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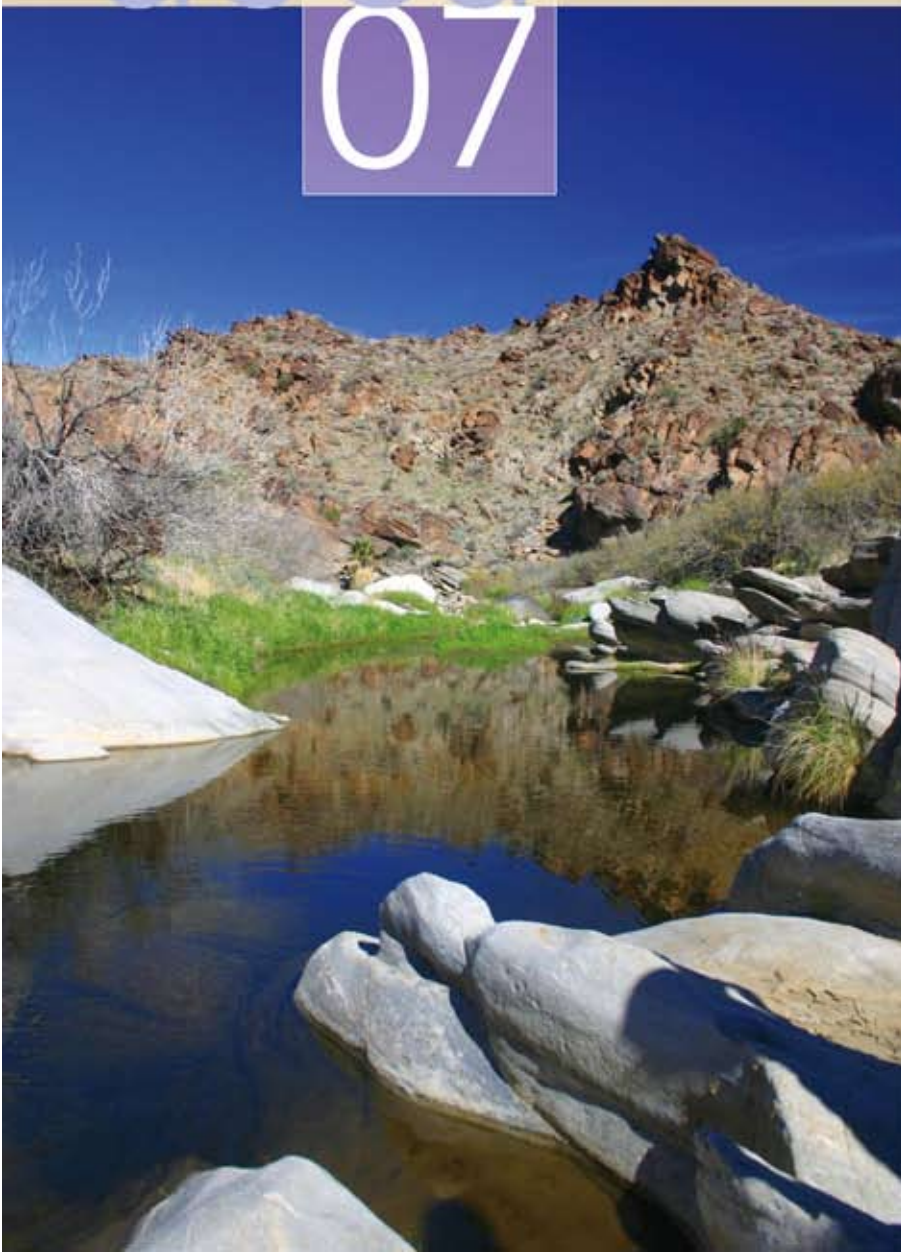
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The National Minority AIDS Council (NMAC) was founded in 1987 to develop leadership within communities of color to address the challenges of HIV/AIDS. NMAC has responded to the needs of minority communities by developing programs aimed at enhancing the skills necessary to confront this health crisis, including a public policy education program, national and regional training conferences, a treatment and research program and numerous publications. Today, NMAC is an association of AIDS service providing organizations, hospitals, clinics and other groups assisting individuals and families affected by the AIDS epidemic.

