



## What's New at WORLD?



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## Black History Month, NBHAAD, & WORLD Leadership

In February, we honor National Black History month as well as National Black HIV/AIDS Awareness Day. WORLD is an organization that primarily serves Black women, who are disproportionately affected by HIV. Our goal is to be a force for empowerment, enabling women to use their experiences to uplift their communities.

We are happy to announce that the spring cohort of our Leadership Institute will begin March 4, coinciding with National Women and Girls HIV/AIDS Awareness Day. Women in the Leadership Institute are politically involved; many have gone on to participate in local advisory committees, including the Oakland and SF TGA planning councils. For more information, contact [dburns@womenhiv.org](mailto:dburns@womenhiv.org).

## Staff Spotlight: Kimberly Morowei



Kimberly Morowei is WORLD's newest Case Manager, working with our Peer Advocacy team. She's been at WORLD since October 5th, 2020, and comes to us with 5 years experience of case management with children with disabilities as well as geriatric clients. She loves working at WORLD because we have "The most vibrant and energetic clients, and it is truly rewarding to hear their life stories and be a small part of their journeys". Thanks Kim!

## WORLD COVID Care Kit Program

Since October 2020, WORLD has partnered with Alameda County Health Services Agency to deliver care kits to households with a member in isolation due to a COVID diagnosis.

This program is a bit different for WORLD as it is not available for WORLD clients (you can access personal protective equipment by contacting your peer

advocate, so reach out if you need supplies). It's a new way to be involved in our community and use our knowledge and experience to support those who are affected by life-threatening diseases, which is what WORLD is all about!

Get updates on the county's COVID-19 response by following them and subscribing to their newsletter. They're at [\*\*Twitter\*\*](#), [\*\*Facebook\*\*](#), and [\*\*Instagram\*\*](#) at /Dare2BWell, and you can find various updates (including the most current vaccine info!) and back issues of their newsletter at [\*\*covid-19.acgov.org/response\*\*](https://covid-19.acgov.org/response).



*Our care kit delivery drivers, Jasmine & Janice, strike a pose!*

## We are Hiring!



We are now accepting applications for a peer advocate position. Our ideal candidate is a woman of transgender experience who is able to work part time, and conduct community outreach and engagement activities.

**[Click HERE to download + share the job description.](#)**

Please send your resume and cover letter to Denise at [djones@womenhiv.org](mailto:djones@womenhiv.org) if you are interested.

## A Letter from Ingrid Floyd, Executive Director

WORLD has accomplished a lot in the past 6 months, including new contracts, expansion of services and engaging new and re-engaging former clients. We are very proud of what we have achieved during an extremely difficult time in our country and world. We are going into 2021 with a lot of optimism in light of the vaccine distribution which we hope will slow the rate of COVID-19 infection in our communities so we can openly welcome clients on site for in-person groups and services. We are happy to work with many community partners to ensure vaccine distribution is accessible to those who were most

impacted by this pandemic, particularly African American and Latinx residents of Alameda and Contra Costa Counties. This year we have a lot planned, including our upcoming celebration of women and girls on March 9th, where will give an update on the progress we have made to reduce new HIV infections in this population. We hope you continue to follow us and support the great work our staff are doing daily to create a world where women, girls, and families affected by HIV and AIDS have the tools, support and knowledge to live healthy and productive lives with dignity.





*Click on the flyer to download*

## Upcoming Events

Our NWGHAAD event, "Lunch and Learn: A Legislative Briefing on What's Happening with Women, Girls and HIV" will take place March 9th from 1 - 2:30.

Featuring a special guest, we'll be providing updates and answering questions on the policies affecting women, girls, and families in our community.

## Running List of WORLD Programs

*(Please note that all groups & workshops are held virtually until further notice)*

### WORLD Support Groups:

#### **Weekly women's support group**

- Open to all women, cis and trans, living with HIV - must be a WORLD client
- Held every Wednesday from 11:30 AM - 1:30 PM

#### **Sister Circle**

- For trans women at WORLD - some sessions are open to non-WORLD clients
- Held twice a month on Saturdays from 11 AM - 1 PM

#### **Grown and Sexy**

- For all women living with HIV aged 50+ to discuss life, sex, and aging
- Held every 2nd Monday of the month from 6 - 8 PM (next group is March 8)

#### **Grupo Unidad**

- A support group held in Spanish every 3rd Thursday at 2:30 PM
- Open to all people living with HIV/AIDS and their loved ones

### Classes & Workshops:

#### **Cooking Live with Chef T**

- Held every other Friday from 12 - 1:30 PM (next session is February 26)
- Open to all WORLD clients

#### **Movement class with Giant**

- Tuesdays 6:30 - 7:15 PM & Thursdays 10 - 10:45 AM
- Open to all WORLD clients

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### Policy & Advocacy Groups

#### **WORLD Leadership Institute**

- Open to WORLD clients - download the application on our website & return to [dburns@womenhiv.org](mailto:dburns@womenhiv.org)
- Spring cohort begins March 4, 2021, with sessions every other Thursday from 11:30 AM - 1:30 PM

#### **SISTA/SIHLE training**

- Sisters Informing Sisters About Topics on AIDS (SISTA) and Sisters Informing Healing Living and Empowering (SIHLE) are trainings for women & girls who are not living with HIV and are interested in learning about taking charge of your sexual health
- If you or your group is interested in becoming trainers, please contact [dburns@womenhiv.org](mailto:dburns@womenhiv.org)

### PrEP Navigation

- Our PrEP program makes it easier for you to access and keep up with daily medication to prevent HIV infection
- Open to adults of any gender who are not living with HIV

**We have a new email signup for anyone who is interested in attending groups and/or becoming a WORLD client!**

**Email [enrollment@womenhiv.org](mailto:enrollment@womenhiv.org) and we'll get back to you ASAP!  
(And you can still always call us at 510-986-0340)**

