



BRIDGING ACCESS to CARE Inc.



Building Infrastructure & Capacity for Trauma-Informed Care for people with or at risk of HIV/AIDS.

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BROOKLYN NONPROFIT BEHAVIORAL HEALTH CARE ORGANIZATION RECEIVES \$150,000 FOR TRAUMA-INFORMED CARE

Brooklyn, NY – Today, Bridging Access to Care (BAC) announces receiving a total of \$150,000 from The New York Community Trust, including \$50,000 from The Trust's CFDA-Vogue Initiative/New York City AIDS Fund, to increase trauma-informed care for people with or at risk of HIV/AIDS through building infrastructure and capacity.

"We are so grateful for the support from The New York Community Trust and the CFDA Fund. BAC began incorporating trauma-informed care (TIC) in 2012 and envisions developing a TIC tool widely adopted in the community healthcare industry as a best practice model," said **Nadine Akinyemi, Executive Director, Bridging Access to Care, Inc.** "Funding will be used to customize the agency's TIC tool to increase our capacity to identify, track, and refer clients for trauma treatment in our electronic health record system."

"One of the most challenging issues we face is the increase of trauma resulting from the COVID-19 pandemic. The New York Community Trust is committed to building a better community and recognizes that trauma-informed care has become a critical service. We are pleased to support Bridging Access to Care to develop further its capacity to deliver and measure trauma-informed care," said **Irfan Hasan, Deputy Vice President for Grants, The New York Community Trust.**

About [Bridging Access to Care](#) – Established in 1986, the mission of Bridging Access to Care is to provide coordinated health care and supportive housing to help individuals, families, and communities build strength, resilience, achieve wellness, and live healthy, productive lives. BAC adopts trauma-informed care to address ongoing systemic challenges – homophobia, racial discrimination, stigma, and other social injustices – that persist and retraumatize the clients it serves.

About [New York Community Trust](#) – The New York Community Trust connects past, present, and future generous New Yorkers with vital nonprofits working to make a healthy, equitable, and thriving community for all. It is a public grantmaking foundation dedicated to improving the lives of residents of New York City, Westchester, and Long Island.