

2023 EXTERNAL AFFAIRS FACTS AND FIGURES

90+ Community Events | The External Affairs team attended more than 90 community events and protests where they interacted with approximately 6,000 people.

300+ Legal Clinic Clients Served | In partnership with TransOhio, the External Affairs team assisted over 300 transgender, non-binary, and gender expansive people with name and/or gender marker changes in 14 legal clinics.

12 National Coalitions | Equitas Health joined 12 national coalitions seeking:

- Federal funding increases to address the affordable housing crisis
- Elimination of anti-trans bias in the newsroom of The New York Times
- Creation of a national pre-exposure prophylaxis (PrEP) for HIV program
- Stronger Medicare coverage for early cancer detection screenings
- Legislation to stop credit bureaus from deadnaming and outing transgender people
- Federal action to address anti-LGBTQ+ state laws across the country

14 News Articles | The External Affairs team appeared in 14 news articles. Topics included:

- Federal court rulings about pre-exposure prophylaxis (PrEP) for HIV
- Changes to the Food and Drug Administration's (FDA's) anti-queer blood ban
- Asexual visibility, inclusion, and activism
- Legislative attacks on the rights of transgender, non-binary, gender expansive, and intersex youth.

8 Blog Posts | The External Affairs team engaged the broader community with 8 blog posts about public policy and advocacy issues affecting the LGBTQ+ and HIV+ communities. Topics included decriminalizing drugs at the federal level, urging the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) to craft equitable blood donor eligibility rules, and summarizing the dangerous Supreme Court (SCOTUS) opinion in 303 Creative, LLC v. Elenis.

27 Public Comments and Testimonies | Equitas Health filed 27 pieces of public comment and testimony to legislative bodies, including the Ohio State Senate, the Ohio House of Representatives, the U.S. Dept. of Commerce, the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) at the Dept. of Health and Human Services (HHS), the Office for Civil Rights (OCR) at the U.S. Dept. of Education, and the Office of Pharmacy Affairs at the Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA).

31,000+ Views on Social Media | The External Affairs team – in coordination with internal and external partners – logged more than 31,000 views on social media with their consistent updates about public policy and advocacy issues in Ohio and beyond.