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Founded in 1984, AIDS Action is a national nonprofit organization, based in Washington, DC, dedicated to the development, analysis, and advocacy of sound policies and programs in response to the HIV epidemic. AIDS Action addresses the needs of all people who are at risk for or living with HIV infection and the organizations that serve them. AIDS Action has two components:

- AIDS Action Foundation, [501(c)(3)], conducts research, educational workshops and develops, publishes, and disseminates materials on HIV/AIDS policy issues, programs, and the demographic impact of HIV in the United States.
- AIDS Action Council [501(c)(4)], serves as a national voice for its members – community-based organizations (CBOs), local health departments and clinics, service providers, and health educators by advocating for comprehensive and effective legislation, social policies and programs, and full funding for HIV prevention, treatment, care and research.

### **AIDS Alliance for Children, Youth and Families**

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[www.aids-alliance.org](http://www.aids-alliance.org)

AIDS Alliance for Children, Youth & Families is a national non-profit membership organization. We were established in 1994 to give voice to the needs of women, children, youth, and families living with and affected by HIV and AIDS.

AIDS Alliance creates and shares information about programs that work for women, youth, children, and

families affected by HIV and AIDS; provides a forum for consumers and care providers to build more effective partnerships; advocates for public policies that benefit women, youth, children, and families affected by HIV and AIDS while preventing new HIV infections and searching for a real cure.

### **The AIDS Institute**

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[www.theaidsinstitute.org](http://www.theaidsinstitute.org)

#### *History*

The AIDS Institute is a national nonprofit and nonpartisan public policy organization with offices in Washington, DC and Tampa, FL. Its mission is to promote action for social change through public policy research, advocacy, and education and began as a grass roots community mobilization effort in the late 1980s. In 1992, this advocacy network became incorporated as a 501(c) 3 nonprofit organization. Over the years, The AIDS Institute has expanded its vision and scope to include an affiliation with the Division of Infectious Disease and International Medicine at the University of South Florida, College of Medicine. The AIDS Institute remains focused on HIV/AIDS while incorporating efforts in related areas including hepatitis, malaria, tuberculosis, and systems issues such as access to services, poverty, and human rights.

#### *Public Policy Research*

Public policy research is the foundation upon which the agency's advocacy and education efforts are based. Analysis and interpretation of information about the AIDS pandemic, as well as its social consequences, are critical to implementing advocacy and education programs that create social change, positively impacting HIV prevention as well as the care and treatment of people living with HIV/AIDS.

#### *Advocacy and Government Affairs*

The AIDS Institute is engaged in leadership roles in educating elected officials and government programs

on state, federal and international levels. The Federal Policy and the State Policy programs monitor and address HIV and related healthcare legislation and administrative initiatives in United States; and advocate for appropriate policies and funding in collaboration with partners. Through the Global Advocacy and Public Policy Program, advocacy is conducted to raise awareness about, remove barriers to, and increase capacity for, prevention and treatment in resource challenged nations.

#### *Education and Public Affairs*

Education continues to play a key role in addressing the AIDS pandemic. Through a variety of community education programs The AIDS Institute offers consumers, providers, community members, organizations and professional associations information, referral, training and technical assistance. The agency's communications efforts are a trusted source of information for the public, media, nongovernmental organizations and networks as well as elected officials.

#### *Targeted Outreach*

The AIDS Institute understands the importance of reaching populations that are sometimes not connected to healthcare advocacy and has developed targeted programs to get through to these constituents. United Faith Action Network (UFAN) promotes communication and linkages between faith groups and HIV/AIDS advocacy projects, policy changes, and activities related to prevention, care, and education within local and international faith communities. The Women Informing Now (WIN) Project is a program that represents a domestic and international effort highlighting the issues important to women impacted by HIV/AIDS and related health and social issues.

