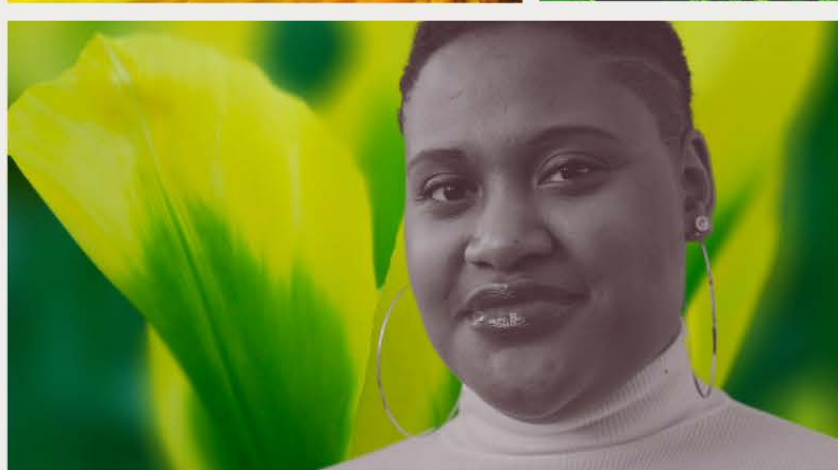




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# ABOUT USCHA

NMAC leads with race to **urgently fight** for **health equity** and **racial justice** to end the HIV epidemic in America. The United States Conference on HIV/AIDS (USCHA) is the largest HIV-related gathering in the United States, bringing together thousands of participants from all segments of the HIV epidemic.



This year was the 27th annual USCHA. With a theme of "A Love Letter to Black Women," this year's conference brought together 3,767 registered attendees in Washington, DC, to highlight the contributions and importance of Black women to the fight against HIV/AIDS and the continued vulnerability of Black women to the epidemic.

## FORMAT

USCHA offered more than 150 training sessions at three levels of instruction (beginner, intermediate, and advanced).

Beginner levels were primarily didactic. Intermediate level sessions were didactic and interactive, while advanced level sessions were designed to maximize interaction between attendees and participants.

Tracks included Black Women & HIV, Racism and Race, Best Practices in Telehealth, Biomedical HIV Prevention, Ending the Epidemic - Next Steps, Stigma and Prioritizing People Living with HIV, Public Policy, Track En Español, Trauma-Informed Care/Mental Health, and Treatment and Research Information.



# OPENING PLENARY

## A Love Letter to Black Women

USCHA celebrated and expressed love to all the Black Women in our movement by sharing stories, honoring those that we've lost, and showcasing current leaders on the frontlines. The plenary also gave voice to the next generation that is ready to step up to end the HIV epidemic. The women of Sweet Honey in the Rock gave a soulful performance. Congresswoman Maxine Waters gave a rousing keynote address. Other speakers included:

- Danielle Campbell, San Diego, CA
- Kim Canady, New York, NY
- Ingrid Floyd, New York, NY
- Marnina Miller, Houston, TX
- Dr. Tatyana Moaton, Chicago, IL
- Melanie Reese, Baltimore, MD
- Beverly Ross, Chicago, IL
- Linda H. Scruggs, Ribbon, Largo, MD
- Martha Sichone Cameron, Washington, DC
- L'Orangelis Thomas Negrón, San Juan, PR
- Bishop Joyce Turner Keller, Baton Rouge, LA
- Representatives of The Dandelions Movement



# OPENING RECEPTION



The DC Host Committee presented a reception to welcome USCHA attendees to DC. Music and food helped to make a welcoming evening for USCHA attendees, including a special performance by American R&B and neo soul singer, Tweet.



