

Toronto HIV/AIDS Network (THN) Update #18.37 – December 11, 2018

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Happy Holidays from the Toronto HIV/AIDS Network

*Please note: The next THN Update will be sent on **Tuesday, January 8, 2019***

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With the relaunch of the Toronto HIV/AIDS Network (THN) website, hosted on the site is a calendar of upcoming events, which have been submitted for the THN update. [To view the calendar please click here.](#)

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Community News and Information

- THN has compiled a list of holiday hours for member agencies and local AIDS Service Organizations. *[Please see the attached document.]*
- Toronto Public Health (TPH) has submitted an application to the new provincial Consumption and Treatment Services program, which replaces the former Supervised Injection Services program. If approved, the continuation of these services will ensure that people at risk of overdose are able to access this life-saving service, as they have since August 2017. This news release is also available on the City's website: <http://ow.ly/nwnh30mZtZt>.
- **Ontario AIDS Network (OAN)** Honour Roll nominations are open for individuals who have demonstrated outstanding leadership and achievement within the HIV/AIDS movement in Ontario.

Three categories of awards which are accepting nominees: **The Person with HIV/AIDS Leadership Award; The Caring Hands Award; & The Community Partners Award.** Nominations close **Monday, January 14, 2019 at 4:00pm.** The award ceremony will take place March 2, 2019 at Buddies in Bad Times Theatre in Toronto. For more information, please visit [OAN's website](#).

PHA and Peer Programming

- **HIV+ Women - Health Promotion/Nursing Clinic – 2018 in Retrospect.** The Hassle Free Clinic, in collaboration with the **Toronto People With AIDS Foundation & Casey House**, is offering this clinic on **Wednesday, December 19th – 1:30 to 3:30 p.m.** Location: Toronto People With AIDS Foundation, 200 Gerrard Street East, 2nd floor *[Please see the attached flyer for more information.]*
- **AIDS Committee of Toronto (ACT)** is hosting a weekly Meet n Eat lunch program Friday from 11am – 1pm. *[Please see the attached flyer for more information.]*

Save the Date

- Did you know that Saskatchewan has the highest rate of HIV in Canada and Indigenous populations across Canada are more affected by HIV than other groups? Are you interested in learning more about the disease and what Canadian researchers and community leaders from across Canada are doing to end HIV here in Canada and globally? The 28th annual Canadian Conference on HIV/AIDS Research – to be held **May 9-12, 2019** in Saskatoon, Saskatchewan – will be an opportunity for you learn about HIV, recent scientific advances, treatment and prevention options, and a chance to meet and learn from other community members from across the country. To attend the Conference, the registration link is noted below and those eligible can apply for a Community Registration Scholarships which will allow up to 80 community members to attend the event for free. For more information:

- **Register Online**
- **Submit an Abstract**
- **Community Scholarships & Awards**

For more information about CAHR 2019 and to sign up for the Conference update emails, visit www.cahr-acrv.ca/conference.

- The 10th IAS Conference on HIV Science (IAS 2019) is taking place in Mexico City, Mexico, from **21-24 July 2019**. Register now and join in the IAS 2019 movement. [Please click here to register and for more information](#)

Surveys, Studies and Focus Group

- **Fife House** is conducting a Youth and HIV study. The purpose of asking you to participate in this study is to better understand the housing challenges, barriers to support and health care, and issues of stigma and discrimination experienced by young people living with HIV, who are unstably housed. **Compensation:** \$20.00, plus TTC tokens. [*Please see the attached poster for more information.*]
- **Committee for Accessible AIDS Treatment, Alliance for South Asian AIDS Prevention, and Asian Community AIDS Services (CAAT-ASSAP-ACAS)** collaboration for International Student HIV (ISHIV) study is seeking volunteers for a study on what challenges may be encountered by HIV+ international students when accessing treatment and health services. **Eligibility criteria:** 16+ years or older; HIV+ person who holds (or has held) a student visa to Canada in the last 5 years; and who is able to communicate and provide consent in English. **Compensation:** \$50.00, plus TTC tokens. [*Please see the attached poster for more information.*]
- **HIV Stigma Index** is seeking participants to collect information about their experiences living with HIV related to stigma, discrimination, and human rights. **Eligibility criteria:** living with HIV. **Compensation:** \$50.00. Interview will last between 1 to 2 hours. [*Please see the attached poster for more information.*]
- **HIV Prevention Lab** is seeking individuals for **Project THRIVE+**. It is a 10 session individual cognitive behavioural therapy treatment to reduce trauma-related distress and increase antiretroviral treatment adherence and engagement in HIV care in gay, bisexual, and other men who have sex with men living with HIV. In this study, participants will be randomly assigned to receive 10 individual counselling sessions or 2 individual counselling sessions. Randomization will be stratified by the presence or absence of current post-traumatic stress disorder diagnosis. Participants will complete baseline assessments involving self-report questionnaires and clinician-administered interviews, as well as assessments 3, 6, and 9 months later. Medication adherence will be tracked through the use of Wisepill dispensers. Treatment adherence will also be assessed through self-report measures and by obtaining viral load and CD4 cell counts from participants' healthcare providers. **Compensation:** Individuals who get randomized to the Treatment group will get paid up to **\$375** and individuals randomized to the control group will get paid up to **\$230**. There is no waitlist. This study is led by Dr. Conall O'Cleirigh (the Fenway Institute, Massachusetts General Hospital, and Harvard Medical School) and Dr. Trevor Hart (HIV Prevention Lab Director, Ryerson University and the University of Toronto). [*Please see the attached poster for more information.*]

Employment, Volunteer, and Board Opportunities

- **Africans in Partnership against AIDS (APAA)** is seeking a HIV POZ Prevention and Care Coordinator (Rigakafi), (contract). Application Deadline: **Monday, December 31, 2018 at 5:00 p.m.**

- **Fife House** is seeking a Manager Community Programs, Peer Engagement, and Volunteers (fulltime) Application Deadline: **Friday, January 4, 2018 at 5:00 p.m.** *[please see the attached job posting for more information]*
- **The AIDS Bereavement and Resiliency Program of Ontario (ABRPO)** is seeking an ABRPO and TTOA Coordinator (fulltime). Application Deadline: **Friday January 18, 2019 at 5:00 p.m. . . .** *[please see the attached job posting for more information]*
- **Rainbow Health** is seeking a Trans Health Information Specialist (fulltime). Application Deadline: Open till filled *[[please click here](#) for more information]*

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