Our Core Work

WWAV's core principles are that people should not be criminalized for what they do with their own bodies and should be empowered to prevent disease and improve their overall well being in any way that is available. Our Core Work includes:

- Women's Health Education, Promotion & Advocacy
- Harm Reduction, Overdose Prevention & Drug Policy Reform
- HIV/AIDS & STI Prevention & Education
- Gender-Based Violence Prevention & Advocacy
- Sex Worker Advocacy
- LGBTQ Advocacy
- Civic Engagement
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The mission of Women With A Vision is to improve the lives of marginalized women, their families, and communities by addressing the social conditions that hinder their health and well-being. We accomplish this through relentless advocacy, health education, supportive services, and community based participatory research.
**HIV Linkages to Care for Formerly Incarcerated People**

This program is designed to identify barriers to accessing appropriate medical care or retention of care and to mitigate those barriers for HIV+, formerly incarcerated persons, while collecting data to further inform future interventions. The program includes appointment setting, assistance with housing referrals, food, other medical services, employment, etc. The only criteria for participation is to be 18 or older, living with HIV and to have been formerly incarcerated.

**Girls With A Pearl**

Often Transgender women find themselves living in two worlds, many times struggling to find their way to a new life. Through it all, transgender women can emerge, rise up and claim their space. *Girls With A Pearl* is a social mixer and safe space for transgender women, combining conversation, dinner, and story sharing to talk about how to be in healthy relationships.

**CrossRoads Diversion Program**

A diversion program allows individuals arrested and accused of a crime with an opportunity to complete an alternative program to avoid jail time. The CrossRoads Diversion Program provides an alternative to incarceration for sex workers in NOLA while battling the stigma associated with sex work. Components of the program include goal setting, job readiness, supportive services, case management, and other related services.

**Formerly Incarcerated Women Speak**

The stories, needs and concerns of women who have been incarcerated are often overlooked and are largely invisible to our society. It is important that formerly incarcerated women stand at the forefront of the work being done to address the social justice, economic justice, and structural health issues that hamper their well being. WWAV holds space for formerly incarcerated women to come together and speak their truths.

**Community Voices**

WWAV hosts community story circles that engage our network in reflecting on their everyday experiences at the intersections of structural violence through mass incarceration, systemic poverty, interpersonal violence, and premature death through drug criminalization.

**Faith in Reproductive Justice**

Across the South, we are living through a time of unprecedented attacks on reproductive rights. This project works to mobilize New Orleans’ many faith communities for reproductive rights and health. We are working to align one of our most effective messengers (the Black Church) with the best message (evidence-based health and wellness policy), thereby equipping regional and national Black Christian denominations with the language and tools necessary to be the best advocates for Reproductive Justice.