# GILEAD PLENARY

## **In Her We Trust: She Is Glorious – A Celebration of Black Womanhood**

Throughout history, Black women have been at the forefront of social movements, including HIV, driving progress for society while often being overlooked. This plenary luncheon served to celebrate and honor the exceptional leadership of Black women and their ongoing contributions to their families, communities and society. Through stories and performances, this plenary honored their leadership, amplified their voices, and drew inspiration from their legacy to help inspire a more inclusive future where Black women are celebrated for their leadership and prioritized in our collective work to help end the HIV epidemic for everyone, everywhere.





# ViiV PLENARY

## The S Salon - Desire, Pleasure & Intimacy: An Experience in Three Acts

ViiV Healthcare's plenary session featured a dynamic live show exploring desire, intimacy, and pleasure through the artistry of award-winning talent and community partners. Highlighting ViiV's longstanding commitment to Black women, The S Salon provided a platform for those who are working with us to change the narrative around women and HIV, reframe risk, and honor the leaders that move the work forward.





# CLOSING PLENARY

## Efforts to End the HIV Epidemic Among Black Women

The Federal Plenary included speakers from HHS that updated our movement on efforts to end the HIV epidemic among Black Women. The plenary featured a dynamic panel of Black women leaders in the federal government:

- Kaye Hayes, HHS
- Dr. Robyn Neblett Fanfair, CDC
- Yemisi Odusanya, HRSA
- Dr. Mary Roary, SAMHSA
- Dr. Janine Clayton, NIH
- Jemine Bryon, Deputy Assistant Secretary for the Office of Special Needs
- Dr. Namandjé Bumpus, FDA





# PRE-SUMMIT

2023 USCHA hosted the first ever pre-summit focused on Black Women and curated by Black Women on September. The pre-Summit drew over 200 Black women who learned about mental health and wellness, professional identities and branding, sex positivity, financial independence and wealth building, and allyship and advocacy. The Summit also offered a variety of sessions to explore their artistic side and enjoy performances by Camille W. Dance Troup. The pre-summit concluded with a spirited Reception where attendees wrapped up a powerful day of sessions with dancing and community building.



# 50+ LIVING WITH HIV SCHOLARS

NMAC's 50+ Strong and Healthy Program trains older adults living with HIV and other Long-Term Survivors to become leaders in their communities. The program offers opportunities for 50+ scholars to participate in peer health education activities, design and implement mini grant projects, and participate in social media

advocacy campaigns. 50+ scholars are also invited to apply to join the National HIV and Aging Advocacy Network (NHAAN) to work with other advocates to advance an HIV and aging policy agenda. The 50+ program launches each year at USCHA, where 50 HIV and aging advocates are awarded scholarships to attend the conference.



NMAC's Treatment Division partnered with several community partners to organize HIV and aging activities at USCHA 2023. NMAC curated a pathway of workshops focused on HIV and aging, including a listening session with various federal agencies (NIH, OAR, CMS, ONAP, among others) and supported a contingency of Lifetime Survivors to conduct and lead a strategy session specifically for this community, which has often been overlooked by the HIV movement. There was also a 50+/LTS lounge open throughout the conference where constituents could relax, learn, and connect with other HIV and aging advocates.

Finally, NMAC worked with several partners (NHAAN, The Reunion Project, US PLHIV Caucus, AIDS United, THRIVE SS, Ribbon, and SAGE) to organize an HIV and aging listening session. The purpose of this listening session, the second we've helped co-hosted, was to get community input to shape and plan an HIV and aging policy agenda. We had over 90 participants and screened, "We Rest on Giants," after the listening session.

# NEXTGEN SCHOLARS

NextGen: Emerging Leaders Fellowship is a program sponsored by ViiV Healthcare for young adults between the ages 18-25. At the 2023 USCHA, 27 fellows participated in a curriculum designed to prepare them to be the next generation of HIV leaders. Specifically, this curriculum included: HIV biomedical treatment, HIV epidemiology, stigma, social determinants of health, health education for diverse populations, HIV criminalization, and structural violence. In addition, fellows were able to receive professional development from HIV activists and leaders within the HIV workforce. After USCHA, fellows will receive an internal grant to facilitate HIV community projects.



