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### **[TITLE:] TO TELL OR NOT TO TELL: DISCLOSURE LAWS AND PREVENTION WITH POSITIVES PROGRAMS**

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**ISSUE:** Laws related to disclosure of HIV status to sexual partners and duty to warn often come into direct conflict with the objectives of Prevention with Positives programs including prevention case management/risk management, case management, and other programs that involve discussion of disclosure issues. Inherent to Prevention with Positives programs, staff is expected to discuss clients' high risk behavior in order to assist them in building skills related to disclosing their status to needle sharing and sexual partners. Often staff are become aware of information that by law should be reported.

**KEY POINTS:** In this roundtable, participants will share professional reporting standards/policies and local laws that address disclosure and other issues that impact HIV positive individuals and how they affect Prevention with Positives programs. The discussion will include strategies for dealing with conflicts that often arise relating to adhering to these reporting standards/policies/laws and supporting clients in making positive behavior change.

**IMPLICATIONS:** Conflicts between professional reporting and disclosure laws must be resolved in order to provide effective programs for HIV positive clients. Sharing best practices in dealing with these issues will improve Prevention with Positives program effectiveness.



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