



Bridging Health Inequities for precariously insured PLHIV through innovative multidisciplinary clinical/community partnerships

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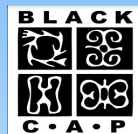
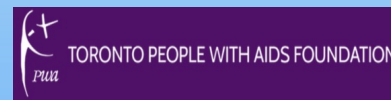
PLHIV with precarious or no health coverage face complex barriers in accessing health care, treatment and support

This population makes up a significant proportion of the 10-10-10% gaps in the HIV care engagement care cascade and those who experienced major health inequities.

In response, a coalition of 10 health and community HIV service agencies in Greater Toronto collaborated to develop the Blue Door Clinic to bridge this important gap in linkage to care. The Blue Door Clinic was launched in August 2019 and started as a half day clinic every other week.

Our team: intake worker/case manager, nurse, physician and peer navigator

Our Services: timely full primary care, access to HIV treatments, Immunizations, Monitoring tests, connection to legal, social, and mental health supports.





Who are the precariously insured PLHIVs & what are the health care access gaps?

Status	Health care	Lab tests	Medication coverage	Social assistance
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • New PR waiting for OHIP • Migrant workers • international students 	None Limited Limited	None Limited Limited	None None * Minimal	None None None
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sponsorship pending • H&C applicants • Application pending 	None Maybe None	None Maybe None	None Limited None	None Limited None
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Visitor visa • Workers between contracts • Graduates waiting for work visas • Rejected refugee claimants • Sponsorship breakdown • Other Non-status 	Limited None None Maybe Maybe None	Minimal None None Maybe Maybe None	None None None Maybe Maybe None	None None None Limited Limited None



The people we served: Total N=91

❖ Country/Region of Origin:

- ❖ North America 34% (Mexico N=25, USA 5 Canada 1)
- ❖ Central & South America 23%
- ❖ East & SE Asia 12%
- ❖ Africa 8%
- ❖ Caribbean 4%
- ❖ South & West Asia 3%

❖ Immigration Status:

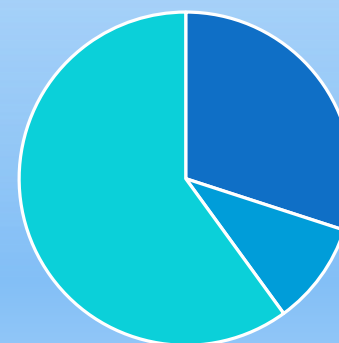
- ❖ Temporary worker/visitor permits: 42%
- ❖ Pending immigrant/PR status 29%
- ❖ International students 20%
- ❖ Long term non-status/non-insured 9%

Gender



■ Male ■ Female ■

HIV Stage



■ New Dx ■ AIDS ■ Chronic stable ■



Highlights of Service Outcome/Impact to-date:

- Started or supported access to continue Antiretroviral therapy: **100%**
- Connected to needed community legal, settlement and community support: **100%**
- Linked to other long term stable primary care within 6 months: 43%
- Discharged within 6 months for other reasons: 16%
- Continuing active clients: 41%

Conclusion:

The Blue Door Clinic has been successful in ensuring that all precariously insured PLHIV clients have timely access to treatment and linkage to primary health care.

