

THE FRONTLINE

POSITIVE RESOURCE CENTER

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Dear Friend,

We know you care deeply about our work serving those who are disabled by HIV or mental illness; your caring is what enables us to continue what we do every day to ensure our clients have access to regular income, housing, adequate nutrition, and healthcare coverage – the basics we all need. Please take a moment to think of those less fortunate than you as the holiday season begins.

From all of us at Positive Resource Center, have a safe and happy holiday, and thank you for your continued support!



Brett Andrews
Executive Director

Year End Giving

The first word in our name says it all. **Positive.**


We make a **positive** impact on the lives of people that live with HIV/AIDS or mental health disabilities.

We make a **positive** impact on their ability to receive benefits and find employment.

That's what we do. We change people's lives. And have done so for 28 years.

With your help, Positive Resource Center is ready to meet our more than 1,700 clients' changing needs in many new ways. Your support will enable us to help build and stabilize our client's lives so they can thrive.

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AIDS Drug Assistance Program Increases Eligibility

Important income eligibility changes have been made to AIDS Drug Assistance Program (ADAP) and Office of AIDS - Health Insurance Premium Payment (OAHIPP) program. Because of

these changes, many more people may be eligible for these programs, and eligibility may discontinue for others.

As of June 24, 2015, the income eligibility criteria for ADAP/OAHIPP changed to individuals with a Modified Adjusted Gross Income (MAGI) that does not exceed 500% of the Federal Poverty Level per year based on family size and household income. Now, single individuals with a MAGI of no more than \$58,850 per year may be eligible for ADAP/OA-HIPP. For a household of two, the income limit is \$79,650. Previously, the maximum qualifying income limit was \$50,000 adjusted gross income per person. The old rule did not consider family size or household income.

For more information about changes to ADAP/OAHIPP, please contact our Equal Access to Healthcare Program at 415-777-0333.

HIV TREATMENT DOESN'T MEAN GOING BROKE

A single individual making \$58,850 or less per year now qualifies for ADAP.

CALL TO FIND OUT IF YOU QUALIFY

POSITIVE RESOURCE CENTER
415.777.0333

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PRC's Computer Training Department



Hollis Fleischer

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I came to PRC in June as the computer training associate. My role is primarily to assist clients with any difficulties they may have while learning new computer skills. Since my first day in the classroom I have noticed a sense of enthusiasm and desire to learn from the students.

For one reason or another, the students who take our computer training workshops have found themselves on the other side of the digital divide. With our help, we make it possible for them to learn what they missed along the way, while they are on their path to a new career. PRC's Next Step computer training program is one of my favorites, as I see the personal and professional value it provides every client.



NextStep is a comprehensive, eighteen-session Microsoft Office Suite training course. It is wonderful to see a client's excitement at learning how to attach a resume to an email or the empowerment from filling out an online employment application. Even learning how to create an Excel workbook brings smiles. Imagine that, Excel making someone smile!

I enjoy taking the opportunity to discuss the Next Step computer training curriculum with the students. All convey the same feeling of gratitude. I've talked on several occasions with one client in particular. He had finished school before computers took hold, and was worried that he would not be able to measure up to others. But after graduating from the Next Step class he felt more confident and assured that what he learned would help him prosper in the world of employment.

To participate in the NextStep class, you must be authorized by your CA Department of Rehabilitation (DoR) Counselor. Ask your DoR Counselor to authorize the training or talk with a PRC Employment Specialist if you need to get started with DoR. For more information, please contact Hollis Fleischer, Computer Training Associate HollisF@positiveresource.org or 415-972-0812.

New Realities 5: Nonprofit Public Policy Conference

New Realities 5 brought together San Francisco's nonprofit health and human service agencies and other community advocates to educate and engage leaders and workers in developing policy solutions to our City's income inequality crisis.

Presented by The San Francisco Human Services Network and held on Thursday, October 29, 2015, the citywide public policy conference featured PRC's Executive Director, **Brett Andrews**. Brett led a forum, along with **Kelly Dearman**, on the topic of "Building the Nonprofit Workforce: Government and Nonprofit Strategies to Create a Sustainable Workforce".

Discussion topics included low base salaries in nonprofits, cost of living raises, limited training and professional development opportunities, and competing tech and government sector jobs. Of great interest among the attendees was in-depth information regarding the strengthening of retirement plans at non-profits. Solid recommendations and proposals were suggested by Brett and Kelly during the workgroup on all the topics. Many thanks to The San Francisco Human Services Network for inviting Brett to co-lead this forum!



Positive Resource Center (PRC) is a community-based 501(c)(3) non-profit whose mission is to assist people affected by or at risk of HIV/AIDS through culturally appropriate counseling, education, training and advocacy. As a result, our clients can make more informed choices that maximize available benefits and employment opportunities.

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