What's new at ACAS

In April, ACAS has just started two new projects, Asian Migrant Farm Workers' HIV Outreach (AMFW) Project and the BIPOC Harm Reduction Project. Both projects will run for five years and are funded by the Public Health Agency of Canada. This AMFW project promotes HIV prevention and education among Asian migrant farmworkers who came to work in Ontario in greenhouses and food production plants. Jarucha Janmekha is the Project Coordinator. The BIPOC Harm Reduction Project promotes harm reduction in the BIPOC, including Asian communities. Trisha Steinberg is the Project Coordinator.

Pillow Talk

PILLOW TALK is an annual community forum for East and Southeast Asian women. Asian women will have an opportunity to discuss topics of sexuality and sexual and reproductive health as well as other topics like mental health, queer identity, and anti-oppression in a safe and friendly way. The forum was designed to serve a broad range of ages, sexualities, and gender identities.

Pillow Talk Virtual Workshops on Communication Skills Learn how to talk with your young child (up to 12 years old) on difficult and sensitive subjects such as safety, and answer their questions about sex properly.Facilitated by Anda Li, ACAS volunteer with over 25 years experience in sexual health educationParticipants are required to attend both workshops:

Jun Liu at womensupportacas.org or

Register in advance for meeting # 1
https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZAodumrrTgjHdWgE28t1AZ_6j19sAQxxV87
Register in advance for meeting # 2
https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZAqdOirpjIqGtI_k8CG33pFBe168Kdfv-tz

Pillow Talk Workshop #3
Consent and Women's Agency in Sexual Health
Come an explore the concepts of ‘Consent’ and ‘Agency’ with other women in a friendly, safe, and confidential environment.
When: Jun 29, 2022 07:00 PM Eastern Time (US and Canada)
Facilitated by Joon Lee, Sexual Health EducatorRegister in advance for this meeting:
https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZwsce-prj4qE9DRmlB8Z9pjxgw9ObPjbv6r
More info: Jun Liu, womensupport@acas.org

PILLOW TALK

Communication Skills

Learn how to talk with your young child on difficult and sensitive subjects and answer their questions about sex properly. Facilitated by Anda Li, ACAS volunteer with 25+ years experience in sexual health education

Participants must attend both workshops:

1: Thursday, June 9, 2022, 7:00-8:30p.m.

2: Thursday, June 16, 2022, 7:00-8:30 p.m.

For registration: Contact Jun Liu at womensupport@acas.org or at links in description

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SAVE THE DATE! #PinkDotTO

Hello Summer.

Before we say goodbye to May, we are thrilled to share that PinkDotTO is

Save the date.

With the generous support of TD Bank Group, ACAS is hosting PinkDotTO as a two-part event.On June 15th, "We're Ready: A Zoom panel discussion led by parents of Asian LGBTTIQ2S+ children" is happening online. For complete event details, please read below or scan the QR code on the poster to register.

What's more? An exciting indoor event is taking place on July 15th. For more event details, please email events@acas.org.

PinkDotTO event

June 15, 2022, 07:00-08:00 p.m.

We’re Ready: A Zoom panel discussion led by parents of Asian LGBTTIQ2S+ children

Family acceptance matters to the well-being of LGBTTIQ2S+ children.

Sponsor by TD Bank Group

Register in advance for this meeting:

https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZwrfu6oqzMoGd0mZeH_ZkMZeee_2hO4b7v6

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We're Ready: A Zoom panel discussion led by parents of Asian LGBTTIQ2S+ children

Family acceptance matters to the well-being of LGBTTIQ2S+ children. How Asian parents journeyed through acceptance and affirmation of their children's sexuality will be discussed here.

Wednesday, June 15, 2022
7 pm to 830 pm

Scan the QR code to register in advance for this meeting:

The event is part of the 2022 PinkDot TO event

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A Night Of Celebration and Talent Showcase
LGBTTIQ2S+ Asians, Families and Allies
Wednesday, July 13, 2022
7 pm to 930 pm
Sky Dragon Chinese Restaurant
280 Spadina Ave., Top Floor
Toronto, ON M5T 3A5
For tickets, contact
events@acas.org
We have specially prepared a fabulous lineup of various performances by our community's talented artists that will surely rock the night
A sumptuous dinner
Cash bar
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Special New Feature: Volunteer of the Month

Each month, this spot will feature a shoutout for a dedicated volunteer. It is a form of showing our appreciation to recognize their outstanding contribution to our organization and community.

If you would like to commend and nominate an ACAS volunteer, we would like to hear from you. Please email volunteer@acas.org.

Youth/QAY

QTAY Presents: When You're Ready CYCLE 4

Peer Leaders: Cho, Iz, and Kelly!

