The Satcher Health Leadership Institute (SHLI) at Morehouse School of Medicine (MSM) is leading the way to address structural barriers that exist within Black communities in the Southern United States regarding HIV testing, treatment, and ongoing care. Equipped with a dynamic HIV Equity Taskforce, SHLI is examining how health equity plays a role in health systems, policy, and data gaps for people living with HIV (PLWHA). Strategic solutions focus on increasing access to care, enhancing clinical provider training in HIV, initiating early engagement with clinicians, asset hazard mapping, policy education, and an assessment of legislation impacting PLWHA.

Through educational opportunities, collaborative partnerships, resources, advocacy, and active community engagement, SHLI wants to ensure that everyone has the opportunity to THRIVE.

**GEORGIA IMPACT**

- **1 of 5**
  - Metro Atlanta ranks in the top five cities nationally for people living with HIV.
- **11.7x**
  - The rate of Black females living with an HIV diagnosis in Georgia compared to White females.
- **6.3x**
  - The rate of Black males living with an HIV diagnosis in Georgia compared to White males.

**NATIONAL IMPACT**

- **42.1%**
  - of HIV infection cases in 2019 were among Black people, while Black people only represent 13% of the U.S. population.
- **53%**
  - of new HIV diagnoses of youth in 2021 were among Black people.
- **61%**
  - of young women living with HIV in 2020 were Black.

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