



# Advocate Leaders Network Q&A Overview

## **Thank you for your interest to *Peer Up!***

The Advocate Leaders Network is accepting membership and training applications. The program runs from April to September 2024 (& beyond).

**Ribbon's Advocate Leaders Network** has been created to empower a new leadership cadre among People Living with HIV in Washington, DC, and Prince George County, MD. Advocate Leaders who will create new pathways for other PLWH to exercise self-advocacy in their health and HIV and other chronic disease service delivery in Washington, DC, and Prince Georges County, MD.

**The goal** of the Advocate Leaders Network is to increase the number of People Living with HIV who are prepared to engage in leadership roles and activities related to their personal health needs and to participate, engage, and advocate for effective HIV service delivery In Washington, DC and Prince Georges County, MD.

**Ribbon's Commitment** is to assist our local community leaders living with HIV in Washington, DC, and Prince George County, MD, to promote health equity and equality by championing the rights of our local marginalized communities impacted by HIV and other chronic health conditions.

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## **Advocate Leaders Network Q&A to answer a few questions**

### **Q. Who is The Advocate Leaders Network for?**

A. All people living with, receiving care for HIV and over 18 years old living in Washington, DC or Prince Georges' County, MD who want to:

- ✱ Want support to become a leader?
- ✱ Make a difference in HIV services for yourself and others?
- ✱ End HIV-related stigma and advocate for better HIV services?
- ✱ Serve as a new Advocate Leader Network member in your community.

### **Q. What is the purpose of The Advocate Leaders Network**

A. The program goals are:

- ✱ to increase the number of Living with HIV in Washington, DC or Prince Georges County, MD who are prepared to engage in leadership roles and activities related to HIV service delivery.

### **Q. To be an Advocate Leader what will I have to do?**

A. Successful applicants will be asked

- ✱ to identify opportunities to engage and participate meaningfully in decision-making bodies and planning boards that service people living with HIV.
- ✱ to participate in 10 program sessions (5 Zoom 5 in-person) April – June 2024
- ✱ actively engage in your health to improve health outcomes for you as a living with HIV
- ✱ actively engage in your local community to improve health outcomes for people living with HIV.
- ✱ Within 60 days of completion of the training, you will be expected to engage in the planning process with a local community group serving persons living with HIV. These community groups might be a Ryan

White Planning Council, Planning Council Committees, TGA's Consortiums, Community or Consumer Advisory Board and their committees are all examples of the types of meetings we will be expecting you to participate.

- ✿ To participate in the course graduation on **June 29, 2024**.

## Q. What else is expected of Advocate Leaders

A. All participants accepted into the program will be expected to engage fully in the entire program.

**Review the following program expectations to ensure you can abide by all the considerations.**

- ✿ Each participant will be expected to fully participant for up to six (6) months.
- ✿ At the completion of the person training, attend and represent the Advocate Leader Network in local meetings and events.
- ✿ Be comfortable learning, networking and working with diverse groups of people of color and others.
- ✿ Be willing to do self-guided study and review of lesson plans and information before, during, and after the training.
- ✿ Participate in pre-training and post-training evaluation, as well as Zoom and in-person meetings for the entire program (April – Sept 2024).
- ✿ Share highlights from the training and distribute them using your social media networks and disseminate them during in-person engagements.
- ✿ Participate with program mentors and coaching support.



## Q. How can someone not living with HIV or an organization support the Advocate Leader Network?

A. Ribbon accepts donations to support the program. Please email us at [admin1@ribbon3.org](mailto:admin1@ribbon3.org) for details of how to support.

- ✿ We are in need of \$\$
- ✿ Gift cards for incentives of participants (food, visa, stores, amazon, rideshare, metro)
- ✿ Space for our graduation (June 29<sup>th</sup>)
- ✿ Your skills as a trainer, volunteer
- ✿ Currently, the program isn't funded, but through a partnership with the Solid Rock FGBC and Prince George County Department of

## ABOUT RIBBON

Established in 2012, Ribbon is a national nonprofit organization. Ribbon's mission is to end the racial and social disparities that rob vulnerable communities of health and wealth. We pursue this vision by operationalizing our mission to provide consultation, training, and technical assistance to health and human service organizations, networks, and individuals impacted by chronic health conditions, including HIV. We are committed to ensuring access to quality, affordable, life-saving health, and essential support services to all individuals, regardless of race, sex, gender identity, sexual orientation, age, culture, or health conditions utilizing an intersectional racial and social justice lens.