### **AIDS, Medicine & Miracles**

3288 21st Street, Suite 201  
San Francisco, CA 94110-2423  
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Fax: (415) 252-7117  
[www.aidsmedicineandmiracles.org](http://www.aidsmedicineandmiracles.org)

AIDS, Medicine & Miracles (AM&M) is a national 501(c)3 nonprofit organization which has been providing life-changing empowerment programs for ALL people living with and affected by HIV/AIDS for over 17 years. Our programs educate, impart life-skills and build community to support people in living healthy responsible lives filled with hope. Topics have included medical updates, education, disclosure, prevention, yoga, meditation, nutrition, self-esteem, and issues affecting youth, women and people of color. AM&M welcomes people with HIV/AIDS, their loved ones, caregivers, medical professionals, service providers, and anyone touched by HIV/AIDS.

#### **American Academy of HIV Medicine**

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Washington, DC 20036  
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[www.aahivm.org](http://www.aahivm.org)

The American Academy of HIV Medicine (AAHIVM) is an independent organization of AAHIVM HIV Specialists™ and other HIV clinicians dedicated to advancing excellence in HIV/AIDS care. Through advocacy and education, AAHIVM is committed to supporting all HIV care providers and to ensuring better care of those living with HIV. AAHIVM is the only U.S. medical organization providing its entire membership of MDs, DOs, NPs and PAs the opportunity to credential as HIV Specialists™.

#### **The Association of Nurses in AIDS Care**

3538 Ridgewood Road  
Akron, OH 44333  
Tel: 1-800-260-6780  
Fax: 330-670-0109  
[www.nursesinaidscare.org](http://www.nursesinaidscare.org)

The Association of Nurses in AIDS Care (ANSA) is a nonprofit professional nursing organization committed to fostering the individual and collective professional development of nurses involved in the delivery of health care to persons infected or affected by the

Human Immunodeficiency Virus (HIV) and to promoting the health, welfare, and rights of all HIV-infected persons.

#### **Association of Nutrition Services Agencies**

1634 Eye Street NW, Suite 605  
Washington, DC 20006  
Tel: (202) 737-1011  
Fax: (202) 737-1152  
[www.ansanutrition.org](http://www.ansanutrition.org)

Association of Nutrition Services Agencies (ANSA) is an international association of nonprofit organizations that provide high-quality, medically appropriate food and nutrition services to people who are critically or chronically ill. ANSA strengthens the capacity of its members through a wide range of programs and advocates for informed public policies that increase awareness of the link between good nutrition and health.

#### **The Balm In Gilead**

701 East Franklin Street, Suite 1000  
Richmond, VA 23219  
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Fax: (804) 644-2257  
[www.balmingilead.org](http://www.balmingilead.org)

The Balm In Gilead, Inc.™ is a not-for-profit, nongovernmental organization whose mission is to improve the health status of people of the African Diaspora by building the capacity of faith communities to address life-threatening diseases, especially HIV/AIDS.

For 18 years, The Balm In Gilead's pioneering achievements have enabled thousands of churches to become leaders in preventing the transmission of HIV by providing comprehensive educational programs and offering compassionate support to encourage those infected to seek and maintain treatment. The Balm In Gilead spearheads a dynamic response to the HIV/AIDS crisis in the faith community through its international programs The Black Church Week of Prayer for the Healing of AIDS and Our Church Lights The Way: The Black Church HIV Testing Campaign, The Black Church

Training Institute for HIV and Other Health Disparities, and the Faith-based National Training and Technical Assistance Center. The Balm In Gilead is headquartered in Richmond, VA with offices in Washington, DC, New York, NY and Dar es Salaam, Tanzania.

