HEALTH INEQUITIES AND HIV VULNERABILITY

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Why Do HIV/AIDS Disparities Exist?

The impact of Bias: An unsupported focus on behavior

- Black young adults are at elevated STD and HIV risk even when behaviors are normative (Hallfors et al., 2007)
- Adolescent drug and alcohol use is lowest among Blacks and Asians (Gilmore et al, 2009)
- Black Americans use condoms during vaginal intercourse significantly more than White Americans (Reece et al, 2010; Soler et al, 2000)
- African Americans consistently report less IVDU than White counterparts (Keen et al, 2014; Kim et al, 1993)

Disproportionate impact of structural factors on communities of color (too many articles to cite!)

Combination of assortative mixing, tight sexual networks and elevated community viral load (Andrasik et al, 2015; Adimora et al, 2014; Aadimora et al, 2013; Morris et al; 2009)

Historical Trauma/Stressors/Discrimination/Stigma (NASTAD, 2014)
The Four Great Race Disparities

HEALTH
- Trauma
- Health Literacy
- Navigating the System
- Access to Care
- Quality of Care
- Insurance Coverage

EDUCATION
- High levels of illiteracy and low educational attainment among incarcerated populations
- Lack of educational attainment during a critical developmental time

INAL JUSTICE
- Wealth generally accumulates between ages 17-34. The best way to prevent accumulation of wealth is through incarceration
- Not able to afford Legal Services

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Structural & Social Factors

- Poverty
  - Economic Inequality (constrained educational & employment opportunities)
  - Residential and Social Segregation
  - Insurance

- The Assault BIPOC lives
  - Male Mortality
  - Infant Mortality
  - Native Youth Suicide

- Impact of Violence & Trauma on Community
  - Historical Trauma
  - Microaggressions
  - Stressors
    - Psychological
    - Social
    - Environmental
    - Physical
    - Chemical
THANK YOU!

QUESTIONS?????
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