HIV Prevention Justice Alliance (HIV PJA) Ends Its Services

The national HIV network focused on economic, racial and social justice, notably HIV criminalization.

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After 11 years of service, the national HIV Prevention Justice Alliance (HIV PJA) is saying "farewell for now," according to a press release posted on the website of AIDS Foundation of Chicago, one of the alliance's lead organizations.

The network included 13,000 people across the country who united to address the intersections of HIV/AIDS and economic, racial and social justice. It included activists, researchers, policymakers and others.

On the HIV PJA website, PreventionJustice.org, which is still up, the group describes its mission this way:

> The HIV Prevention Justice Alliance (HIV PJA) is a diverse, national human rights network at the intersection of HIV/AIDS and economic, racial and social justice.
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> Together, we confront HIV/AIDS by mobilizing against the social drivers of the epidemic in the United States.
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> As organizations and individuals, we share information, collaborate on strategic campaigns and take bold action to win lifesaving policy changes.
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> We focus not only on HIV-specific issues but also the broader human rights and social justice issues that affect our families and communities.
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> Through this work, we're paving the road to the end of the AIDS epidemic in our lifetimes.
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> HIV PJA will focus on mass incarceration, with an emphasis on HIV criminalization, and universal health care using the lenses of economic, queer and racial justice.
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> Goals:
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> HIV PJA goals are to develop and implement National Organizing and Policy Strategies that

> systemically reduce factors that drive the HIV epidemic and health inequities.

The press release announcing the end of services ends on this note:

> The fight is not over; today, we are experiencing an intense time of blatant assaults on our communities, especially people of color, people with inequitable access to health care, people and families with undocumented immigration statuses, and the LGBTQ+ community. However, we at the HIV PJA family believe this next part of our journey to end the epidemic lives within the collective action of the HIV community and no longer in the confines of HIV PJA.
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> HIV PJA may be sunsetting today, but the many movements locally and nationally that make this fight possible will continue to exist long after today. We encourage you to connect with the lead organizations behind HIV PJA to continue to learn how to serve the national movement to improve the lives of people living with and affected by HIV:
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> - AIDS Foundation of Chicago
> - AIDS United
> - Desiree Alliance
> - Drug Policy Alliance
> - Harm Reduction Coalition
> - Positive Women's Network
> - SisterLove, Inc.
> - Treatment Action Group
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> This is what democracy looks like!
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> With gratitude and hope,
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> HIV Prevention Justice Alliance

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