



POSITIVE WOMEN'S NETWORK  
USA

# *Nothing About Us Without Us:* **An Introduction to Advocacy by and for Women Living with HIV**

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***"Women as the Face of AIDS" Summit***

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# Who We Are

*Positive Women's Network - United States of America (PWN-USA) is a national membership body of women living with HIV working to prepare and involve all women living with HIV, in all our diversity, including gender identity and sexual expression, in all levels of policy and decision-making to improve the quality of women's lives.*

*PWN-USA applies a gender equity and human rights lens to the HIV epidemic to achieve federal policies grounded in the reality of women's lived experiences.*



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# What We'll Cover

- Herstories of advocacy by and for women living with HIV through the lens of PWN-USA
- Panelists' experiences, challenges, and tips
- Ways for women with HIV to get involved and build their leadership capacity



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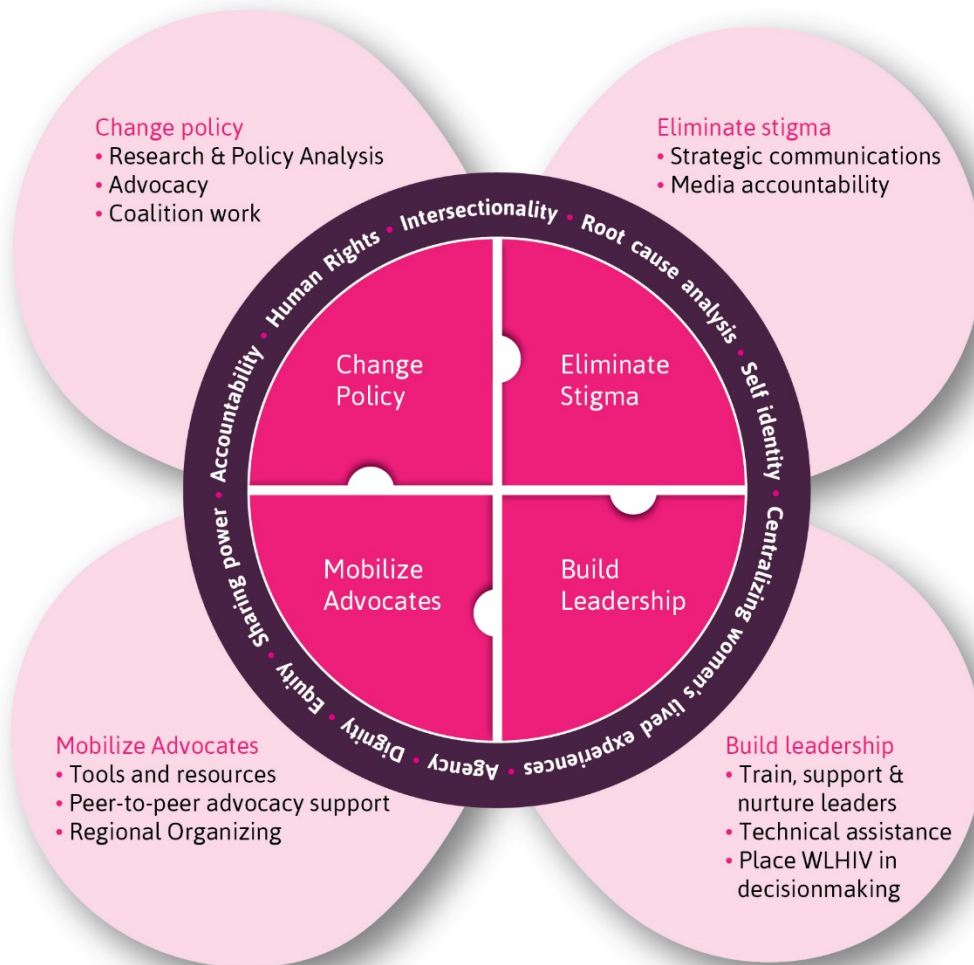
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**VISION:** PWN-USA envisions a world where women living with HIV (WLHIV) can live long, healthy, dignified and productive lives, free from stigma and discrimination.

**MISSION:** To prepare and involve all women living with HIV, in all our diversity, including gender identity and sexual expression, in all levels of policy and decision-making.

**IMPACT:** *Improve the quality of women's lives*



# POLICY AREAS

- *Meaningful Participation*
- **Criminalization**
- **Economic Justice and Employment Rights**
- **Securing Women-Centered Care**
- **HIV Prevention Justice**
- **Reproductive Justice**
- **Ending Violence Against Women with HIV**



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# REGIONAL CHAPTERS

- Philadelphia
- Colorado
- San Diego
- Ohio
- South Carolina
- Michigan
- Bay Area (California)
- *Next Up: Louisiana!*
- Project SWARM (9 Southern states)



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# Today's Panelists

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*What does meaningful involvement  
of women with HIV look like, and  
what does it take to get there?*



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*What strategic role can  
storytelling play in advocacy by  
and for women with HIV?*



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*Does a woman have to disclose  
her HIV status to be a leader?*



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*What are some ways for women with HIV to get involved and build their advocacy and leadership capacity?*



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# A Growing Chapter: *PWN-USA-NYC*

Are you ready to lend your voice to advancing the lives of women living with HIV in NYC?

Can you make a commitment for 6 months to learn about the issues affecting our community?

*Sign up to participate in the birth of the NYC chapter of PWN-USA!*



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*~ Thank You for Participating! ~*

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