



Collection of Statements from Leading Organizations Urging an End to the Criminalization of HIV and Other Diseases

The following statements call for an end to the use of the criminal law to target the conduct of people living with HIV and other diseases, and reflect the growing consensus among medical experts, public health officials, and policy makers that criminalization of HIV and other diseases institutionalizes and promotes HIV stigma.

- Presidential Advisory Council on HIV/AIDS (PACHA), Resolution on Ending Federal and State HIV- Specific Criminal Laws, Prosecutions, and Civil Commitments (2013)
- U.S. Department of Justice, Best Practices Guide to Reform HIV-Specific Criminal Laws to Align with Scientifically-Supported Factors (2014)
- National Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers (NACDL), Resolution of the Board of Directors of the NACDL Concerning HIV Criminalization (2016)
- American Medical Association (AMA), Modernization of HIV Specific Criminal Laws (2014)
- The Association of Nurses in AIDS Care (ANAC), HIV Criminalization Laws and Policies Promote Discrimination and Must Be Reformed (2014)
- Infectious Diseases of America (IDSA) and HIV Medicine Association (HIVMA), Position on the Criminalization of HIV, Sexually Transmitted Infections and Other Communicable Diseases (2015)
- American Academy of HIV Medicine (AAHIVM), Policy Position Statement on HIV Criminalization (2015)
- American Psychological Association (APA), Resolution Opposing HIV Criminalization (2016)
- National Alliance of State and Territorial AIDS Directors (NASTAD), National HIV/AIDS Strategy Imperative: Fighting Stigma and Discrimination by Repealing HIV-Specific Criminal Statutes (2011)
- National Association of County & City Health Officials (NACCHO), Statement of Policy: Opposing Stigma and Discrimination Against Persons with Communicable Diseases (2013)
- U.S. Conference of Mayors, Resolution on HIV Discrimination and Criminalization (2013)
- Positive Justice Project, National Consensus Statement on the Criminalization of HIV (2012) (statement features more than 1,000 organizational and individual endorsements from across the United States).

For additional information see The Center for HIV Law and Policy's compilation: Selected Policy Statements and Support for Decriminalization in the United States.