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September Digest

Change Requires Action

Hi Todd,

We are working behind the scenes already to be ready to hit the ground running with new proposed legislation come January, when the Indiana General Assembly begins its legislative session continuing through early March.

We have grown to almost 1,300 people on our listserv. We appreciate your continued interest in HIV modernization efforts here in Indiana. If you have any questions or suggestions, please let us know.

Change the Law, End the Stigma!

Thank you for support of the AIDS walk

This past weekend was the 2023 Indiana AIDS Walk.

Every dollar donated goes to the Gregory Powers Direct Emergency Financial Assistance program that helps Hoosiers living with HIV pay for medication, medical appointment transportation, rent and utility bills, and even food and clothing in emergencies.



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Thank you to everyone for helping Team HMM raise \$1,815 for the AIDS Walk! You can still give - [click here to donate!](#)



HMM Across the State

If you know of events in your area where we should be, please [contact us](#).

- Sep 30 - [Columbus Pride](#) (Tabling)
- Sep 30 - [Westfield Pride](#) (Tabling)
- Sep 30 - [Scott County Pride](#) (Tabling)
- Oct 7 - [Spencer Pride](#) (Tabling)
- Oct 18 - [Quarterly HMM update](#)
- Nov 21 - Indiana HMMWatch & Organization Day at the Statehouse

Member Spotlight

Join us in Celebrating Dr. Carrie Foote, Chair and co-founder of HMM and national expert on HIV criminal law reform! She is a long-term HIV-thriver who was once homeless, addicted to heroin, turned inspiring [Professor of Sociology at IU-I](#), researcher, activist, and mom. She turned her 1988 HIV diagnosis into her life's work to ending HIV stigma and criminalization of people living with HIV. [Click here to learn more](#) about Dr Carrie's efforts over the years and passion to reform Indiana's HIV Criminal law!.

36 Years Living With HIV



1988: 18 years old,
Homeless, Heroin Addicted

2023: 54 years old,
Mother, Professor, Activist

Where has HMM been this month so far?

It's been a BUSY month as Pride events continue around the State. We were at Bloomington, Muncie, Terre Haute & Pendleton Prides, along with the Indiana AIDS Walk. We were also out in force at the



AIDS walk. We were also out in force at the IUPUI Health Fair and the Unity HIV/STD/Viral Hepatitis Indiana Conference.



AIDSWatch 2024 Announced! Save the Date!

AIDSWatch

AIDSWatch began 31 years ago with a small group of dedicated advocates and became the nation's largest, national, constituent-based HIV advocacy event. The tradition will continue March 17-19, 2024 in Washington, DC. **SAVE THE DATE!**

Each year AIDSWatch brings together hundreds of people living with HIV and their allies in Washington, D.C., to learn about the latest policy issues, messaging strategy and advocacy tactics. One of their [main policy priorities](#) in recent years has been HIV criminalization and modernization, including community input on molecular HIV surveillance.

Along with AIDSWatch, our specific federal ask on HIV modernization is to pass **The Repeal Existing Policies that Encourages and Allow Legal (REPEAL) HIV Criminalization Act** that is consistent with current HIV decriminalization advocates' understanding and strategy and incentivizes states to modernize or repeal their respective laws. When this comes up for a vote in Congress, we will send out an HMM Action Alert asking for your help!

[Click here to learn more](#) about AIDSWatch.

HMM Action Alert - Voter Registration deadline is Oct 10.

Print off these Indiana Voter Info Guides and display them in your community's Little Free Libraries, food pantries, community centers, HIV service organizations, clinics, and more! The Voter Registration deadline is October 10. [Click here for a PDF.](#)

INDIANA VOTER INFORMATION



Scan the code or visit indianavoters.in.gov to:

- Register to vote
- Verify that your registration is active
- Find your polling place
- Apply for absentee (mail-in) ballot
- Preview your ballot

Voter Registration Deadline: Tuesday, October 10, 2023

Early Voting: Wednesday, October 11 - Monday, November 6 at noon

Absentee Applications Due: Monday, October 26, 11:59pm

Absentee Ballots Due: Tuesday, November 7, 2023, 6pm

Election Day: Tuesday, November 7, 2023, 6am-6pm

The 2023 elections are municipal elections. These elections occur every 4 years. This is when local government officials are elected, like mayor, clerk, treasurer, clerk-treasurer, city or town council, and city or town judge. The exact offices on your ballot depend on the size of the city or town you live in.