#### **Broadway Cares / Equity Fights AIDS**

165 West 46th Street, Suite 1300  
New York, NY 10036  
Tel: (212) 840-0770  
Fax: (212) 840-0551  
[www.bcefa.org](http://www.bcefa.org)

Broadway Cares / Equity Fights AIDS is the entertainment industry's most active and vital organization working to address the challenges of HIV and AIDS. Since October 1987, BC/EFA has raised and distributed over \$86 million in the fight against AIDS, as well as helped to raise tens of millions more through the mobilization of the theatrical expertise of the entertainment industry.

#### **CAEAR Foundation**

2001 S Street, NW  
Suite 510  
Washington, DC 20009  
Tel: (202) 232-6749  
Fax: (202) 232-6750  
[www.caear.org](http://www.caear.org)

CAEAR Foundation is a national 501(c) (3) nonprofit organization based in Washington, DC. The organization was established in 1999 by members of the CAEAR (Communities Advocating Emergency AIDS Relief) Coalition, a national HIV/AIDS advocacy group representing more than 400 grantees of Part A (Title I) and Part C (Title III) of the Ryan White Program, and people living with HIV/AIDS. From these roots, the CAEAR Foundation has grown into a discrete and separate entity that solely focuses on program and health research activities for organizations serving people living with HIV/AIDS. Specifically, CAEAR Foundation advances effective care and support for people living with HIV/AIDS through the provision of training, technical assistance, education, and research to organizations and communities.

### **Camp Heartland**

4425 N Port Washington Road, Suite 107  
Milwaukee, WI 53212  
Tel: (800) 724-HOPE (4673)  
Fax: (414) 272-9916  
[www.campheartland.org](http://www.campheartland.org)

Camp Heartland is a national nonprofit organization dedicated to enhancing the lives of children affected by HIV and AIDS. Through year-round camping, recreational opportunities, support services, life skills coaching, and national AIDS Awareness efforts, Camp Heartland creates a permanent extended community for young people living with HIV/AIDS.

Founded in 1993, the organization is now the largest year-round program of its kind, serving kids from across the U.S. and beyond. Camp sessions give campers the opportunity to develop friendships, gain confidence, learn new skills, and make memories to hold onto when times are tough. Children are welcomed back each year to rekindle friendships, renew their spirits and continue to grow as community leaders. When not at camp, the community remains strong through various "Life Enhancement Programs," including camper newsletters, local community events, correspondence with staff, and seasonal mini-sessions, including our annual Youth Retreat. Camp Heartland is also available to assist families searching for resources in their local communities, or in times of crisis.

To learn more about Camp Heartland's programs and services, or to request information about sending a child to Camp Heartland, visit [www.campheartland.org](http://www.campheartland.org).

### **Elton John AIDS Foundation**

P.O. Box 17139  
Beverly Hills, CA 90209-3139  
Tel: (310) 535-1775  
[www.ejaf.org](http://www.ejaf.org)

The Elton John AIDS Foundation is an international, nonprofit organization funding direct patient care services and AIDS prevention education. The charity,

with offices in Los Angeles and London, was established, in 1992, by Elton John, who serves as its chairman. The mission of the foundation is to provide funding for programs that provide services to people living with HIV/AIDS and educational programs targeted at AIDS prevention, and/or elimination of prejudice and discrimination against HIV affected individuals.

### **LIFEbeat - The Music Industry Fights AIDS**

630 Ninth Avenue, Suite 1010  
New York, NY 10036  
Tel: (212) 459-2590 or (800) AIDS 411  
Fax: (212) 459-2892  
[www.lifebeat.org](http://www.lifebeat.org)

LIFEbeat - the Music Industry Fights AIDS is a national nonprofit organization dedicated to reaching America's youth with the message of HIV/AIDS prevention. LIFEbeat mobilizes the talents and resources of the music industry to raise awareness and to provide support to the AIDS community.

