



Affecting Policy with Research

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Pressing Policy Issues Requiring the inclusion of Housing

- National HIV/AIDS Strategy Implementation
- HOPWA Formula Revision
- Affordable Care Act Implementation
- Ryan White Care Act
- Treatment as Prevention

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Associated Research

→ National HIV/AIDS Strategy

- Housing is an evidence based prevention intervention (Wolitski, 2010; Buchanan, 2009)
- The NHAS does recognize that housing has been assessed and included as a key component of treatment
- The NHAS discusses adopting community level approaches to reduce HIV infection but neglects to mention housing as one of these interventions

→ HOPWA Formula Revision

- We need to address larger environmental issues, such as poverty, homelessness, and substance abuse, which are well beyond the traditional scope of HIV intervention” (Dr. Merriman, CDC Division of HIV Prevention in response to 2010 study showing that 2.1% of heterosexuals living in high-poverty, urban areas in US are infected with HIV). Addressing the funding disparities in the way funds are allocated moves us in this direction

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Associated Research

→ Affordable Care Act Implementation

- Savings in health care costs support public investment in housing for PLWH – even before taking into account the savings associated with reducing risk and preventing new infections (Wolitski, 2010)

→ Ryan White Care Act

- Savings in health care costs support public investment for people living with HIV – event before taking into account the saving associated with reducing risk and preventing new infections. (Wolitski 2010)
- Action to meet HIV housing needs costs far less than inaction and is a wise use of public resources.

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Associated Research

→ Treatment as Prevention

- HPTN52 Study: more than 96 percent reduction in transmission risk for discordant couples where the HIV-infected partner was randomized to early antiretroviral therapy (ART) at CD4 counts of 350-550 compared to couples where ART was delayed for the infected partners until CD4 counts dropped to 250 or less (Cohen, 2011)
- People who have access to stable housing are more likely to receive and adhere to ART, which lower viral load and reduce risk of HIV Transmission (Wolitski, 2010)

Advocacy Strategies



- Local and National Lobby Visits
- Town Hall Meetings
- Press Conferences
- Twitter and FB
- Petitions and Letter Writing Campaigns
- Rallies and Demonstrations

Advocacy Opportunities



- 2012 Elections
 - Local and National
- AIDS 2012 – Washington DC
- Federal Agencies
- Local and State Agencies
- State Representatives

