

# THE FRONTLINE



THE MISSION OF PRC is to help people affected by HIV/AIDS, substance use, or mental health issues better realize opportunities by providing integrated legal, social, and health services that address the broad range of social risk factors that impact wellness and limit potential.

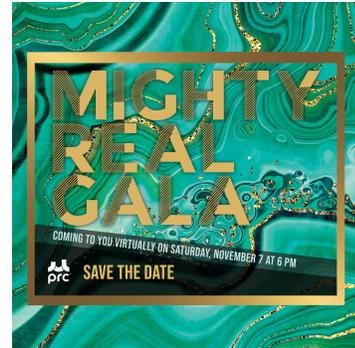
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Dear Friend,

Get ready to feel Mighty Real.

PRC's annual celebration of hope, resilience, and pride will take place virtually at **6 p.m.** on **Saturday, November 7, 2020.**

Stay tuned for updates and the announcement of this year's Sylvester award recipient, and please **reach out** with inquiries regarding sponsorships and tickets.



## 2nd Annual San Francisco Healthcare Think Tank

### Uncovering the Hidden Pandemics

Join us for a virtual roundtable among activists, community leaders and healthcare providers **Saturday, September 19, 2020, 10:00 am to 11:30 am.**



We'll look beneath the surface to help deliver better health equity in clinical practice in the era of COVID-19 with expert panelists **Dr. Ayanna Bennett** from the San Francisco COVID Command Center and Office of Health Equity, San Francisco Department of Public Health, **Dr. Diane Havlir** of UCSF and Zuckerberg San Francisco General Hospital, **Brett Andrews** of PRC, **Ruth Clements** of Quest Diagnostics, and **Billy Lemon** of Castro Country Club. **Learn more and register here.**

## Big Congratulations to the 5th Lift UP SF Cohort!



Ready to put their experience with substance use and mental health services to work and take on a bevy of peer professional roles in the public health sector—like Case Workers and Family Self-Sufficiency or Independent Living Specialists—we are very proud of their hard work and accomplishments!

Amid all the recent changes in our public and private lives because of the novel coronavirus, nine people graduated this month from the 64-hour *Lifting Up Peers for Brighter Tomorrow* training program.

**“People are already calling us to ask if we have graduates,”** said Joe Ramirez-Forcier, Work Development Managing Director during the virtual graduation, **“we're here to support you finding a career and meaningful life in the community helping others.”**

The program continues with one-on-one coaching and peer support services to help graduates make the strongest possible transition on their new path.

**Learn more about how the Lift UP SF Program works.**

*CEO Brett Andrews and Supervising Employment Specialist Dennis Reilly attend the graduation below.*



**“Going through Lift UP is a total gift, and a gift that can be passed along,”** said Troy Boyd, past graduate and PRC Employment Specialist at the celebration, **“it’s been a life-changing experience for me.”**

Two August graduates agreed

**“I just wanted to thank PRC for changing my life...this was a tremendous step because I usually don’t accept help...I’m so grateful and my life has changed in so many ways”**

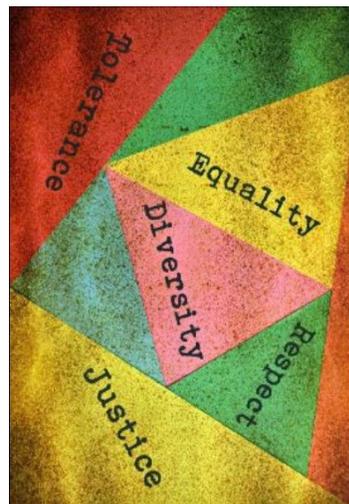
**“I want to thank you Tomas, Brian and Jerry for the training. This has been a great experience for me and something I’ve wanted to do since middle school...I look forward to helping individuals as well as myself.”**



## Progress on Police Reform

The policy agenda for deepening investment and priority for the Black community in San Francisco has been supported by recent efforts to reallocate funding from the police department towards widespread community supports. In **this letter** from MegaBlackSF, PRC helped shape priorities in Mayor Breed's policing budget that are reflected in the **Mayor's budget priorities** she presented to the Board of Supervisors last week.

We are pleased to see important reallocations of police funding to emergency behavioral health response in addition to other community supports and urge final passage of these critical priorities. **Read More about PRC's Black/African American Leadership Council.**



### Virtual Learning Series: Legal Advocacy & Education

## Working While Receiving Disability Benefits

Wondering how working affects disability income and how to avoid costly pitfalls?

**RSVP** and log into this monthly workshop on **Thursday, August 27, 2020**. Two sessions cover **SSI Rules at 10 a.m.** and **SSDI Rules at 11 a.m.**

Join us, as an individuals or helping professional, to learn the implications of returning to work when receiving SSI and SSDI and how to appropriately report earnings.

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For information or questions:  
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## Fair Housing For People with Disabilities

Presented in partnership with AIDS Legal Referral Panel, **RSVP** to join us **Wednesday, September 16, 2020, 10:00 am to 12:00 pm**, and learn about:

- How Fair Housing Laws work to level the playing field for tenants with disabilities
- When and how to request a Reasonable Accommodation in housing
- Options for disabled tenants if their Landlord fails to accommodate their disability
- COVID-related issues like housing courts, sheriff's evictions, and the Mayor's and Federal government's eviction moratoriums



Thank you!

Because of your support, **we're helping help 6,000 vulnerable adults and their families** each year find hope, stay solvent, and pursue their personal path to health, stability, recovery, independence, and well-being. So, thank you.

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