**Emerging Leaders Fellowship**

The cohort of fellows represent 16 states within the United States. 50% of the cohort is African American/Black, 21% Latinx, 7% Middle Eastern/North African, 10% White and 7% more than one race. 21% of the fellows identify as heterosexual while the remaining 79% identify as a sexual gender minority (i.e., bisexual, gay, queer). 75% of the cohort is currently employed by organizations that focus on HIV and sexual health. NextGen: Emerging Leader Fellowship continues to train and empower young adults to end the HIV epidemic.

# GAY MEN OF COLOR FELLOWSHIP

The Treatment Division held the Gay Men of Color (GMoC) Advocacy Institute at USCHA on Wednesday, September 6th. The Institute is part of a mentorship project where 18 GMoC program members from across the US and Puerto Rico are connected with experienced advocates to support their work. Fellows were able to network and build stronger relationships both among themselves, and with their mentors. Fellows discussed GMoC leadership and community power. They identified ways to ensure that the movement is led by those disproportionately affected by HIV.



**GAY MEN  
OF COLOR  
FELLOWSHIP**  
BIOMEDICAL HIV PREVENTION

Some program members also organized two workshops during the conference: *Fueling the Movement: Shaping the Future of HIV Leadership*, and *Strengthening STI Prevention: Integrating Science, Equity, DoxyPEP and HIV PrEP*. Both sessions were well-attended and gave fellows the experience of organizing a two-hour session tailored to the USCHA audience.



# LOUNGES

USCHA offered themed lounges for attendees to relax, rejuvenate and network. In honor of the 'A Love Letter to Black Women' theme, USCHA hosted a Black Women's Lounge where participants enjoyed meaningful engagement in celebration of Black Women in the HIV Community. USCHA also had a special healing space for attendees to get a massage, create art, meditate and immerse themselves in the relaxing sounds of music therapy. Other lounges offered included the PLWH Respite Lounge, the TGNC Lounge, The Longterm and Lifetime Survivors Lounge and the Youth Lounge.

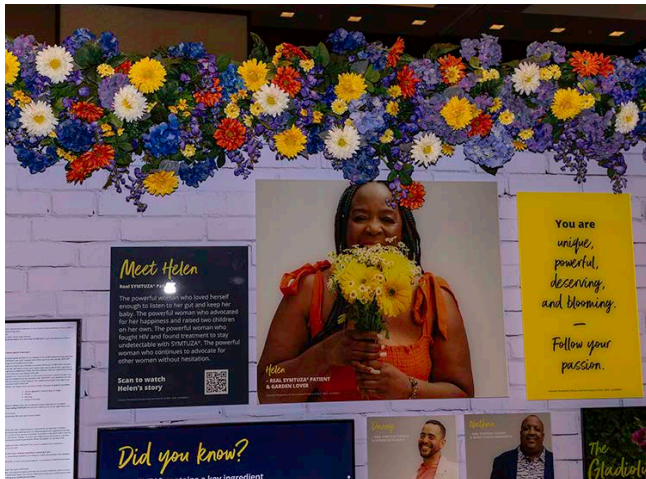
# SOCIAL MEDIA FELLOWS

This year, 18 Social Media Fellows were selected to attend USCHA. Fellows used their social media skills to develop multi-platform campaigns that helped spread the word about HIV prevention, care, and treatment and expand their abilities through interacting with others in the field. At USCHA, fellows displayed their final campaigns proudly on large poster boards. They also engaged attendees onsite in brief live Q&A sessions to contribute to the wealth of content collected at this year's conference.





# EXHIBIT HALL



More than 80 companies, organizations, and providers took part in the USCHA Exhibit Hall, offering attendees an opportunity to learn more about their services.