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Get Involved

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www.nationalaidshousing.org

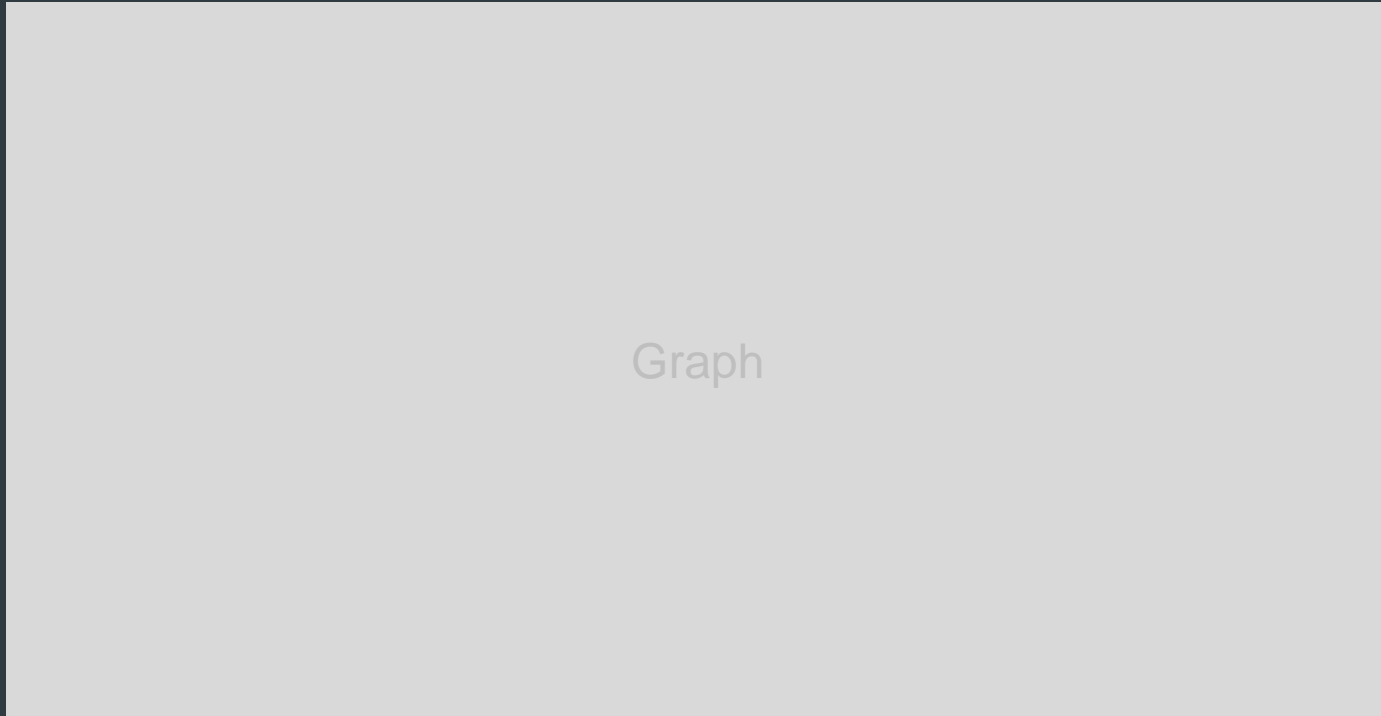
Campaign to End AIDS

www.c2ea.org

Housing Works
www.housingworks.org

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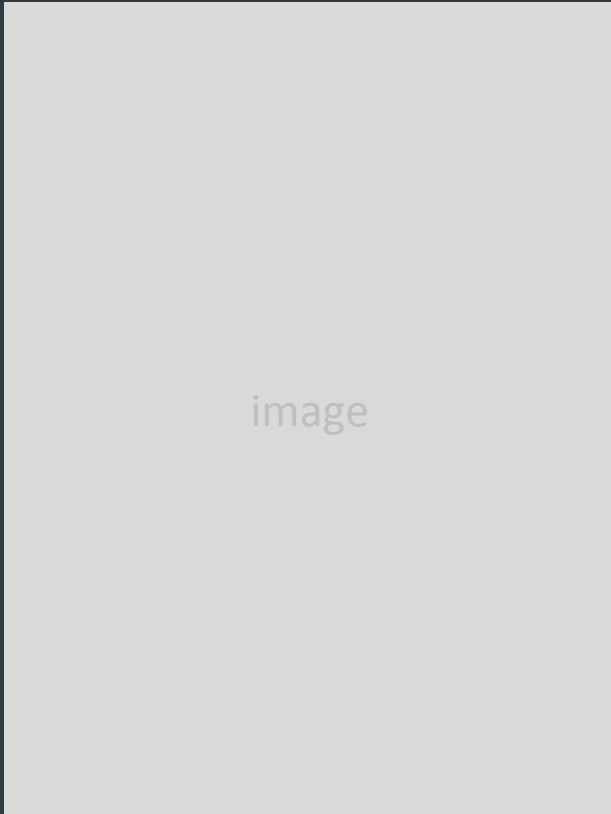
