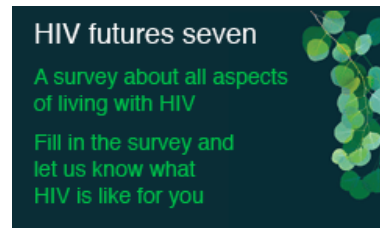




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HIV futures seven
Making positive lives count
Out now!



HIV futures seven is the seventh national survey of Australian People Living with HIV (PLHIV) conducted by the Living with HIV Program at the Australian Research Centre in Sex, Health and Society, La Trobe University.

HIV futures is an anonymous survey of PLHIV. It asks people about a range of issues including their health, treatments, work and financial situation. HIV futures surveys have been conducted every two to three years since 1997, attracting responses from around 1000 PLHIV each time. The HIV futures survey has been developed in consultation with a variety of community groups and it is officially supported by the National Association of People Living with HIV/AIDS (NAPWA), the Australian Federation of AIDS Organisations (AFAO) and the Australasian Society of HIV Medicine (ASHM).

HIV futures provides information to PLHIV, community organisations, service providers, doctors and government about the actual experience of living with HIV and the current needs of PLHIV.

Andrew Burry, General Manager of the AIDS Action Council of the ACT (AACACT) stated:

“Without enough responses from the ACT we will not get local data, which will make it much harder to plan future resources and advocate for improvements in our services. The big cities will rule!

Now is a time and opportunity for PLHIV in the local area to directly influence how living with HIV will look in the future.

HIV futures seven will be run until the 15th January 2012. Hardcopy survey booklets are available now from AACACT, Positive Living ACT (PLACT) and various other organisations. These can be returned anonymously and free of charge via the envelope attached to the survey booklet.

The survey can also be filled out online by going to: www.hivfutures.org.au

For more information, or to request a copy of the survey booklet, contact us:

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Make sure your experience counts. Let us know what living with HIV is like for you. Be part of HIV futures seven.

The AIDS Action Council of the ACT is a community based organisation established to minimise the social and personal impacts, and transmission, of HIV/AIDS. The Council remains as the only community based HIV specific agency in the ACT region and has developed into a strong organisation with services based on sound evidence, specialist knowledge and professional practice.

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