In 2009, people aged 50 and older accounted for 23% of AIDS diagnoses in the United States. Yet older adults are often overlooked in the ongoing HIV/AIDS conversation. Developed for States, Area Agencies on Aging, Tribal Organizations, senior centers, and other local service providers within the National Aging Network, the U.S. Administration on Aging HIV: Know the Risks. Get the Facts. Older Adults and HIV/AIDS Toolkit contains helpful resources and materials specifically designed to inform older adults about the risks of HIV/AIDS and to encourage older adults to know their status.

Older Adults and HIV/AIDS Toolkit

Resources available in the toolkit include:

Poster Series.
Raise the level of HIV/AIDS awareness among older adults in your community by putting up posters in places of interest. Your own facility or office is a great place to start, but also put up posters in local grocery stores, pharmacies, and doctors’ offices.

Know the Risks. Get the Facts. Video.
This video is an engaging resource with a variety of possible uses. When holding discussion groups, webinars, or information sessions about HIV/AIDS among older adults, consider opening with this video.

Factsheet.
Print several copies of the HIV: Know the Risks. Get the Facts. factsheet and make them available in your office or senior center. If you are hosting an educational event, print a few extra copies for event participants to take home and review.

PowerPoint Template.
This template provides a few key facts about HIV/AIDS among older adults but also leaves plenty of space for you to add information relevant to your community. Feel free to customize it to fit your needs.

Education is the first line of defense against HIV/AIDS. Use these materials as you educate older adults on how to protect themselves against—or live with—this disease.

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