### **M·A·C AIDS Fund**

130 Prince Street  
New York, NY 10012  
Tel: (646) 631-6474  
Fax: (646) 613-6494  
[www.macaidfund.org](http://www.macaidfund.org)

The M·A·C AIDS Fund, the heart and soul of M·A·C Cosmetics, was established in 1994 to support men, women and children living with and affected by HIV/AIDS globally. The M·A·C AIDS Fund is a pioneer in HIV/AIDS funding, providing financial support to organizations working with underserved regions and populations. As the largest corporate non-pharmaceutical donor in the arena, the Fund strives to raise awareness of four key issues in the fight against HIV/AIDS: prevention, the link between poverty and HIV/AIDS, access to care, and adherence to medications and treatments. To date, the M·A·C AIDS Fund has raised more than \$100 million (U.S.) exclusively through the sale of M·A·C's VIVA GLAM lipstick and lipglass, donating 100 percent of the selling price to fight HIV/AIDS. For more information, visit [www.macaidfund.org](http://www.macaidfund.org).

### **Mothers' Voices**

150 W Flagler, Suite 1820  
Miami, FL 33130  
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Fax: (305) 377-3313  
[www.mothersvoices.org](http://www.mothersvoices.org)

Mothers' Voices strengthens family communication about sex, sexual health and HIV/AIDS/STD prevention through education and awareness. Our unique programs mobilize parents and caregivers to become their child's frontline sexual health educator, giving their children the information they need to make responsible choices.

Mothers' Voices is a national nonprofit organization that conducts programs which give parents the skills they need to communicate with their children about sexual health and HIV/STD prevention. Originally founded in New York in 1991 in response to the AIDS epidemic, the South Florida chapter was established in 1996 when founder, Barbara Gaynor, lost her 34-year old son, Johnny, to AIDS.

Turning pain into purpose, Ms. Gaynor, together with other mothers who had suffered the devastation the HIV virus left on their families, recognized the need to make parents their children's frontline sexual health educator. With a professionally developed curriculum, these passionate volunteers launched a movement whose mission is to strengthen family communication about sexual health and HIV prevention through education and awareness. To date, Mothers' Voices has reached over 23,000 parents and families with their programs, materials and outreach activities. The national headquarters is located in South Florida.

Although numerous programs are available to teach children about sexuality and disease prevention, none bring this important education to the center of family life. Mothers' Voices is a unique approach that teaches parents to establish open communication that is age-appropriate and fits within families' cultural, moral, and religious ideals. Research shows that children who

engage in ongoing dialogue with their parents about sexual issues, are more likely to postpone early sexual activity, avoid risky sexual behavior, and develop into sexually healthy youth.

#### **National AIDS Housing Coalition**

727 15th St., NW, 6th Floor  
Washington, DC 20005  
Tel: (202) 347-0333  
Fax: (202) 347-3411  
[www.nationalaidshousing.org](http://www.nationalaidshousing.org)

The National AIDS Housing Coalition (NAHC) is a national nonprofit housing organization founded in 1994 with the belief that people with HIV/AIDS have a fundamental right to decent, safe, affordable housing and supportive services, responsive and appropriate to their self-determined needs. NAHC works to advance the creation, development, management and growth of housing for people with HIV/AIDS in our communities. Financed by member dues, foundation grants and individual donations, NAHC is governed by a diverse 23 member board of directors representing communities in 15 states and the District of Columbia, with vast personal and professional experience as AIDS housing developers, providers, residents and AIDS housing advocates. NAHC's contributions to AIDS housing include training, educating and sharing experiences through work in coalitions, AIDS housing institutes, research summits and workshops at conferences across the country as well as on-going advocacy with policymakers in Congress, the Department of Housing and Urban Development, the Office of Management and Budget and other relevant agencies to ensure that government policies are responsive to the housing and service needs of people with HIV/AIDS, including those who are homeless or unstably housed.