WHEN: May 8th - June 19, 2022
On Sundays from 1-3:30pm EST
On Thursdays from 6-8:30pm EST

LOCATION: Zoom, potential for in-person meet-ups in late May/June pending safety and participant comfort

WHAT IS THE WYR PROGRAM?
When You're Ready (WYR) is an interactive community-building program where East and Southeast Asian youth (ages 18-29) come together to discuss topics relating to their identity, with an emphasis on the whole idea of coming into your identity.

STRUCTURE OF WYR
We will be capping CYCLE 4 at 15 participants to facilitate an intimate environment where youth can explore and discuss these topics more in-depth. Please RSVP as soon as you can by filling out our form! We will be meeting twice a week, every Sunday from 1-3:30pm EST and every Thursday from 6-8:30pm from May 8th - June 19th

We encourage participants to attend at least 8/12 sessions. If you already know this is going to be tough to do, please refrain from signing up so that we can prioritize folks who can attend as many sessions as possible, as there will be other opportunities and times to join WYR in the future. If drop-in casual events are more your thing, keep an eye out for different digital events QTAY will be hosting in the future!

HOW TO RSVP?
You can RSVP by filling out this form here: https://forms.gle/y8jWzVvuGCRpBYRRA

Please RSVP by MAY 5, 2022!
Dany, the youth program coordinator, will be sending you a message to either confirm your attendance or ask if you would like to be put on the waiting list. If you can't make it to 2021-2022 CYCLE 4, but would like to attend WYR in the future, please let Dany know and they will keep you updated!

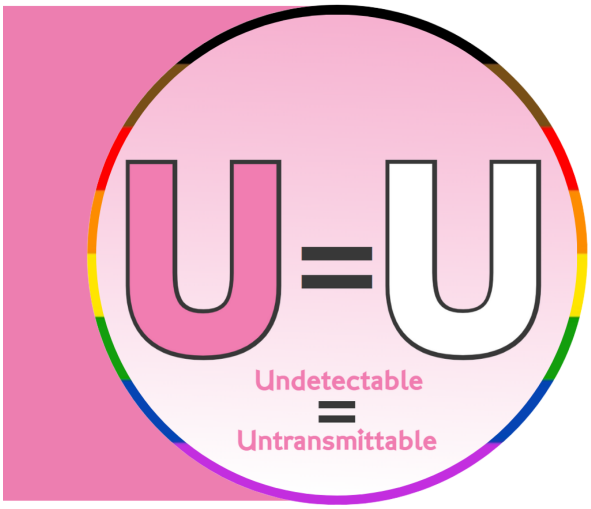
U=U Study

link to the survey: https://forms.office.com/r/vASdpyjR6q. Participants have been able to complete the survey in under 15 mins!

Survey Recruitment

Are you interested in contributing to research on U=U (undetectable=untransmittable)?

Asian Community AIDS Services (ACAS) is looking for participants to complete a 30-to-45-minute survey.



To participate, you must be:

- At least 18 years old
- East or Southeast Asian
- Living in Ontario
- A gay, bisexual or queer man (cisgender or transgender) who has sex with men

To access the survey and learn more, please go to https://forms.office.com/r/vASdpyjR6q.
Any question, please email to research@acas.org.

This study is in collaboration with Concordia University and funded by Gilead Sciences, Inc.

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Be a part of the Pride Parade with ACAS!

We are creating a parade dragon to use during the Pride Parade. **We need volunteers** to create a positive message of being queer & trans Asian and add their piece to the dragon! This project is an exploration asking ourselves: What does it look like to queer our cultures? How do we combine elements of both Asian and queer culture to represent our identities and to co-exist in harmony?

Join us for the next community build day: **June 5**
Email Ryan at men@acas.org for more details

#RISINGYOUTH community service grants

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CANADA SERVICE Corps

You are invited to learn together about the history, background, and symbolism of the dragon dance. Info session presented by Northern Legs Southern Fists Kung Fu Club. This presentation is meant to help us research for our community pride dragon for the Pride Parade.

This project is funded through the #RisingYouth grants by TakingITGlobal, The Government of Canada, and Canada Service Corps.

Men's Program
June 16, 8pm-11pm: Asian Bathhouse Night

June 29, 6pm-9pm: Humpday Games Night

DONATE NOW to ACAS

We are revamping our volunteer database and would like to hear from you. If you have signed up for volunteering at ACAS but have been inactive for 12 months or more, the system will delete your profile automatically. You can still stay connected with us (even if you are unable to actively volunteer) by updating your communication preferences. This revamp is part of our compliance with CASL (Canada's Anti Spam Law) that was implemented in 2014. Simply click the button below to take action now! *This process should only take about 5 to 7 minutes of your time.* Thank you very much in advance!

CLICK HERE NOW TO UPDATE YOUR PROFILE

If you would like to volunteer, CLICK HERE

Want to change how you receive these emails?
You can update your preferences or unsubscribe from this list.