

# El Rio-Arizona Border HIV/AIDS Care Project



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# MEDICAL ISSUES

- **Present acutely ill – low CD4 counts with high viral loads**
- **OI present – PCP, candidiasis (thrush) kaposi's sarcoma (KS)**
- **Health Insurance**
  - HIV medications
  - Psychotropic medications
- **Medication adherence**
- **Mental health**
  - Denial
  - Shame
- **Substance abuse/addiction**



# **PATIENT/FAMILY ISSUES**

- **Disclosure**
  - HIV
  - Sexual orientation
- **Limited information of HIV disease**
- **Supportive family members**



# LEGAL ISSUES

- **Legal status**

- AIDS Drug Assistance Program (ADAP)
- Ryan White Care Act
- Pharmaceutical Compassionate Drug Programs

- **Immigration**

- Employment
- Deportation
- Border crossing



# **SOCIAL SUPPORT**

- **Ancillary services**
  - Social
  - Support groups
- **Housing**
- **Advocacy**