



VISION: *We see a day when...*

...everyone has the right to accessible and high quality HIV prevention, medical care, treatment and support services;

...everyone living with AIDS has the right to the direct access to the basic necessities of life: Food, shelter and support services that assist in the coordination of care;

...access to mental health care and Alcohol and Other Drug Abuse (AODA) services are considered a right and not a privilege afforded only to a few;

...individuals living with HIV/AIDS are fully represented in the leadership ranks of AIDS Service Organizations (ASOs);

...the Wisconsin Department of Health Services AIDS/HIV Program has, as it's primary responsibility, funding and holding accountable AIDS Service Providers and Community Based Organizations (CBOs) that are responsive to the needs of their beneficiaries;

...HIV infection rates decrease as a result of improved education and prevention efforts that reach all communities, not just predefined "communities at risk";

...all state and federally funded ASOs become effective stewards of the funds they receive;

...accessible high quality HIV services exist throughout the state of Wisconsin without disparity in services provided based on geographic location;

...all Wisconsin residents living with HIV/AIDS recognize they have a right to live a life free of the stigma and shame that so often accompany an HIV/AIDS diagnosis;

...everyone impacted by this disease will feel empowered to ensure their rights as a citizen and human being are met and become an active part of the collective voice of ACT UP Wisconsin.

Our Demands:

We demand effective monitoring of funded agencies by the Wisconsin Department of Health Services;

We demand that all people living with HIV/AIDS have readily available access to high quality medical care, treatment and support services;

We demand that all people living with HIV/AIDS never go without shelter, food, prescription drugs or transportation to medical appointments;

We demand that Mental Health and AODA services be available to all in need of these services;

We demand that ASOs use grant dollars to directly provide services to clients rather than creating barriers to service through reliance on referrals to other agencies (e.g., HIV dedicated food pantry, mental health/AODA Clinic, HIV dedicated dental clinic and medical case management services);

We demand that services provided by ASOs be made available to all people living with HIV/AIDS and not just registered agency clients;

We demand that HIV Prevention services provide comprehensive education and outreach to all communities;

We demand that HIV Prevention efforts have a goal of achieving no new infections and reducing external stigma and ignorance;

We demand accessible HIV testing services for all communities;

We demand that ASOs guarantee beneficiary representation on their boards of directors and immediately form client and community advisory boards;

We demand that the state AIDS/HIV Program equally monitor ASOs and immediately apply all mandated operational standards uniformly to ASOs in Wisconsin;

We demand dignified and respectful treatment in all aspects of our lives;

We demand that the ASOs in Wisconsin operate under a fundamental belief that they exist to provide accessible high quality services to those living with HIV/AIDS.