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Monthly Theme: World HIV/AIDS Awareness

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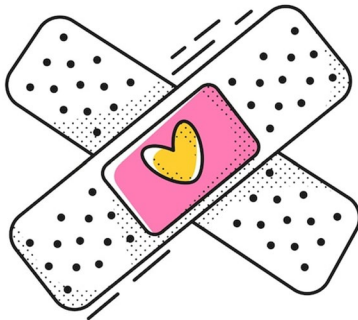
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WORLD HIV/AIDS AWARENESS



CDU HEROES



NATIONAL INFLUENZA VACCINATION WEEK



EMPLOYEE SERVICE AWARDS

Quick Fact: In 2022, there were 39 million people globally living with HIV and 630,000 people died from AIDS-related illnesses. [More facts](#)



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New National Suicide Prevention Lifeline: 988

You can still use 1-800-273-8255 and many others are available [here](#).

The CDU Monthly Webinar is held every **3rd Tuesday of every month from 2-3 PM MT** via Zoom

Please see the calendar at the end of this newsletter.

World HIV/AIDS Awareness



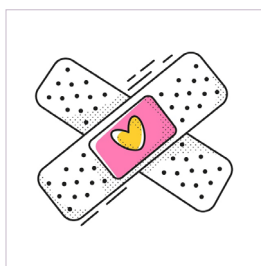
In 1988, World AIDS Day became the first international global health day. It is recognized annually on December 1, and global efforts to prevent new HIV infections, increase HIV awareness and knowledge are promoted. In observance of the day, this year's theme is "Putting Ourselves to the Test: Achieving Equity to End HIV". This theme calls to action activities that address the economic, social, cultural, and legal inequalities necessary to [End the HIV Epidemic](#). To achieve the 2030 goal of reducing the number of new HIV infections in the U.S. by 90%, it will require several key strategies involving, testing, prevention, and treatment. [Read more](#).

CDU Heroes



- Alyssa at CHN for her diligence in reaching hard to reach clients during Marketplace open enrollment. She has gone above and beyond with a few of our clients to make sure that they will have continued OR new insurance for the new year.
- Jenny Barbera at Teton County Public Health for an AMAZING PRISM note.

National Influenza Vaccination Week



The CDC hosts this awareness week annually from December 3rd through December 9th to remind everyone 6 months and older that there's still time to get a flu vaccine. Flu vaccines are the best protection against serious flu disease that can cause hospitalization and even death.

Employee Service Awards



- 10 Years: Stefan Johansson (Director)
- 10 Years: Shawn Ramage (Administration, Fiscal Services)
- 5 Years: Connie Gantenbein (Public Health Division, Public Health Nursing)



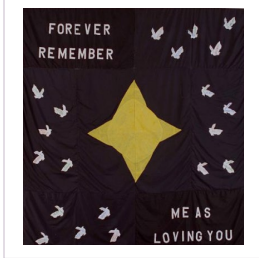
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AIDS Memorial Quilt



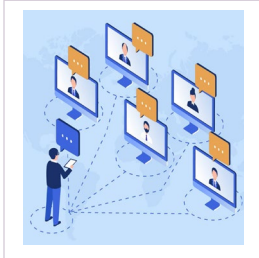
Each year, the National AIDS Memorial works with hundreds of partners across the country to orchestrate more than 1,000 displays in schools, universities, places of worship, corporations and community centers. On World AIDS Day, December 1st, sections of the Quilt are displayed in communities across the country.

Panel making remains an important element of the Quilt, as new panels continue to be made.

Today, the AIDS Memorial Quilt is an epic 54-ton tapestry that includes nearly 50,000 panels dedicated to more than 110,000 individuals. It is the premiere symbol of the AIDS pandemic, a living memorial to a generation lost to AIDS and an important HIV prevention education tool. With hundreds of thousands of people contributing their talents to making the memorial panels, and tens of thousands of volunteers to help display it, the Quilt is considered the largest community arts project in history.

<https://www.aidsmemorial.org/quilt-history>

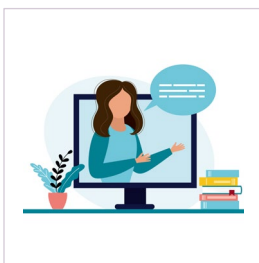
NHCLC Virtual Training Courses



Registration for all virtual courses opens on November 30 and closes on December 6, 2023.

- [HIV Navigation Services, Steps-to-Care](#) - 2/7-9/2024, 2024
- [ARTAS](#) - 2/13-15/2024
- [Fundamentals of Motivational Interviewing for HIV](#) - 2/21-22/2024

Webinar Training Opportunities



Addiction Medicine Webinar: Substance Use Disorders in the Emergency Department. January 17, 2024 at 12:00 pm – 1:00 pm PT. [Register](#)

Building Skills in Sexual Health Series: Harm Reduction. January 19, 2024 at 9:00 am – 10:30 am PT. [Register](#)



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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
26	27	28 WY Harm Reduction Collaborative 10-11 AM	29	30	1 	2
3 National Influenza Vaccination Week (3 rd – 9 th)	4	5	6	7 Hanukkah (7 th – 15 th) 	8 	9
10 	11	12 WY Harm Reduction Collaborative 10-11AM Universal Health Coverage Day	13 Case Manager Meeting 1-2 PM	14	15	16
17	18	19	20 CDU Outreach Staff Call 10-1130 AM	21 Winter Solstice	22	23 
24	25 	26 Kwanzaa (26 th – 1 st) NO CDU Webinar	27	28	29	30
31 New Year's Eve	1 	2	3	4	5	6

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