There are Significant Disparities in HIV Testing and Treatment for Adults with Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities (IDD)

Black adults with IDD were over 5.5 times more likely to be diagnosed with HIV than white adults with IDD.

Black adults were only 20% of the IDD sample, yet they were 60% of the sample living with HIV.

Only 54% of autistic adults who also had an intellectual disability and HIV received antiretroviral therapies (ART).

Looking at all IDDs, 71% of people with HIV and IDD were receiving ART.

People with IDD and serious mental illness or substance use disorder were more likely to be diagnosed with HIV, yet less likely to receive ART.

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