



# Howard Brown Broadway Health Center

Chicago, IL



## Snapshot

TARGET POPULATION

LGBTQ and homeless youth ages 12-24

SETTING

Drop-in health center

FOUNDED

2004

DESIGN/THEORY

- Anti-Oppression Framework
- Harm Reduction
- Trauma Informed Care

HIV CARE CONTINUUM

- Diagnosis
- Linkage to Care
- Retention in Care
- HAART Therapy
- Viral Suppression

SOCIAL MEDIA



## Innovations

Howard Brown Health Center (HBHC) is the largest LGBTQ center in the Midwest and has addressed the needs of people living with HIV for over 40 years. HBHC sponsors the Broadway Youth Center (BYC), an off-site specialty program with a mission to improve the quality of life and wellness of young people ages 12 to 24, especially LGBTQ youth and those experiencing homelessness. BYC passionately serves LGBTQ youth with an integrated service model that simultaneously addresses health and social needs. Safe space provision, primary medical care services, HIV/STI testing, GED/vocational training, counseling and support are BYC core services of BYC.

## Services

HBHC/BYC provides primary medical care, HIV/STI testing and counseling, confidential family planning, individual and group counseling, support groups, case management, housing assistance programs, GED educational and vocational training, and drop-in services such as laundry facilities and food pantry access for youth and young adults. The program is a haven for LGBTQ youth and is programmatically tied to the health center, enabling immediate linkage to care through testing and diagnosis. Services across the prevention and care continuum include sexual health (HIV and STD/STI screenings) and mental health assessments, linkage to care, HIV specialty services, and access to PrEP and PEP.

HBHC provides partner notification services (Partner Services, or PS) for those who test positive for STDS/STIs in their clinics. PS involves two key

STAKEHOLDERS

Ann and Robert H. Lurie Children’s Hospital of Chicago

CBOs

Chicago Health Department

Howard Brown Health Center

State Health Department

Teen Living Programs

The Night Ministry

components— interviewing the index case to elicit contacts, and following up with these contacts to ensure treatment. HBCH’s approach to partner notification is unique:

- PS is fully integrated into the medical clinic as the PS interview is part of the standard of care;
- PS staff identify as LGBTQ and are aware of cultural norms and community needs; and
- PS staff are very flexible when working with clients - staff centers client comfort and support as the foundation for building a relationship with each client.

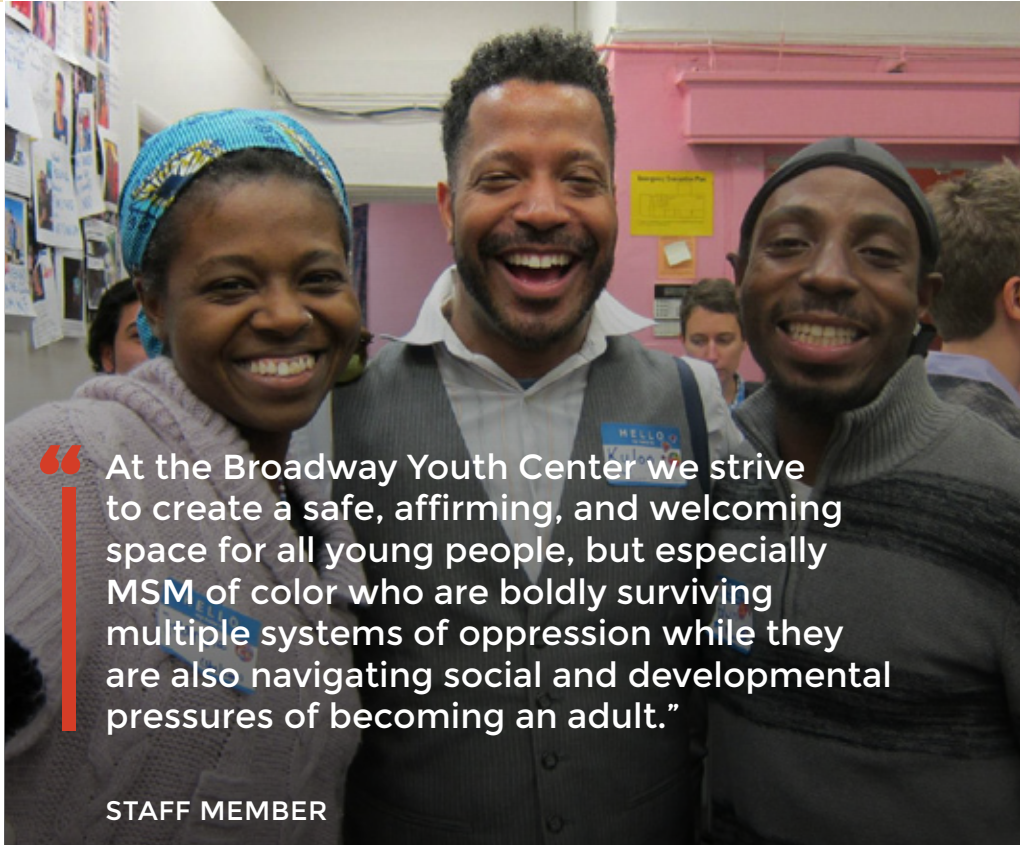
26%

of MSM tested at Broadway Youth Center are

**BLACK MSM**

Black MSM make up

49% of youth **INITIATING PREP AT BYC**



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- EBAN Flyer



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