#### **The NAMES Project Foundation**

101 Krog Street  
Atlanta, GA 30307  
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[www.aidsquilt.org](http://www.aidsquilt.org)

Established in 1987, The NAMES Project Foundation is the international non-governmental agency that sponsors The AIDS Memorial Quilt. Through the programs and activities of The AIDS Memorial Quilt, The NAMES Project Foundation provides a creative means for remembrance, healing and prevention education in the struggle to end AIDS. Weighing 54 tons and comprised of over 47,000 panels dedicated to more than 80,000 individuals, The AIDS Memorial Quilt is the premier symbol of the AIDS pandemic, and the largest piece of community folk art in the world—a living memorial to a generation lost to AIDS.

#### **National Alliance of State and Territorial AIDS Directors**

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[www.nastad.org](http://www.nastad.org)

The mission of the National Alliance of State and Territorial AIDS Directors (NASTAD) is to strengthen state and territory-based leadership, expertise, and advocacy and bring them to bear on reducing the incidence of HIV and viral hepatitis infection and on providing care and support to all who live with HIV/AIDS and viral hepatitis. NASTAD is a nonprofit national membership association of state and territorial health department HIV/AIDS program directors who have programmatic responsibility for administering HIV/AIDS and viral hepatitis health care, prevention, education, and supportive services programs funded by state and federal governments.

NASTAD has considerable experience in conducting training and technical assistance for state and local health departments and planning groups. NASTAD receives support from CDC to provide technical assistance and policy analysis of HIV and viral hepatitis prevention planning and programs. NASTAD produces the HIV Prevention Bulletin, available on NASTAD's website: [www.nastad.org](http://www.nastad.org). NASTAD provides peer-

based, on-site technical assistance, trainings and workshops on community planning, testing strategies, partner counseling and referral services, effective interventions/effective behavioral interventions, viral hepatitis integration, and strategies to address the epidemic in specific communities, including communities of color, youth, MSM and IDU, as well as program planning and evaluation.

#### **National Association of People with AIDS**

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Silver Spring MD 20910  
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[www.napwa.org](http://www.napwa.org)

The National Association of People with AIDS (NAPWA) represents over a million people living with HIV in the US. NAPWA encourages early diagnosis and HIV-testing through National HIV Testing Day, and builds capacity in communities through culturally appropriate materials and leadership development. NAPWA provides education, service and treatment information to HIV-positive individuals, and supports the grassroots efforts of the HIV community across the country through our annual AIDSWatch program and regular Positive Voice Updates.

#### **National Native American AIDS Prevention Center**

720 S. Colorado Blvd., Suite 650-S  
Denver, CO 80246  
Tel: (720) 382-2244  
Fax: (720) 382-2248  
[www.nnaapc.org](http://www.nnaapc.org)

The mission of the National Native American AIDS Prevention Center (NNAAPC) is to address the impact of HIV/AIDS on American Indians, Alaska Natives, and Native Hawaiians through culturally appropriate advocacy, research, education and policy development in support of healthy Indigenous people.

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### Office of AIDS Research

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[www.oar.nih.gov](http://www.oar.nih.gov)

The Office of AIDS Research (OAR) is part of the Office of the Director, National Institutes of Health (NIH), U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS). OAR plans and coordinates the scientific, budgetary, legislative, and policy elements of the NIH AIDS research program sponsored by nearly all of the NIH Institutes and Centers. OAR facilitates multi-Institute activities and promotes national and international research and training. OAR identifies and advances efforts in priority research areas of: Natural History and Epidemiology; Etiology and Pathogenesis; Microbicides; Vaccines; Behavioral and Social Science; Therapeutics; Training, Infrastructure, and Capacity Building; Information Dissemination; Women and Girls; Racial and Ethnic Minorities; and Research in International Settings.

OAR has placed a high priority on research to address the disproportionate impact of the epidemic on racial and ethnic minority communities in the United States.

