

Women of color have experienced a 20% increase in rates of new HIV infections and AIDS cases in the U.S. Although African-Americans and Hispanics account for 13% and 11% of women in the U.S, respectively, they account for over 80% of all female HIV cases and 81% of all female cases of AIDS.



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Wellness C.I.R.C.L.E



Women's Group

Bringing stress management and a healthy living style for women living with HIV

Wellness C.I.R.C.L.E

(Centering Issues Requiring Caring, Loving Energy) consists of 16 weekly (4 months) two-hour group sessions with 6-8 other HIV+ women. Each session will **provide information** on healthy responses to stress, anxiety reduction skills, anger management, and interpersonal conflict resolution skills. Group participants will also receive information on nutrition, physical activity, and healthy lifestyles changes.

Previous studies in Cognitive Behavioral Group Therapy have experienced many benefits, including better nutrition, reduced depression, reduced sexual risk, and better quality of life.

Criteria for participation in Wellness C.I.R.C.L.E

- **♥** Women
- ♥ 18 years or older
- ♥ Diagnosed with HIV/AIDS
- ♥ Fluent in English, Spanish or Creole

The procedures involved in this study include 3 computer interviews, plus group attendance. For completing each computer assessment, you will receive \$5 and a metrocard as compensation for your time and travel.

You have the right to:

- →Take part or decline participation in this group.
- →If you decide to participate you have the right to withdraw from the group at anytime.

→Your records will be kept confidential (private) as far as possible under the law.