



Bridging the Gap Symposium

HIV: Breaking Silos & Connecting the Dots
Coming Together to address Housing, Mental Health, Substance Use & Aging

Thursday, October 30, 2025
9:30 AM – 5:00 PM
Johns Hopkins University School of Nursing
525 N Wolfe St, Baltimore, MD 21205
Auditorium, Carpenter A & B
Registration Required. Lunch included

AGENDA

9:30 – 10:00 am 30 min	WELCOME & INTRODUCTIONS Reverend Deborah Hickman
10:00 – 10:30 am 30 min	KEYNOTE SPEAKER Lauren Banks, Executive Director, National HIV/AIDS Housing Coalition
10:30 – 12:00 pm 90 min	PANEL DISCUSSION: HOUSING, MENTAL HEALTH, & SUBSTANCE USE Moderator: Jamaal Hailey Healthcare for the Homeless, Lawanda Williams, LCSW-C, Chief Behavioral Health Officer Marian House, Katie Allston, LCSW-C, President & CEO Project PLASE, Mary Slicher, LCSW-C, Executive Director New Life Recovery Center, Vennieth McCormick, Founder/Executive Director Sage USA, Keith Holt
12:00 – 1:00 pm 60 min	LUNCH
1:00 – 2:00 pm 60 min	PANEL: STREET MEDICINE - NOT EVERYONE IS IN A SYSTEM Moderator: Patrick Chaulk, MD BCHD Spot Mobile Clinic, Kathleen Page, MD Health Care for the Homeless, Jimmy Miller, MD, Outreach Services JHBMC SUD Programs and Partnerships, Megan Buresh, MD, DFASAM, Medical Director SPARC Women's Center, Meredith Kerr, DNP, CRNP, FNP-C
2:00 – 3:00 pm 60 min	PANEL DISCUSSION: AGING, LIVED EXPERIENCES Moderator: Dorcas Baker, RN, JHU AETC Regional Coordinator ED Older Women Embracing Life (OWEL), Melanie Reese John G. Bartlett Specialty Practice, Patrice Henry, Community Program Coordinator US People Living with HIV Caucus, Ronald Johnson, Chair, Steering Committee Lifetime Survivor/Dandelion, Richard Adkins
3:00 – 3:30 pm 30 min	NEXT STEPS: WHAT DO WE DO NOW? Moderator: Christopher Chauncey Watson, PhD, MHS
3:30 – 3:45 pm 15 min	CLOSING REMARKS Reverend Deborah Hickman
4:00 – 5:00 pm 60 min	RESOURCE RECEPTION • Healthcare for the Homeless • Marian House • Project PLASE • New Life Recovery Center • Sage USA • BCHD Spot Mobile Clinic • JHBMC SUD Programs and Partnerships • SPARC Women's Center • John G. Bartlett Specialty Practice • US People Living with HIV Caucus