# INSTITUTES

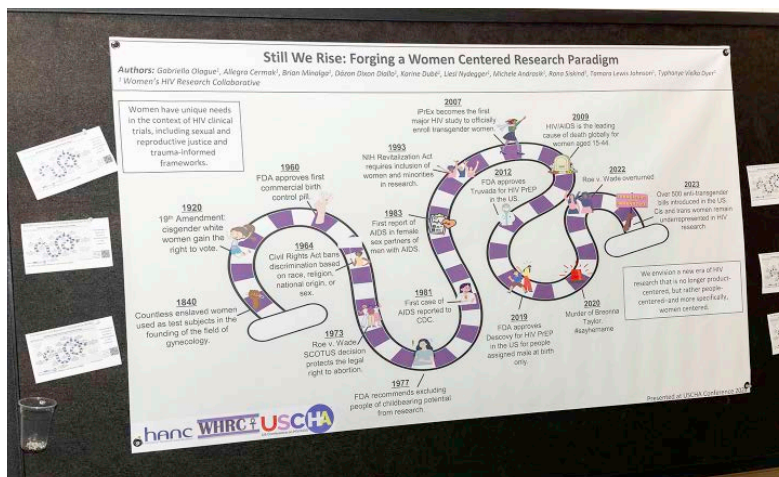
Institutes are in-depth sessions that focus on the issues of impacted populations and interest groups. This year's topics included Black women, trans issues, housing, stigma, American Indian and Alaska Natives, Hispanic/Latinx health, and non-binary issues. Institutes are conducted by conference partners and NMAC's Constituent Advisory Panel members.





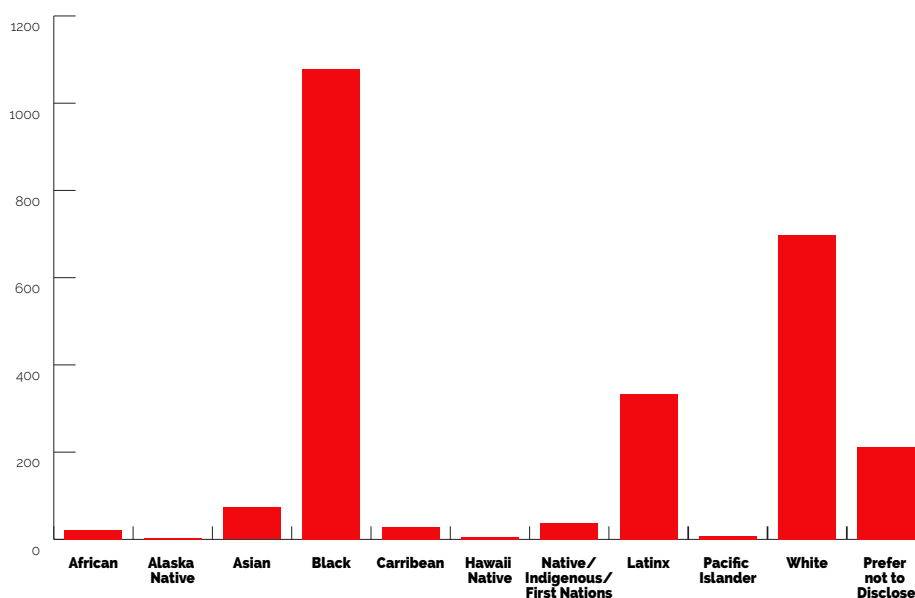
# POSTER PRESENTATIONS

USCHA offered over 30 posters, presented in 30-minute time slots, across a multitude of HIV-related topics. Their presentations facilitated intimate conversations with attendees, and all parties gained deeper insight into HIV research and data-driven topics.