### Office of Minority Health

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Fax: (301) 443-8280  
[www.omhrc.gov](http://www.omhrc.gov)

The Office of Minority Health (OMH) is the focal point within DHHS charged with advancing and monitoring policies and programs geared to improving

the health of racial/ethnic minority populations and to eliminating the health disparities that exist between minority and non-minority populations. The OMH operates a bilingual national minority health resource center that contains an extensive collection of minority health specific information and serves as an information and referral service.

### Office on Women's Health

Department of Health and Human Services  
200 Independence Avenue, SW, Room 730B  
Washington, DC 20201  
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[www.womenshealth.gov](http://www.womenshealth.gov)

The mission of the Office on Women's Health (OWH) is to promote the health and well being of women and girls through gender-specific approaches. To that end, OWH has established activities to address critical women's health issues nationwide, including developing and implementing model public/private partnerships that address the impact of HIV/AIDS on women and girls living in the United States.

### Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration

1 Choke Cherry Road  
Rockville, MD 20857  
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Fax: (301) 443-3817  
[www.samhsa.gov](http://www.samhsa.gov)

The Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) focuses attention, programs and funding on improving the lives of people with or at risk for mental or substance abuse disorders. A life in the community for everyone is a vision embraced by SAMHSA's Centers for Substance Abuse Prevention, Substance Abuse Treatment, and Mental Health Services. SAMHSA achieves that vision through an action-oriented, measurable mission of building resilience and facilitating recovery for everyone with or at risk for substance abuse or mental illness. SAMHSA's matrix of priority programs and crosscutting principles encompasses HIV/AIDS and hepatitis, and includes related issues of cultural competency and eliminating disparities.



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### Centers For Disease Control and Prevention

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Atlanta, GA 30333  
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[www.cdc.gov](http://www.cdc.gov)

The mission of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) is to promote health and quality of life by preventing and controlling disease, injury and disability. As the nation's prevention agency, CDC accomplishes its mission by working with partners throughout the world to monitor health, detect and investigate health problems; conduct research to enhance prevention; develop and advocate sound public health policies; implement prevention strategies; promote healthy behaviors; foster safe and healthful environments; and provide leadership and training. CDC's HIV mission is to prevent HIV infection and reduce the incidence of HIV-related illness and death, in collaboration with community, state, national and international partners.

### Social Security Administration

6401 Security Blvd.  
Baltimore, MD 21235  
[www.socialsecurity.gov](http://www.socialsecurity.gov)

The Social Security Program is one that touches every American, of all ages, incomes, races and nationalities. It is an invaluable resource that is by far the most successful domestic program in the history of the United States. Social Security provides financial protection to more than 152 million workers and their families, and more than 45 million Americans receive monthly Social Security retirement, disability or survivors' benefits. The 65,000-person independent, federal agency is headquartered in suburban Baltimore, MD, with offices in Washington, DC, and in 1,500 other locations nationwide.

To apply for benefits or for more information about SSA programs visit us online at [www.socialsecurity.gov](http://www.socialsecurity.gov) or by calling the toll-free number listed below. Spanish-speaking staff is also available. Telephone: 1-800-772-1213; TTY: 1-800-325-0778

Supplemental Security Income (SSI) is a Federal income supplement program funded by general tax revenues (not Social Security taxes). The SSI program pays monthly benefits to more than 6.6 million Americans who have little or no resources and who are aged, blind or disabled. For information on eligibility, coverage, and how to file a claim go to <http://www.socialsecurity.gov/ssi/index.htm>. To see if you qualify go to the Benefit Eligibility Screening Tool available at <https://s044a90.ssa.gov/apps7/best/benefits/>.

If you have Medicare, Social Security and the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services are working together to get you extra help with your prescription drug costs. See if you qualify by going to [Help with Prescription Drug Costs](#). To learn more about the Medicare prescription drug plans and special enrollment periods, call 1-800-MEDICARE (1-800-633-4227; TTY 1-877-486-2048 or visit [www.medicare.gov](http://www.medicare.gov). Medicare also can tell you about agencies in your area to help you with Medicare prescription drug plans.

