



**The Alliance
for Positive Change**

2025 Impact Update

"Alliance is a bridge for people facing hunger, health problems, stress, and suffering. We are a safe haven and community asset."

—CECE CRUZ, ALLIANCE PEER WORKER

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AS ALLIANCE FOR POSITIVE CHANGE EMBARKS ON OUR 35TH YEAR, WE'RE PLEASED TO SHARE OUR ANNUAL UPDATE ON THE MANY WAYS WE SHOW UP FOR OUR PARTICIPANTS AS A BRIDGE, SAFE HAVEN, AND COMMUNITY ASSET.

We embrace these crucial roles while stretching to meet growing demand for our services as safety-net and public health programs come under assault as never before.

In a similar spirit, we've always reached far beyond the idea of merely *surviving* with HIV and other serious health conditions, to *thriving*. We know that individual and community health flourish through human connection; access to resources; and meaningful opportunities to achieve one's highest potential.

+ Alliance is a bridge to the life-saving and life-changing services that matter most to our communities: access to quality health care, health care navigation, behavioral health services, nutritional supports, economic mobility opportunities, housing, and more.

+ Alliance is a safe haven where positive change unfolds at each individual's pace, in tune with their needs and aspirations. Our participants often tell us that Alliance feels like family or home, because people feel seen, heard, and strongly supported here.

+ Alliance is a vital community asset—a trusted resource for New Yorkers coping with HIV, behavioral health challenges, and other health conditions; a leading Health Home care management provider; and a longtime leader in Peer Worker training, workforce readiness, and job placement to increase our participants' economic mobility.

Alliance puts all the pieces together to provide low-income New Yorkers with the resources to pursue positive change in all its forms.

Our commitment to sustainability, sound fiscal management, and powerful partnerships fuel our capacity to meet these dire times with resolve. And by powerful partnerships, we mean **YOU**—your support is essential to this work.

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Increasing Access to Our Life-saving, Life-changing Services

Alliance's behavioral health services include opioid overdose prevention, outpatient drug treatment, recovery supports, and a growing portfolio of mental health services. In 2025, we received major funding from the NYS Office of Addiction Services and Supports (OASAS) to increase our street outreach and services for people with behavioral and mental health needs in Upper Manhattan and the Bronx. Other 2025 achievements:



2,793 New Yorkers equipped with overdose prevention tools/services



260,000+ HIV/HCV prevention supplies and 884 Narcan kits distributed



187 overdose reversals credited to our Narcan trainings and other behavioral health programs

55% increase over 2024



As an Alliance employee and former client, I've always viewed Alliance as a place that offers solutions and calms the noise and confusion...showing up with a welcoming demeanor, coupled with strong listening and resolution skills."

—JAMES GRIFFIN III
ALLIANCE CARE COORDINATOR,
CERTIFIED RECOVERY PEER ADVOCATE

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Going Strong With Redesign

We're taking our impact to the next level through:

- + **An intensified team** approach that connects participants with multiple Alliance services to more deeply address complex barriers to well-being.
- + **Data system upgrades** to more comprehensively address each person's health needs.
- + **Fine-tuned outreach** to support more people with serious health challenges like HIV, diabetes, and behavioral health issues.
- + **Site-specific programming** based on needs assessments of the neighborhoods we serve.

Expanding Food and Nutrition Services (FNS)

2025 was a big year for FNS at Alliance in terms of impact *and* demand. Our FNS program reduces food insecurity, supports chronic disease prevention/management, and builds trust with people who are disconnected from services.

🍴 **The Keith Haring Foundation** awarded Alliance a generous three-year grant to expand FNS at Alliance Keith Haring Harlem Center. Named Keith's Kitchen in honor of Haring's cultural legacy, the program includes daily breakfasts and lunches; personalized nutritional counseling; and a Keith's Kitchen Tasting Station demonstrating how to prepare nutritious, affordable meals.

🍴 A **Community Food Connection** capacity-building grant supported our grocery voucher pilot-program for older adults and people with disabilities.

🍴 **Sharing Excess** donated bountiful produce for a monthly Produce Pop-Up to augment our food pantry. **Rethink Food** and **Rescuing Leftover Cuisine** donated delicious meals to support FNS expansions across all our sites.

 **47,000+**
meals served  **135% increase**
over 2024

 **4,438+**
pantry bags distributed  **58% increase**
over 2024



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 Alliance's FNS program enables me to make informed nutritional decisions to manage my hypertension, take care of my mental and physical well-being, and avoid going from borderline diabetes to diabetes."
—MAURICE, ALLIANCE PARTICIPANT

🍴 A **United Way HPNAP Seed Grant** supported our pilot Kitchen Kits project, which supplies basic cookware, tableware, and kitchen gear to Alliance participants transitioning into stable, kitchen-equipped housing and/or unable to afford cooking equipment. This enables people with chronic conditions to prepare nutritious meals at home, even if they lack full kitchen facilities.

Working All the Angles on Economic Mobility

As a leader in Peer Worker training and Peer-delivered services, we engage New Yorkers with relevant experience and cultural competencies as members of our service teams to amplify our impact and create employment pathways. In 2025, **420 people took part in our economic mobility training and job placement programming—a 20% increase over 2024**. Our paid Peer Worker positions in health care navigation, overdose prevention, and other community health services provide valuable workforce experience. Our expanded training partnerships include the New York City Council, Lantern Community Services, and Borough of Manhattan Community College.



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MORE IMPACT HIGHLIGHTS

ALLIANCE SERVED 4,580 PEOPLE ACROSS OUR SIX COMMUNITY SERVICE SITES IN 2025 and sparked positive change for thousands more through Peer programming, overdose prevention services, and community outreach initiatives.

CARE COORDINATION AND HEALTH CARE ACCESS

- ➔ We rapidly connected **4,903** low-income New Yorkers with health insurance and medical care—a *20% increase* over 2024.
- ➔ We linked **3,649** people to quality medical care, substance use treatment, mental health services, housing, and other essential resources.
- ➔ Our coordinated pharmacy-access services and HIV treatment adherence education/coaching served **1,030** New Yorkers, through which **95%** achieved an undetectable viral load. People with undetectable viral loads cannot transmit HIV to others: *Undetectable = Untransmittable!*

HIV AND HEPATITIS C TESTING

- ➔ We performed **886** HIV tests, yielding a 1.5% seropositivity rate and **782** hepatitis C tests (1.7% seropositivity rate), promptly connecting **100%** of those testing positive to medical care. We increased the number of hepatitis C tests by **133%** over 2024.

PROMOTING HEALTH KNOWLEDGE

- ➔ Alliance's messaging on social media, LinkNYC digital screens, and legacy media outlets reached **11,000+** New Yorkers with user-friendly health information and resources.

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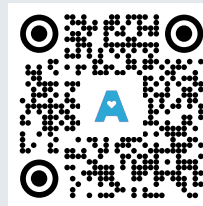
**“At Alliance,
I thrive,
move forward, and
enjoy taking care
of my health to the
best of my ability.”**

**—ABDULLAH
ALLIANCE PARTICIPANT**



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