

# OLDER ADULTS LIVING WITH HIV SHOULD BE SEEN AND HEARD

*Opening the Curtain on Stigma*

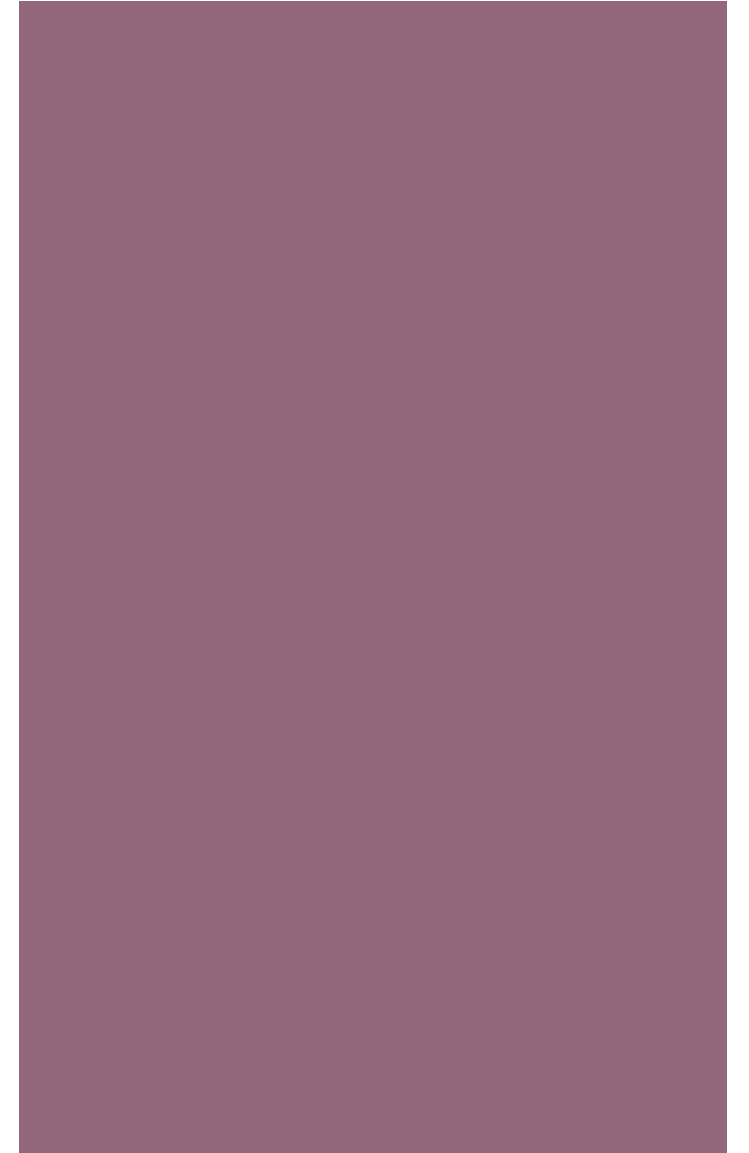
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Collective Impact Network*


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FOSTERING  
POSITIVE CHANGE  
FOR PEOPLE LIVING  
WITH HIV AND OTHER  
EPISODIC DISABILITIES

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UN MOTEUR  
DE CHANGEMENT POUR  
LES PERSONNES VIVANT  
AVEC LE VIH ET D'AUTRES  
INVALIDITÉS ÉPISODIQUES

# ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS





‘Of all the self-fulfilling prophecies in our culture, the assumption that aging means decline and poor health is probably the deadliest.’

