiency virus (HIV) modernization, Requires Laboratories Reporting of HIV- and HEP C- Tests

## Previous 2021:

- 2021 [SB109](#), Revises provisions relating to the collection of certain information of Sexual orientation and Gender Identity (SOGI) or expression by governmental agencies.
- 2021 [SB211](#), requires medical providers and emergency rooms to offer HIV & STD testing.
- 2021 [SB275](#), Revises provisions relating to communicable diseases. Modernizes Nevada's HIV criminal laws.
- 2021 [SB325](#), allow pharmacists to prescribe Pre-Exposure Prophylaxis (PrEP).



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