Have you Heard about PrEP?
What is PrEP?

• A pill taken once a day to decrease chances of contracting HIV.
• It’s been on the market since 2012
• It is more than 90% effective

Other Resources for Explaining PrEP:
• Video from Planned Parenthood
• FAQs from Greater than AIDS
• Stats from the CDC
Wait, why are we even talking about HIV?

- HIV disproportionately affects Black Americans
- Statistically, 1/2 Black gay, bisexual, and same gender loving men will contract HIV in their lifetime
- Statistically, 1/20 Black men will contract HIV in their lifetime
- Statistically, 1/48 Black women will contract HIV in their lifetime
Why does the epidemic look like this?

• It’s not behavior or biology!
• Racism, sexism, homophobia and transphobia impact education, prevention, and treatment.

Other Resources for Discussing Social Determinants of Health and HIV
Fact Sheets from CDC
Positive Women’s Network
OK, but why are we talking about PrEP?

• PrEP is an important tool to use in HIV prevention
• It can complement condoms and other methods
• Many people, especially Black women, don’t know about PrEP, so it’s important to have these conversations
What about other STIs? What about pregnancy?

- PrEP is only for HIV prevention. Condoms and other methods can help prevent STIs.
- PrEP does not prevent pregnancy.
- PrEP is safe for women who are considering pregnancy and breastfeeding.

More Resources about PrEP
Facebook Group about PrEP and Women
PrEP and Trans women
Is PrEP Expensive?

- Most insurance covers PrEP.
- Medicaid covers PrEP in all 50 states.
- There are programs to cover the costs of co-pays and labs if you qualify.
- Your pharmacist and doctor can help you understand the costs.

Other Resources for PrEP payment
PrEPCost.org can help you choose an insurance plan
Gilead Medication Assistance Program
Where can I get PrEP?
How do I talk to my doctor about this?

• Anyone who can write a prescription can prescribe PrEP!
• When you talk to your doctor, you should ask about side effects:
  • Some people feel nauseous for two weeks, but it passes
  • People with serious kidney problems or bone density issues may not be able to use PrEP.
  • PrEP is safe for use while people are undergoing hormone therapy.
• No matter what decision you make, you have the right to get all of your PrEP questions answered!
What else can I do about HIV in my community?

• HIV is about:
  • Social justice
  • Racial justice
  • Reproductive justice
  • Gender equity
• Tell your friends- share this powerpoint!
• Get educated- watch Black AIDS Institute webinars
• Mobilize with your local chapter of the Black Treatment Advocates Network

More Resources about HIV
A Declaration of Liberation
The Sero Project
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