

AIDS Awareness Day – February 5, 2020

Montpelier, Vermont: Statehouse Card Room (by the cafeteria on the second floor)

A Day of Activism & Volunteerism

Vermont CARES' Advocacy Goals:

- THANK lawmakers for ongoing commitment to statewide network of HIV care and prevention
- Reduce stigma around HIV/AIDS, and around HIV testing
- Learning more about bills that stress HIV diagnosis and healthcare for victims of sexual assault
- Learning more about bills investigating protections for people engaged in sex work
- Learning more about bills that might affect privacy of HIV diagnoses
- Learning more about bills that may change how medications are paid for by Medicaid or hospitals
- Supporting state general funds for HIV care and prevention as written (budget bill)

Estimated timeline for the day:

- **8:00am to 9:30am – Preliminary advocates arrive at Statehouse Card Room (Second Floor)**
 - Spend morning contacting legislators
 - Share information about HIV/AIDS and VT's statewide system of care
- **10:00am – Majority of advocates arrive at Card Room**
 - Spend morning contacting and thanking legislators
 - Leads can help you figure out who your local lawmaker is, and how to schedule time
 - You can also schedule a separate lunchtime appointment
- **10:15am (approximate time) – Advocates introduced on house floor**
 - Maximum of 30 people walked to House floor
- **11:30am – Photo of AAD attendees on Statehouse front steps (rain location TBD)**
- **11:45am to 12:00pm – After action policy discuss wrap-up**
 - Review of advocacy goals, what we learned, and end of session goals
 - Thanks to all for attending, and drive home safely!