# ATTENDANCE

## Racial Identity

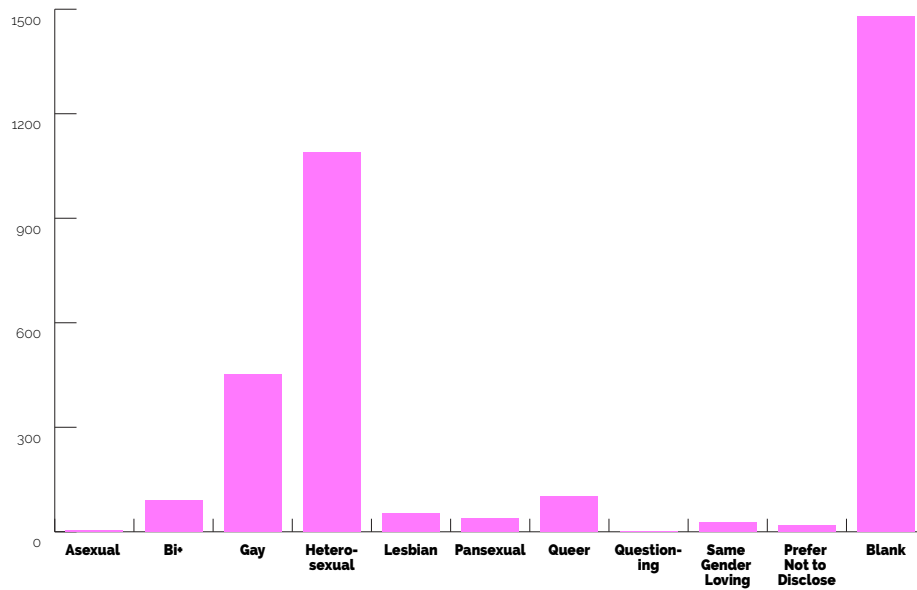


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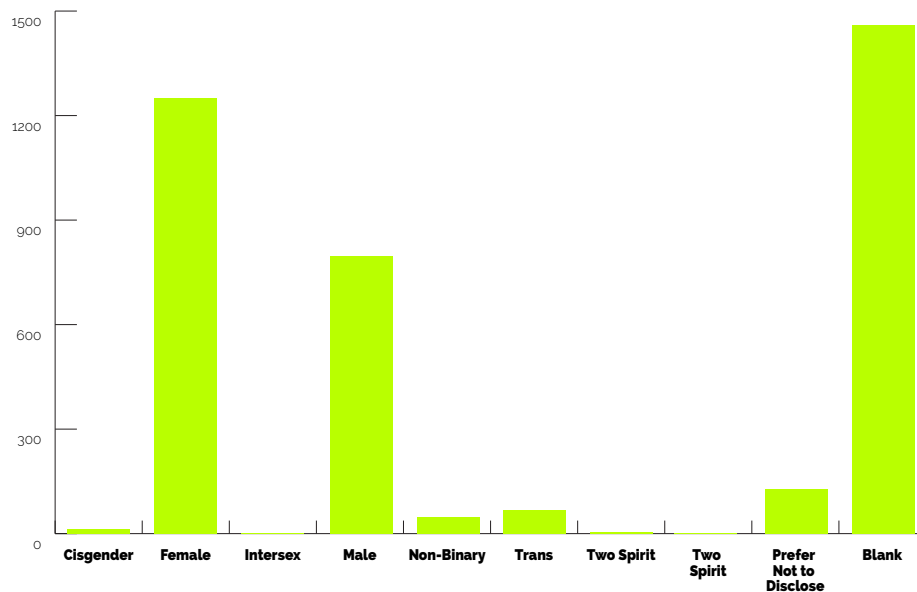