CRIMINAL RECORD? Formerly incarcerated, people with criminal records, people in jail awaiting trial, or people out on bail or parole can register to vote.

COLLEGE STUDENT? College students may register using their campus address.

RECENTLY MOVED? If you have lived at the address on your registration for at least 30 days, you can vote at your new residence.

ALMOST 18? If you will be 18 on or before Election Day (11/7) you can register to vote now.

UNHOUSED OR WITHOUT A PERMANENT ADDRESS? Use the mailing address of where you typically spend the night, or where you can receive mail when you

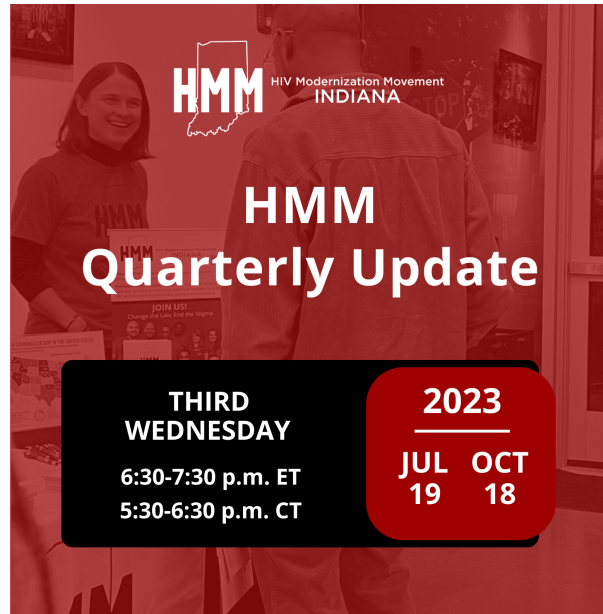
register.

Information provided by MADVoters, an Indiana social welfare nonprofit organization.

2023 HMM Quarterly Updates

For the remainder of 2023, we will move to quarterly advocacy meetings instead of bi-monthly. **Please note the new dates.**

- When? Quarterly 3rd Wed of the Month: 6:30-7:30p ET/5:30-6:30p CT
- Remaining 2023 Dates: Oct 18
- Where? Zoom:
<https://iu.zoom.us/j/85825317208> | no passcode required.



JOIN US!
Change the Law, End the Stigma
Zoom: <https://iu.zoom.us/j/85825317208>



What action can you take to help?

- Join our quarterly [HMM Advocacy Meetings](#)
- Inform others about HMM by placing our brochure at your organization, place of worship, or favorite coffee spot! [Click here to print copies and/or request paper copies](#) for distribution (English and español available).
- Provide us with more information *including your full street address*. This information will help us identify which State Legislative districts HMM members live in, which will allow us to target our emails to residents in key districts around the State. **Click the button below** to [take action](#) now if you haven't already! 😊

Take Action

Online Learning about HIV Criminalization Reform

- [HIV Modernization Movement Indiana](#) - hosted by the Indiana State Bar Association. This is an approved Continuing Legal Education (CLE) course.
 - [The HIV Criminalization Online Course](#) - hosted by the HIV Justice Academy
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Other Opportunities & Resources

- [Read past HMM digests](#) under Newsletter tab.
 - For larger discussions on national news related to HIV criminalization, join email lists from [The Sero Project](#) and the [Elizabeth Taylor AIDS Foundation](#).
 - For extensive resources on the topic, visit the [Center for HIV Law and Policy](#).
 - [Find your Indiana state and federal legislators here](#)
 - [Register to vote or check your voting status!](#)
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Thank you!

HIV Modernization Movement is a grassroots advocacy organization. Our work is made possible by contributions from many donors, including major support from the [Elizabeth Taylor AIDS Foundation](#).

We are now able to accept charitable contributions. [Please click here to donate!](#)

We have [HIV Modernization Movement merchandise for sale](#) on our website. Proceeds are invested back into our grassroots advocacy efforts.

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