HIV Among Transgender Persons, Michigan

Number of Cases and Recent Trends:
- Current gender has been collected by the HIV Surveillance Program since 2010, therefore the figures presented here are minimum estimates.
- As of January 2012, there were 76 transgender persons ever diagnosed with HIV with a current residence of Michigan (55 of whom are living).
- Of the 55 currently living HIV-positive transgender persons, 22 had a diagnosis of stage 3 HIV infection (AIDS).
- Over three quarters of these cases (78%) were living in the Detroit Metro Area as of January 2012.

Demographics:
- All 55 prevalent transgender cases were born male but currently identify or express their gender as female (MTF).
- The majority (76%) of HIV-positive transgender persons are black.
- Almost half (40%) of HIV-positive transgender persons were between 13 and 24 years old at the time of diagnosis, while 27 percent were 25-29 years old.

Other Facts:
- As a result of having been assigned male sex at birth, transgender male to female persons are often classified as men who have sex with men (MSM).
- Sixty-three percent reported sex with males only, and 27 percent reported sex with both males and females.

Program Efforts:
- Since 2011, The Initiative (statewide strategic planning process) has held open dialogues with the transgender community to identify ways to enhance HIV/STD prevention strategies for Michigan’s transgender and MSM communities. Based on recommendations from these conversations, The Initiative now includes the transgender community in their strategic priorities.

Source: 2012 Epidemiologic Profile of HIV/AIDS in Michigan

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