# ATTENDANCE

## Sex Orientation



## Gender Identity

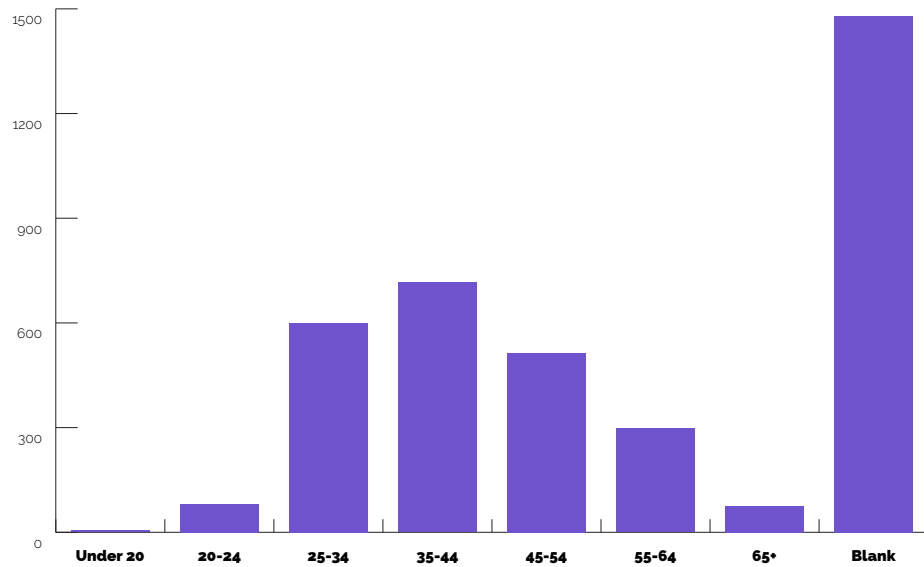


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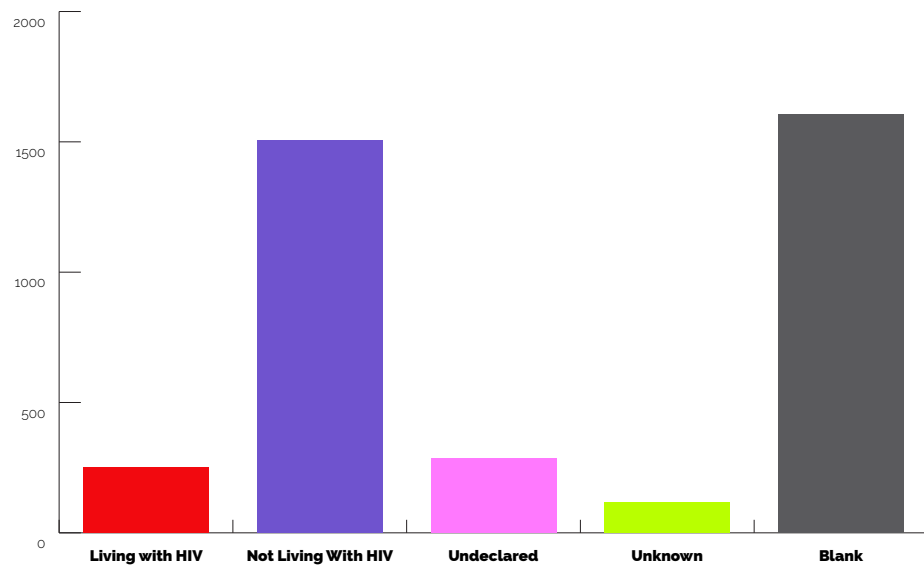


# ATTENDANCE

## Age Range



## HIV Status

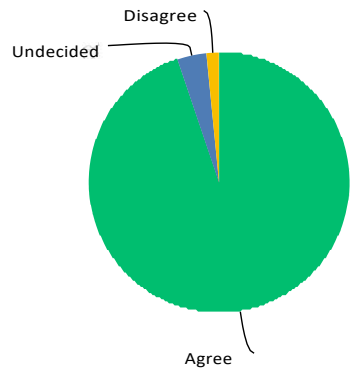


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Q1 The information provided prior to the Conference was useful

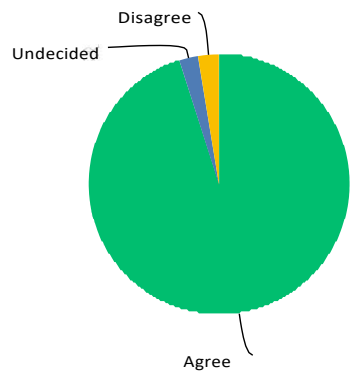
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Agree	94.82%	366
Undecided	3.63%	14
Disagree	1.55%	6
TOTAL		386