Marilyn Ferguson

# IDEAS FOR REDUCING NEW HIV & STBBI DIAGNOSES AMONG OLDER PEOPLE

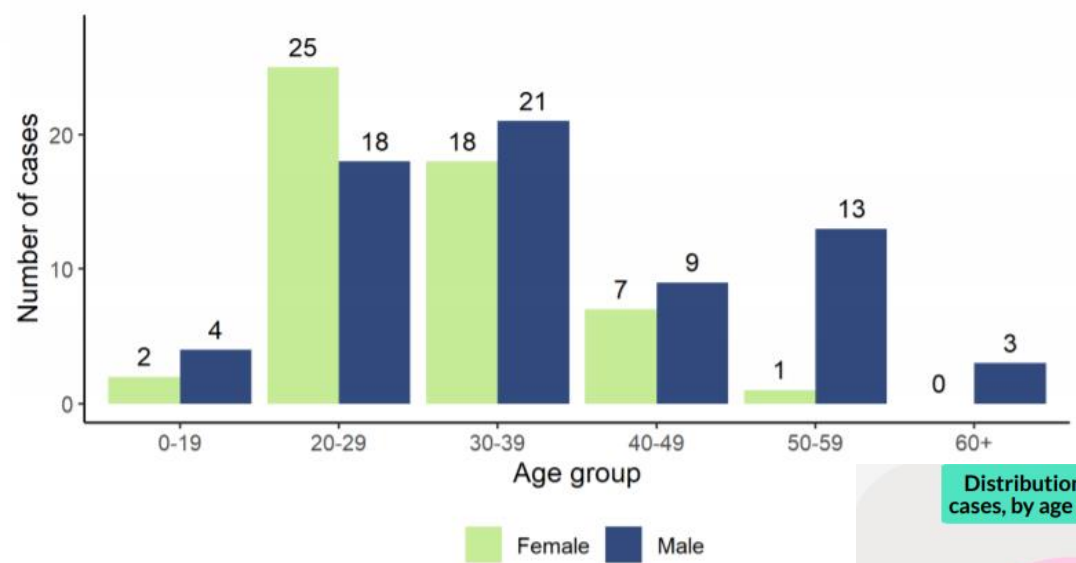
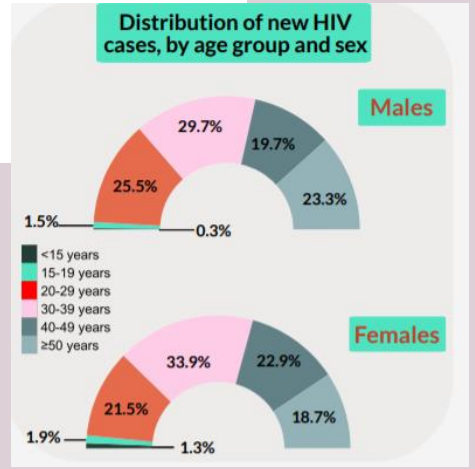


Figure 4. Number of HIV cases by sex and age group, Manitoba, 2019.



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DEVELOP  
TARGETED,  
COMPREHENSIVE  
SEXUAL HEALTH  
AND HARM  
REDUCTION  
INITIATIVES FOR  
OLDER ADULTS

Let's Talk the Joy of Later Life Sex  
Relate (UK)



**Let's talk the joy of later life sex - Billie and Cora**





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IDEAS FOR  
INCLUSION:  
MAKING SURE  
OLDER ADULTS  
ARE SEEN, HEARD  
AND VALUED  
WITHIN THE HIV  
COMMUNITY

RECOGNIZE  
THE WORTH  
AND RIGHTS  
OF OLDER  
PERSONS

- Ensure that equitable access and inclusion policies include age
- Challenge ageist assumptions and language
- Check that your website, print materials and campaigns include images of older people
- Disaggregate data by age
- Make space at the table for older adults

IDEAS FOR  
ADVOCACY,  
SUPPORT AND  
COLLABORATION





CREATE  
INCLUSIVE  
ENVIRONMENTS  
FOR OLDER  
ADULTS LIVING  
WITH HIV, AND  
THOSE AT RISK

- View older adults with HIV as a 'priority population' with unique constellation of mental health and social needs
- Develop programming that addresses the mental health and social needs of older adults living with HIV, including uncertainty and loneliness
- Create safe environments of care

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