



# Impact Highlights: FY25

**Together, we create health equity and transform lives across Illinois.**

Public Health Institute of Metropolitan Chicago (PHIMC) is proud to advance health justice and strengthen public health through innovation and partnerships that align people, strategies, and resources. PHIMC envisions systems that impact how we live, work, and play as compassionate, affirming, and racially equitable, supporting health and well-being for all people. For 30 years, PHIMC has worked alongside partners throughout Illinois, including nonprofit organizations, community-based organizations, cross-sector government agencies, and other institutions, to bridge gaps, leverage resources, and address oppressive policies that hurt people. Through these comprehensive partnerships, we transform systems.

## THE NUMBERS

2732

Routine HIV screenings were conducted in clinical settings by 14 community partners in suburban Cook County

700+

Adults attended trainings to support LGBTQ+ youth

250+

People participated in the 2025 Illinois Reentry Conference

3758

Individuals were served by 12 organizations expanding medically and culturally appropriate gender affirming care



## HIV Prevention and Care

By screening everyone as part of routine care instead of targeting certain individuals, clinics can increase the number of people who are diagnosed early, reduce stigma and bias surrounding the disease, and effectively link people to care and services.

In FY25, **six new sites** received PHIMC's training and capacity building assistance to implement routine HIV screening and affirming care practices. These sites conducted **317 routine HIV screenings**.

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## Next Generation Wellness Network

In FY25, PHIMC connected with **50+ agencies**, held more than **20 integration meetings** to establish partnerships supporting substance use prevention efforts throughout Chicago, launched an online **Substance Use Prevention Awareness Resource Kit (SPARK)**, and gathered **95 individuals** for our first Youth Health Conference.

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*"The ability to access things like hormones, things like surgeries, things like affirmative counseling or affirmative psychiatry is difficult, it's enormously difficult, and having programs like this, which lower that barrier to entry for trans folks, is immensely helpful."* - Central Illinois Friends Public Relations Manager

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## Community Reentry Project

100% of FY25 **Combined Illinois Reentry Statewide and Chicago Reentry Taskforce Meeting** attendees reported that the meeting helps build knowledge to use affirming practices for justice involved individuals. **96% of FY25 Corrections Discharge Planning Training** attendees shared that the training introduces participants to providers and resources in the fields of HIV, corrections, and reentry.

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## The Alliance

**Action Camp 2025**, a 5-day sleepaway camp co-hosted with Youth Services, brought together **41 campers**, **14 youth leaders**, and **36 counselors** from across the state to learn from one another and shape the safer schools movement.

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*"My key takeaway was strengthening our client relationships by recognizing mutual biases and fostering an environment where they feel safe to be their authentic selves."* - Affirming Care Training Participant

*"Refreshing to be approached with openness and not be expected to have expertise."* - Alliance Professional Development Participant

We couldn't have  
done it without your  
generous *support.*

## Thank you

to all our donors  
and community  
partners.

PHIMC's FY25 Initiatives include The Alliance, Community Reentry Project, Protecting Our Patients: Routine HIV Screening and Affirming Care, Regional Implementation Group for Region 8: HIV Prevention and Support, Next Generation Wellness Network, School Health Access Collaborative, and the Transgender and Gender Diverse Wellness and Equity Program.

***"After seeing all these presenters, I feel inspired and hopeful, which is difficult to find when working in corrections. Thank you!!!"***  
***- Illinois Reentry Conference Participant***

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