



# Join AIDS United at the U.S. Conference on HIV/AIDS 2021

Stop by our virtual booth at USCHA and watch the speeches and listening sessions we're participating in.

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The [U.S. Conference on HIV/AIDS](#), held virtually again this year due to COVID-19, has all of the things you'd expect at an in-person event, including: plenaries, institutes, workshops, lounges and a virtual exhibit hall.

AIDS United has a robust presence at the conference.

More information can be found on the conference's [website](#). All times below are Eastern Standard Time.

Attending [#2021USCHA](#)? Wondering where to find AIDS United? Look no further.

First up is our institute on HIV inequities at home and abroad. That'll start at 2:30 p.m. EST today.

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— AIDS United (@AIDS\_United) [December 2, 2021](#)

We hope you'll attend. And make sure to stop by our virtual booth to hear more about the work AIDS United is doing to end the HIV epidemic in the United States.

40 years of HIV inequities at home and abroad, where do we go next?

Thursday, Dec. 2, 2:30 p.m.

AIDS United and Friends of the Global Fight Against AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria will address health inequities of HIV in both domestic and global arenas. The institute will feature a dialogue between global and domestic partners and experts focused on policy and program efforts to combat racial, sexual, gender and other inequities caused by HIV. This event will be moderated by Jesse Milan Jr., president and CEO of AIDS United and Chris Collins, president and CEO Friends of the Global Fight.

ENGAGE: Strengthening and sustaining meaningful health department and community relationships

Friday, Dec. 3, 11 a.m.

Your jurisdiction needs to strengthen its community relationships in order to operationalize community voices in their Ending the HIV Epidemic plans. How do you meaningfully engage and involve communities that have expressed distrust and trauma with health systems? Further, how can these relationships be sustained while centering trust? Ending the HIV Epidemic jurisdictions must begin the prioritization of meaningful and mutually beneficial partnerships with their focus population community stakeholders. This is a key element of the Ending the HIV Epidemic strategy. Its emphasis is reflected in the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention guidance that at least one-fourth of Ending the HIV Epidemic-awarded funds be used to support the intentional engagement of community organizations in plan development and implementation activities. Challenges historically posed require approaches that focus on rebuilding and restoring trust as an integral part of strengthening overall engagement. The ENGAGE Model is a community-informed approach to strengthening and sustaining Ending the HIV Epidemic phase 1 health departments and community relationships.

Listening session with the National Institutes of Health's Office of AIDS Research director, Dr. Maureen Goodenow

Friday, Dec. 3, 2:30 p.m.

The Office of AIDS Research of the National Institutes of Health is charged with coordinating the scientific, budgetary and policy elements of NIH's comprehensive HIV research program across the Institutes, Centers and Offices of the NIH. To fulfill its charge, and to ensure that the overall NIH HIV research program and priorities are responsive to emerging scientific advances, changes in the epidemic and the contexts in which it is occurring, and the needs of diverse communities, OAR regularly obtains input from multiple stakeholders through listening sessions. AIDS United's president and CEO, Jesse Milan Jr., will be a panelist in this conversation.