Q2 The registration procedures worked well

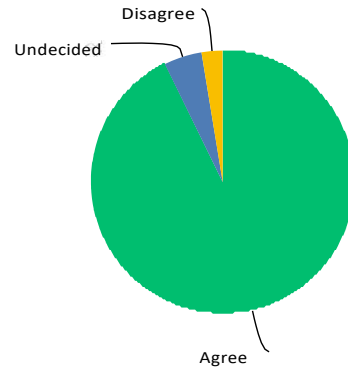
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Agree	95.08%	367
Undecided	2.33%	9
Disagree	2.59%	10
TOTAL		386

### Q3 The Conference staff met my expectations

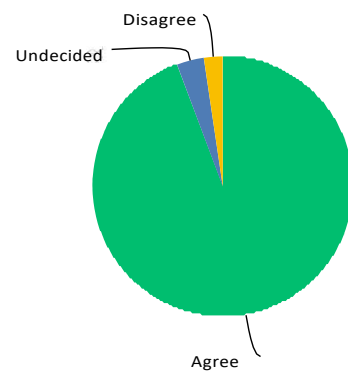
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Agree	92.75%	358
Undecided	4.66%	18
Disagree	2.59%	10
TOTAL		386

### Q4 Overall, I have learned new information at the Conference

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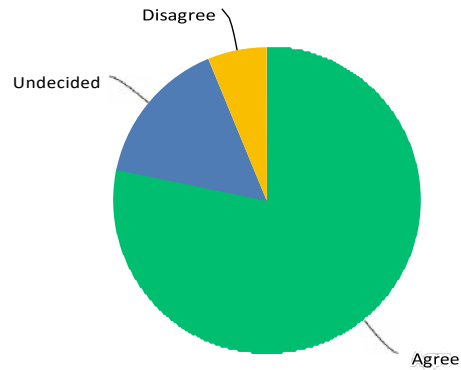


ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Agree	94.30%	364
Undecided	3.37%	13
Disagree	2.33%	9
TOTAL		386



## Q5 Overall, I have developed new skills

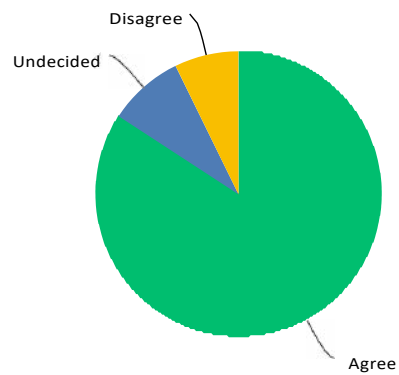
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Agree	78.24%	302
Undecided	15.54%	60
Disagree	6.22%	24
TOTAL		386

## Q6 I have formed new networks

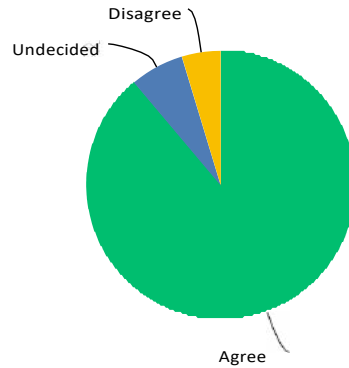
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Agree	84.20%	325
Undecided	8.55%	33
Disagree	7.25%	28
TOTAL		386

## Q7 The information offered met my professional needs

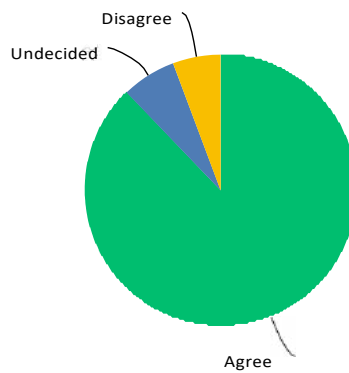
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Agree	88.86%	343
Undecided	6.48%	25
Disagree	4.66%	18
TOTAL		386

