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THE STATE OF HIV/AIDS IN MASSACHUSETTS: A 3RD THURSDAY SPECIAL AT THE BOSTON LIVING CENTER

What: Learn the facts behind the numbers in the latest Massachusetts HIV/AIDS Report, released in August 2018,

including how state, local and national changes to HIV/AIDS prevention and treatment strategies are

impacting our local communities. This event is open to the public and includes a Q&A.

Presented by Dawn Fukuda, Director, Office of HIV/AIDS, Massachusetts Department of Health:

When: Thursday, September 20, 2018, 1:45 to 3:00 PM

Where: Boston Living Center

29 Stanhope Street, Boston MA

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About Victory Programs

Victory Programs has more than 40 years of experience opening doors to hope, health and housing for individuals and families in need. Since its inception in 1975, the agency has expanded to 19 health, housing and prevention programs providing shelter and recovery services to more than 2,500 people annually. Victory Programs has a storied history of responding to emerging needs in the community – from being one of the first agencies in Massachusetts to allow HIV positive clients into its addiction recovery programs in 1981 to launching a mobile prevention unit in 2015 to reach individuals and families in the community and better serve their needs. Throughout its organizational growth, Victory Programs' commitment to those struggling with homelessness, drug and alcohol addiction and chronic illnesses like HIV/AIDS always remains its top priority.

About the Boston Living Center

The Boston Living Center strives to foster the wellness of all HIV+ individuals and respond to the changing needs of the HIV/AIDS community. Through peer leadership and support, we endeavor to enhance and enrich the lives of our members by providing education, treatment information and support services with the goal of empowering members to lead productive lives and participate in family and community activities. The Boston Living Center merged with Victory Programs in 2012.

About 3rd Thursdays

Third Thursdays is a monthly workshop series hosted by the Boston Living Center covering issues of importance to the HIV/AIDS community such as health, wellness, policy, and advocacy. The series features some of Boston's top experts and specialists in the HIV/AIDS field.