

TURNING TRAUMA INTO RESISTANCE

- AIDS James Credle - Panel 2

“So that was in 1990 when I, 1980 when I became a part of Black and White Men Together and then in 1990 we got a call from Pattie PenDavis here in Newark calling MACT NY because she knew of the work that we were doing around HIV and she said there were too many people in the community of Newark who were dying and they were not getting the information around HIV and the group decided that Eric Perez and I. Eric is a Hispanic brother and I, who were members of the group at the time, that we would come and do a workshop at a local bar that Pattie organized. And so, at that point, in 1990 I decided I needed to move back to Newark that I didn't need to be going over on that subway, that there were too many people in Newark getting sick and dying. So I worked with Barbara Ford to write a grant to the state that was monies coming from Washington, the CDC, where we did what we called home health parties with people teaching them about how to be safe and doing safe sex practices. And that project was called Project Fire and it started around 1992...”