## Q8 Overall, I have a positive opinion about this year's Conference

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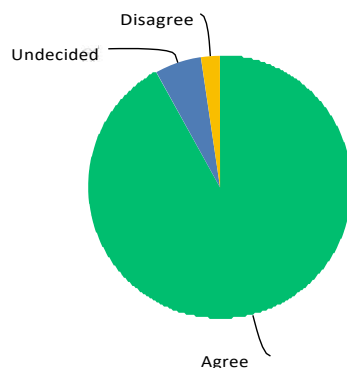


ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Agree	87.82%	339
Undecided	6.48%	25
Disagree	5.70%	22
TOTAL		386



### Q9 As a result of the Conference, I feel motivated to work for 1 more year to help end the HIV epidemic

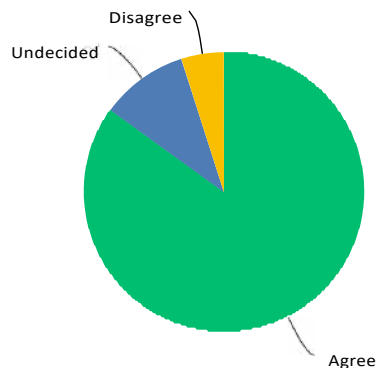
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Agree	91.97%	355
Undecided	5.70%	22
Disagree	2.33%	9
TOTAL		386

### Q10 As a result of the Conference, I have increased my self-efficacy to achieve my intended outcomes

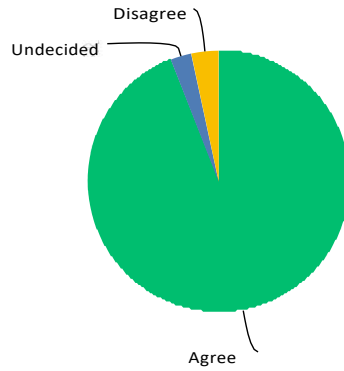
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Agree	84.97%	328
Undecided	10.10%	39
Disagree	4.92%	19
TOTAL		386

### Q11 The content of the conference was relevant to the work that I do.

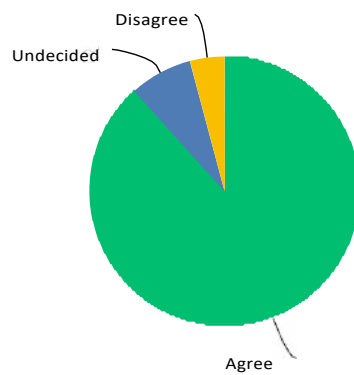
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Agree	94.04%	363
Undecided	2.59%	10
Disagree	3.37%	13
TOTAL		386

### Q16 Overall, I am satisfied with this year's Conference.

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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Agree	88.34%	341
Undecided	7.51%	29
Disagree	4.15%	16
TOTAL		386



## WHAT DID YOU LIKE MOST ABOUT THE CONFERENCE?

**Education was informative and creative. The speakers and performers were committed and invested and kept me coming and not caring how long the sessions were. Providing lunch and receptions were nice after a long day or to get ready for the rest of the day. Loved the app!**

**The sessions I attended were impactful and not informational overload. There was unity throughout the entire conference. I never saw any type of negative confrontation everything was positive interactions.**

**AS A BLACK CIS GENDER WOMAN, I FELT THE LOVE AND NEEDED IT. It was wonderful.**

**I loved the topics we could choose from. I often found myself wanting to go to more than one during a session. I also loved the first two lunch sessions.**

**I enjoyed the connection with other women across the country who are in the fight to end the epidemic. The entertainment was beyond satisfactory this year.**

**being in the midst and mix of people like me, something I have missed since retiring from my job in the HIV space. It was truly a family reunion I enjoyed the rich sessions that I attended and the panel that I presented in. I loved being in the Positive Lounge and engaging in conversations that were informative, warm, and inspiring.**

**Welcoming, atmosphere was great, speakers were phenomenal.**

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