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Missouri's HIV Laws Need to Change And You Can Help Us Make It Happen

The Missouri HIV Justice Coalition is eager to announce our statewide launch of our efforts to reform, repeal, or modernize Missouri's outdated and stigmatizing HIV criminal laws. We launch on the eve of World AIDS Day, which occurs December 1st of each year.

We invite the public to attend our event, **Stand Up, Speak Out**: A conversation about how HIV criminal laws affect you and what you can do to change them. This event to be held this Wednesday evening, November 30th, from 6-7:30pm in UMKC Student Union Rm. 401BC, located at 5100 Cherry St., Kansas City, MO 64110 (Bus Routes: Main St Max & [more](#), light refreshments provided.

This is forum for People living with HIV and allies to discuss the social justice and public health implications of HIV criminal laws in the state of Missouri. Panelists for this discussion include Robert Suttle, Assistant Director for SERO Project, Tusday Dudley, MATEC-MO, Training Coordinator at Kansas City CARE Clinic, Randall Jenson, Artist, Anti-Violence Advocate, Youth Organizer & Director of SocialScope Productions, and Kris Wade, Executive Director of The Justice Projectkc, and moderated by Diane Burkholder, Principle Consultant, The DB Approach. Mr. Suttle will also be speaking the following morning at the CCON World AIDS Day Breakfast.

The MO HIV Justice Coalition is made up of national partners, local AIDS service providers, and individuals with support from a number of organizations. It is staffed as a project of Empower Missouri, 501c3. We are pleased to be joined by co-sponsors UMKC LGBTQIA Programs & Services office, Pride Alliance of UMKC, and SocialScope Productions.

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