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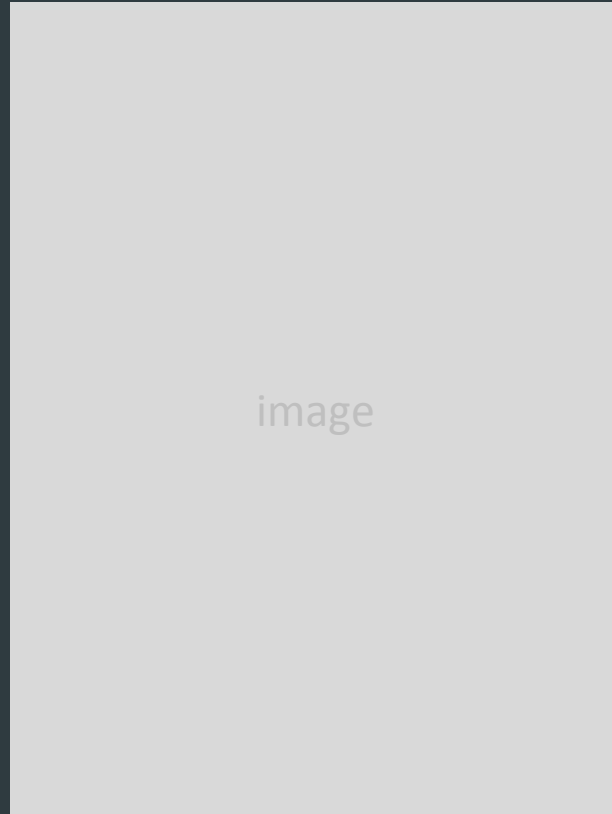
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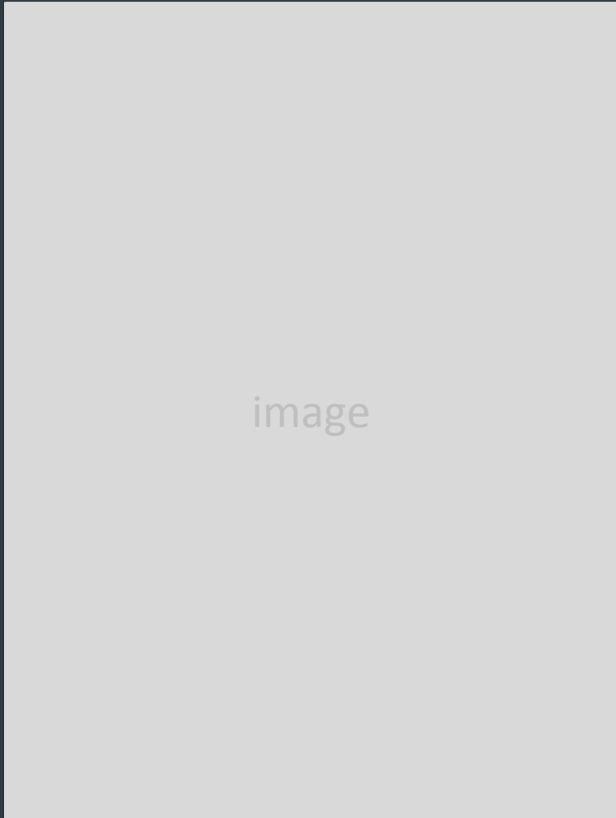
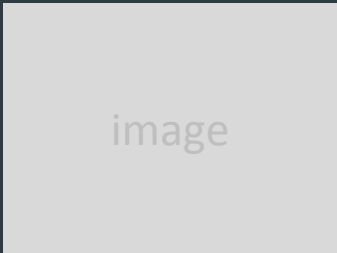
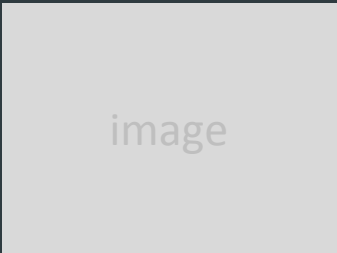
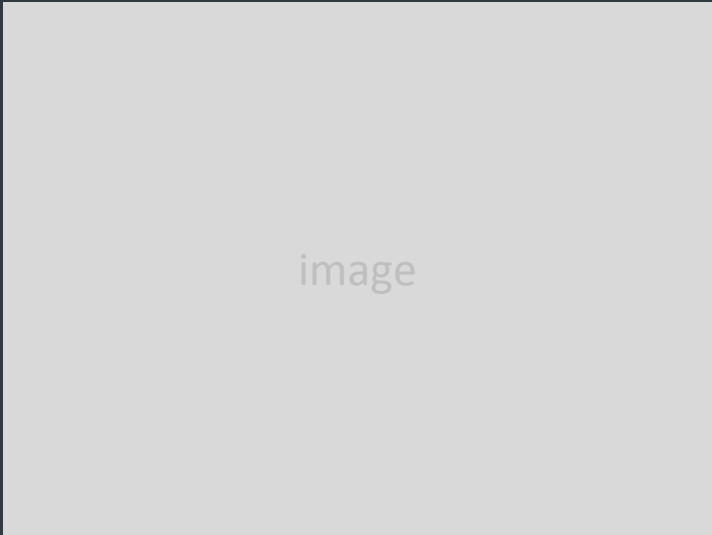


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