

The summit  
will start at  
9:30 a.m.

Use the Chat Box  
to introduce  
yourself

# Quality Management Summit

## Ending the Epidemic: Equity, Stigma and Engagement



*Sponsored by the Quality and Performance Measures (QPM) Team  
October 20, 2021*

# Welcome!

## Summit Approach

- Brief presentations followed by Q&A
- Participants muted during the presentations
- Use the chat box to ask questions & share comments
- The moderators will ask questions from the chat
- We will share responses to all questions after the session (if there is not time to answer all the questions)



# Agenda

9:35 am Keynote Speakers: Dr. Valerie Earnshaw and Bridgeport Councilman Jorge Cruz

10:25 am PrEP presentation

10:50 am Breakout Rooms for Presentations

#1: STI (sexually transmitted infections) presentations

#2: Re-engaging in Care presentations

#3: Measuring Stigma and Program Effectiveness presentations

11:50 am Summary and Next Steps

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# Unified Voice

- Special thanks for everyone who helped contribute
- We are working on a Spanish version
- Video will be posted on various sites

# Moment of Silence



<https://www.opm.gov/policy-data-oversight/worklife/employee-assistance-programs/>

# Dr. Valerie Earnshaw

## **Associate Professor, University of Delaware**

Dr. Earnshaw's research focuses on understanding and addressing associations between stigma and health inequities across the lifespan. She aims to contribute to knowledge of the mechanisms whereby stigma undermines health outcomes and what moderates these relationships in protective ways; and to interventions to improve the wellbeing of stigmatized children, youth, and families. Much of Dr. Earnshaw's current research focuses on stigma associated with substance use disorders, HIV, and mental illness.



# Jorge Cruz

## **Bridgeport City Councilman**

Councilman Cruz was born in Puerto Rico, moved to the U.S. at age 5, and was raised in the PT Barnum Housing projects in Bridgeport. At age 14, he began experimenting with heroin – which led to a terrible journey of self-destructive behaviors that lasted 30 years – including an HIV diagnosis, depression, and homelessness. In 2003, Jorge was out of care and contemplating suicide when he found the inner strength to ask for help. He is now in care, drug-free, and going 19 years “free from the obsessive and compulsiveness to use.” Today, Councilman Cruz works at the CT Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services as a Recovery Support Specialist.



# Sound Healing

**Kelvin Young, CHW**





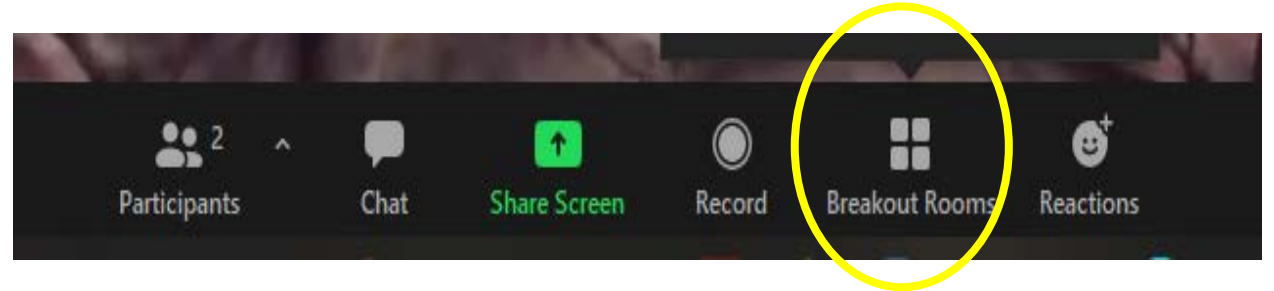
# PrEP Presentation

- Recruiting & Retaining Men of Color for Remote PrEP Project
- Will Kenny, APNH; Claude Louis, Chat4Change Peer Ambassador

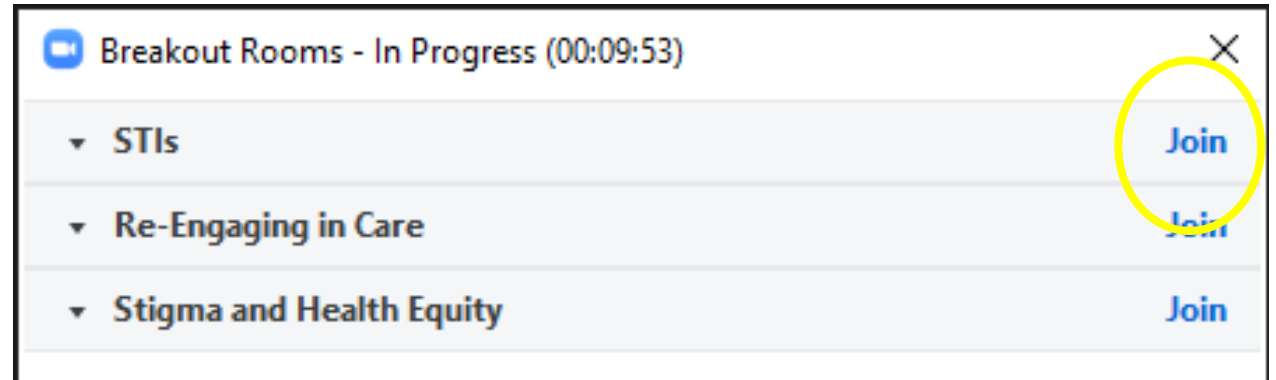
# 2<sup>nd</sup> Bio Break: Thriller

# Joining Breakout Rooms

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Step 2: Click on the Breakout Rooms Icon and Join Session



If You're Having Problems:

- Click on the Breakout Rooms icon and click on "Ask for Help."

# Summary and Next Steps

Recordings and presentations will be posted to the  
CHPC website:

**[www.cthivplanning.org](http://www.cthivplanning.org)**

Please provide **FEEDBACK** on today's summit at:  
<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/QM-Summit>



The Connecticut World AIDS Day Committee Presents:

# Walking In Our Truths

A Candlelight Vigil to Kickoff the  
Commemoration of World AIDS Day



Friday, October 22, 2021  
5:30 PM - 7 PM

Bushnell Park Carousel  
31 Pratt St, Hartford, CT 06103

Register Here:



Facebook Event Link:

