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### DC APPLESEED RELEASES SITUATION ANALYSIS REPORT ON EFFORTS TO END THE HIV EPIDEMIC IN DC

*2021 data from DC Health indicates some progress to ending HIV but many communities continue to be disparately impacted.*

WASHINGTON, DC – Today, DC Appleseed Center for Law and Justice released a report evaluating the District’s efforts to end the HIV epidemic. DC Appleseed’s report analyzes HIV data for the year 2021 provided by DC Health’s HIV/AIDS, Hepatitis, STD, and TB Administration (HAHSTA) through its annually released Epidemiology and Surveillance (Epi) Report for HIV, Hepatitis, Sexually Transmitted Infections (STIs), and Tuberculosis (TB) in the District of Columbia.

While DC Appleseed commends the District for modest progress toward ending the city-wide HIV epidemic, we also recognize areas of potential improvement for the District’s HIV response. High incidences of HIV infection and lower levels of viral suppression among underserved or marginalized communities suggest a need for enhanced focus on issues of health equity.

For access to DC Appleseed’s “Situation Analysis: Ending the HIV Epidemic in DC” report, visit:

[https://www.dcappleseed.org/files/ugd/88f3fa\\_ba602cf6f40f44d3a3851a313c5a7ae7.pdf](https://www.dcappleseed.org/files/ugd/88f3fa_ba602cf6f40f44d3a3851a313c5a7ae7.pdf)

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For over 25 years, through litigation, teamwork, and advocacy, the DC Appleseed Center for Law and Justice (DC Appleseed) has helped make the District of Columbia a better place to live and work. Throughout our history, DC Appleseed tackled some of the District’s most challenging issues, generated viable solutions, and then campaigned to have those answers put into action. As a 501(c)(3) organization, DC Appleseed is empowered by the thousands of hours of pro bono time donated by our volunteer attorneys, business leaders, and community experts.