



## ABOUT HAPPY

HIV Awareness Promoting Prevention for You (HAPPY) is a service to prevent and reduce the impact of HIV stigma and discrimination. HAPPY service started July 1<sup>st</sup> of 2016. It is a service of Access to Wholistic and Productive Living Institute, Inc. located at 3611 43<sup>rd</sup> Ave., Colmar Manor MD 20722.



HAPPY's service goal is to prevent HIV infection and prevent the transmission of HIV among high risk individuals.

We aim to prevent the incidence of HIV infection through health education, screening, and contact notification.

HAPPY Offers:

- Confidential counseling
- Uplifting and open communication
- One-on-one sessions
- Emotional support
- A safe and non-judgmental environment
- Flexible hours

## Know the Facts!

### [Living with HIV Undetectable](#)

When you hear the word undetectable, when it comes to HIV would you know what it means? Being undetectable means a person living with HIV has been on antiretroviral treatment for an amount of time, has brought the level of the virus in their body to



such a low level that it's not detected in their viral load.

Being undetectable does not mean a person living with HIV can stop their antiretroviral treatment. A person will have to continue to take their treatment so they will continue to be undetectable.

Studies are showing if you were to get a person that is undetectable and a person that is HIV negative to have intercourse, the person that is undetectable wouldn't pass down the HIV virus to the other person. The reason for this is as I mention earlier the viral load for the person that is positive is so low that they are not able to pass down the HIV virus.

There is a group in Baltimore Maryland that is really pushing this and that group is called U=U (Undetectable=Untransmittable) and the CDC is backing them in their studies. They are saying a lot of HIV positive people that is undetectable are living long and healthier lives. Some are even having kids and not spreading the virus to their significant other.

So when you hear the word Undetectable you kind of know what it means. I would still say the best way to protect yourself is through using condoms, or see your PCP for other ways to practice safe sex.

-Bryant Payton-Smith

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## GLOBAL NEWS



### [AHF Women Call for a Woman to Lead UNAIDS](#)

Since its birth in 1996, UNAIDS has served as a global AIDS program that has led the world's most extensive data collection, and has published the latest information on the HIV epidemic. Throughout the years, UNAIDS has been able to effectively provide strategic direction, advocacy, and technical support to connect government leaders, private sectors, and the community in order to deliver efficient life saving HIV services throughout the world. UNAIDS connects with all countries to collect and analyze data on their HIV/AIDS responses to create and implement strategic plans to end the AIDS epidemic as a public health threat by the year 2030.

Michel Sidibe became the Executive Director of UNAIDS on January 1, 2009. He holds

the rank of Deputy Secretary General of the United Nation, chairs the H6, which is a partnership that unites the mandates of not one, but six United Nation agencies in order to provide an integrated agenda for the general well being and health of women, children, and adolescents. Michel Sidibe's work has granted him nationwide recognition. He was even named one of the most influential Africans by the *Africa Report* in 2012. That is a pretty impressive resume, right?

In March 2018, an UNAIDS worker publically called out Michel Sidibe's deputy director, Luiz Loures, for sexual harassment. The public out roar inspired several other women to speak out against Loures. Instead of taking immediate action to address this horrendous scandal, Executive Director Michel Sidibe insisted on covering up the sexual harassment accusations by offering the accusers a promotion and an apology from Loures. A leaked UNAIDS staff meeting recording provided evidence of Sidibe aiming to condition and intimidate his employees by referring to the accusers as whistleblowers. Sidibe refused to take accountability for his actions and went on to persuade individuals to write letters defending him.

A group of women leaders from the world's largest AIDS organization, AIDS Healthcare Foundation, were outraged by this scandal. The AHF stepped in and sent a letter to the UNAIDS Programme Coordinating Board, expressing that this sexual harassment scandal goes against everything that all HIV/AIDS organizations, especially UNAIDS, promotes. What happened to empowerment and speaking out? What about all of the women and men who have contracted HIV/AIDS through sexual abuse? What about the women and men who have experienced sexual harassment? The AHF explained that there is no way UNAIDS is capable of repairing its reputation, rebuilding the trust of the community, or advocating on the behalf people affected by HIV/AIDS while under the direction of an individual who lacks moral authority. The AHF demanded that the UNAIDS immediately takes the appropriate step towards preventing incidents of sexual harassment and abuse by first putting an accomplished woman leader with integrity in charge. What better way to say women empowerment?

-Brittany McCullough

Get Educated...Get Tested...Get involved...Get Treated!

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## UPCOMING EVENTS

AUGUST 1<sup>st</sup>

*WOMEN'S SUPPORT GROUP*

**\*\*Every 1st and 3rd Wednesday of the Month, from 6-8pm @[3611 43rd Avenue, Colmar Manor, MD 20770](#) -->>[REGISTER HERE](#)**



AUGUST 2nd

*HIV TESTING*

\*\*Every Tuesday and Thursday from 11am-4pm - Access to Wholistic and

Productive Living Institute

AUGUST 4th

*FAMILY AND FRIENDS FEST*

From 8:00AM-5:00PM @8102 TAHONA DR SILVER SPRING MD

This is an active and engaging event that promotes unity through community partnership by providing a fun filled environment among surrounding neighborhoods. We will be providing free resources and services to underprivileged families and your participation will help assure the success of our event!

AUGUST 8th

*MEN'S SUPPORT GROUP*

Every 2nd and 4th Wednesday of the Month, from 6-8pm @[3611 43rd Avenue, Colmar Manor, MD 20770](#) -->[REGISTER HERE](#)

AUGUST 11th

*15TH ANNUAL KETTERING/LARGO/MITCHELLVILLE FAMILY COMMUNITY Day HEALTH FAIR @Largo High School*

Kettering Recreation Council, KLM Boys Girls Club, The Maryland Park Planning Commission, B&K Productions, P.I.T.S Sports

Contact # : 202-556-1172

Vendor Registration website : <http://bkthr.com/upcoming-events/klm-day-community-day-2018>

AUGUST 17th

*NATIONALI HEALTH CENTER WEEK* from 10am-2pm @Greater Baden Medical Services: Webster Charles DDS

AUGUST 18th

(1) *HIV TESTING*

\*\*\*Every 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday from 12-3pm - Access to Wholistic and Productive Living Institute

(2) *TEMPLE HILLS HEALTH & BACK TO SCHOOL FAIR*

from 10:00am-2:00pm @5515 Brinkley Rd Camp Springs, MD \*\*Light Refreshments will be served. Vendors are welcome to contact [healthcare@christchapelmd.org](mailto:healthcare@christchapelmd.org)

(3) *POWAB TURNS 10!* For a decade, the Places of Worship Advisory Board has impacted the health community. Join us in celebrating our 10th anniversary. It is our pleasure to serve the District of Columbia, Maryland, and Virginia residents with free health screenings, free school supplies, and free nutritious food. We can't wait to see you Saturday, August 18, 2018 from 10:00 am – 3:00 pm for Community Day. This is a FREE family event for all. @Imani Temple

2420 Brooks Drive

Suitland-Silver Hill MD

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SUPPORT GROUPS:

Join our HAPPY [Online Chat Room](#) (Re-launch on Sept 1st!) to earn gift cards and more! \*member must post for a month or more to earn incentives\*

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## RESOURCE CENTER

>>>Take a look at our [NEW ONLINE RESOURCE CENTER!](#)



