

The Partners for Advancing Health Equity Collaborative hosted the 2022 Summit, *On the Front Lines of Equity & Justice*, December 4–6, 2022. The Summit brought together leaders in health equity and justice to foster collaboration across sectors, and to promote action in advancing health equity in research, practice, and policy. This report provides a synthesis of key takeaways from the breakout session, *Lessons Learned from the HIV Epidemic: Harmonizing Policy and Priority to Support ending the HIV Epidemic in America*.

### Session Voices



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### Key Takeaways

**Focus on preventative care to end the HIV epidemic.** Grassroots community-based organizations and [epidemiologists](#) developed the [National HIV/AIDS Strategy](#) for ending the HIV epidemic in all states by 2030. The strategy aims to [diagnose, treat, prevent, and respond](#) to HIV infections. A main proponent of the strategy's [Federal Implementation Plan](#) focused on preventive services including the availability and use of preventive medicines and related counseling, and clinical screenings [ending the HIV epidemic in 50 localities](#), which account for more than half of new HIV cases.

**Collaborate in diverse teams across sectors to combat challenges highlighted in the National Strategy.**

Sustainability, judicial threats, and funding are the major challenges highlighted in the National Strategy. No one sector can combat these challenges alone. Government, private sectors, and [community-based organizations](#) must engage in [meaningful collaboration](#), to end the HIV epidemic by 2030. To take the next step in ending the HIV epidemic, organizations can attract and retain people with varying talents and disciplines, as well as discuss how policies affect people's health to continually address health inequities.

**Build off the National Strategy to harmonize priorities that outlast**

**administration changes.** A lack of [lasting priorities](#) and plans to address [underlying structural issues](#) have left many people feeling demoralized in the fight to end the HIV epidemic. Harmonizing priorities outside of the political cycle and shining a light on [local level action plans](#) are critical first steps in aligning with the National Strategy and keeping advocates engaged long enough for meaningful progress to be made.

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