

Positive Futures 2011:

Expanding Efforts to Address Employment Needs Of People Living with HIV/AIDS

A Pre-Conference Institute for the
United States Conference on AIDS

Co-presented by
National Working Positive Coalition
Chicago House
National Minority AIDS Council

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“The first 15 years of the epidemic were about dying - first quickly, then a little more slowly, but it was all about dying.

The next five years were about not dying...

It’s my hope and belief that this next era of the HIV/AIDS epidemic is about living, really learning to live fully, with HIV.”

Eric Ciasullo, founding board member
National Working Positive Coalition



National Working Positive Coalition (NWPC)

- Who we are:
 - Persons living with HIV/AIDS, service providers, educators and researchers in HIV/AIDS and employment
- Mission
 - Promote research, development and implementation of effective practices in employment services
 - Coordinate sharing and dissemination of this information
 - Advocate for work options and opportunities for people living with HIV/AIDS.

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Learning Objectives

Participants in the Positive Futures 2011 Institute will be able to:

- Describe two reasons why it is increasingly important to create opportunities for people living with HIV/AIDS to consider vocational and/or employment services.
- Describe two barriers to accessing vocational and/or employment services faced by many people living with HIV/AIDS.
- Identify two actions/steps that can be taken in one's community to develop a collaborative system of vocational and employment services for people living with HIV/AIDS.

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Welcome and Intro

1:00pm Mark Misrok, President, National Working Positive Coalition

 Jeff Crowley, Director, Office of National AIDS Policy and
 Senior Advisor on Disability Policy, The White House

A. Why is Employment Important?

1:20pm Dylan Orr, Special Assistant/Advisor, U.S. Department of
 Labor, Office of Disability Employment Policy

 Julio Rodriguez, Director of Program Services, Illinois
 Department of Commerce & Economic Opportunity

 Liza Conyers, Associate Professor, Department of
 Educational Psychology, Counseling & Special Education,
 The Pennsylvania State University

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B. Breaking Barriers: What Strategies and Services are Available for Considering Employment?

- 2:15pm Laura Gallagher Watkin, Director, Illinois Connections:
Assisting Veterans & Military Families, Health and Disability
Advocates
- 3:00pm BREAK
- 3:15pm April Watkins, Assistant Director of Workforce
Development, GMHC
- Mark Misrok, President, National Working Positive Coalition
- Perry Junjulas, Executive Director, Albany Damien Center
- Cheryl Potts, Chief Operating Officer, Alexian Brothers AIDS
Ministry
- Judy Perloff, Program Director, Chicago House

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C. How Can We Move Forward?

- 4:20pm Chuck Lobosco, New York State Department of Health, AIDS Institute
- John Merz, Executive Director, Connecticut AIDS Resource Center
- Discussion: “Cross-System Partnerships: How Can We Move Forward?”
- 4:50pm Closing and Evaluations
- 5:00pm Post-Institute Networking

NWPC at USCA

***Impact of Employment on
People Living with HIV/AIDS:***

Ways to Improve Their Success in Treatment and Care
and in

Vocational Rehabilitation and Employment Services

Saturday, November 12, 2011

4:00 PM to 6:00 PM

Ontario Room, 2nd Level