

Dear Poz Women and HIV service providers:

My name is Lynn Atwood; I am a facilitator for a weekly *CNY Connec+ions for Poz Women* Conference Call, supported by the Department of Health AIDS Institute (DOH AI) and the National Library of Medicine (NLM). This is an initiative of the Central New York HIV Care Network, a program of Central New York Health Systems Agency (CNYHSA). Please post this where Poz Women meet at your agency or are seen by staff, Case Managers, Doctors, etc. I am available to do a presentation at your agency, if requested.

I am a Women living with HIV. I am involved in many committees, including the Women's subgroup of the New York State HIV Prevention and Planning Group (PPG) and the Central New York HIV Care Network Consumer Advisory Committee. I am the liaison to the financial committee of PPG, and speak and advocate for Women's Health issues around New York State (NYS). Additionally, I am the former co-chair of the Consumer Advisory Committee at the SUNY Infectious Disease Clinic.

*CNY Connec+ions for Poz Women* Conference Call is open to all women living with HIV/AIDS across NYS. By posting this flyer and letter, hopefully we can reach many more Poz Women who may have an interest in joining. This is a good opportunity for those that have seen their local support groups discontinued. There are up to 18 lines that can be used for this call, and there is plenty of room for new callers to join.

To join the call you simply dial a toll-free number provided once the caller has registered. Callers can join and leave when they so choose. Callers are known by the facilitator or the lead agency only. Names or personal information are not shared for any reason. The reports generated by the facilitator for review by the HIV Care Network and DOH AI, only have bullet points of the topics discussed. Confidentiality is always adhered to at all times. Callers may share contact information with each other on the calls, but it is strictly their choice. This has been helpful if someone needed a ride to a medical appointment or education forum, etc.

The purpose of the Conference Call is for information sharing, education, HIV Care Network activity, networking within various regions, advocacy, problem solving regarding HIV health care issues, dissemination of HIV-related health care information from NYS DOH AI, NLM, CDC, etc. This really has been a great way to reach many without asking everyone to travel to a meeting.

For more information or to register for *CNY Connec+ions for Poz Women* please contact CNYHSA at (315) 472-8099 or you may contact me directly at (315) 378-4436.

Sincerely,



Lynn Atwood