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M□A□C AIDS Fund  
Roche/Trimeris  
Tibotec Therapeutics

### Silver

Total Access Group

### Bronze

Boehringer-Ingelheim

### Friend

Monogram Biosciences

### Non-Profit Government

AIDS Healthcare Foundation  
Agua Caliente  
The California Endowment  
Community Education Group  
National Library of Medicine  
National AIDS Education & Services for Minorities  
Tarzana Treatment Centers



# 2007 USCA Planning Committee

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## Conference Program Format

The United States Conference on AIDS (USCA) was designed to give participants an opportunity to customize their training experience to meet their professional and personal needs. The program offered over 120 training workshops at three levels of instruction - introductory, intermediate and advanced. Introductory level workshops were primarily didactic; intermediate level sessions were didactic and interactive; and advanced level workshops were designed to allow maximum interaction.

Over 2,500 participants from community-based organizations, state and local health departments, the federal government, persons living with HIV/AIDS, private industry and other interested parties attended this year.

Workshops, seminars, roundtables and posters at USCA were grouped around topics relevant to one or more of the 9 conference tracks: Building Healthy Organizations; Care and Primary Care; Housing; International Issues; Nutrition; Prevention; Public Policy; Special Issues; and Treatment and Research.

### Plenary Sessions

Plenary sessions are formal, motivational presentations on a specific topic held in the host ballroom and usually feature a guest speaker(s) and a plated breakfast or lunch.

- **Wednesday, November 7**  
Opening Plenary Breakfast: State of HIV/AIDS in the Native American, Alaskan Native and Native Hawaiian Communities
- **Thursday, November 8**  
Plenary Luncheon: HIV/AIDS Crisis in the African American Community
- **Friday, November 9**  
Plenary Luncheon: New Targets in HAART (sponsored by Pfizer)
- **Saturday, November 10**  
Closing Plenary Session: Immigration, Migrant Farm Workers and HIV

### Institute Sessions

Eighteen institutes provided in-depth exploration and discussion of today's most current HIV/AIDS related issues. These full-day sessions were held on Wednesday, November 7.

### Seminars

These 19 sessions addressed HIV/AIDS-related topics in the following communities: children/adolescents, drug users, heterosexual and gay individuals, prisoners, people of color and sex workers. Seminars were held on Thursday, November 8.

### Workshops

The 116 workshops were in-depth, two-hour presentations on topics directly relevant to one of more of the nine conference tracks.

### Roundtables

Facilitators convened over forty-six group discussions, each relevant to one of the nine conference tracks.

### Poster Presentations

Poster presentations are placard-type exhibits, which are often accompanied by handouts and/or other material relevant to one of the nine tracks. Thirty-nine poster presentations were on display in the exhibit hall on Thursday November 8 and Friday November 9.

## Faculty, Keynote Speakers, Special Guests and Special Events

More than 150 individuals presented at USCA. The majority of faculty was recruited through a Call for Abstracts process. However, a number of individuals were invited to present because of their expertise, qualifications and reputation. Speakers included recognized experts in the fields of management, prevention, treatment, public policy, program planning and development, spirituality, organizational development and multicultural populations.

The conference keynote speakers and special guests included some of the biggest names in HIV/AIDS treatment and research, government, entertainment and spirituality.



Keynote speakers and featured guests included:

### Speakers:

- The Honorable Gilbert Cedillo, Member 22nd District, California State Senate
- The Honorable John M. Ford, Mayor of Tuskegee, AL
- The Honorable Ron Oden, Mayor of Palm Springs, CA
- The Honorable Bill Richardson, Governor of New Mexico
- Tommy Chesbro, National Minority AIDS Council Board Member
- Warren Jimenez, Executive Director, National Native American AIDS Prevention Center

- Cornelius Baker, National Black Gay Men's Advocacy Coalition & Senior Communications Advisor, COACH, AED
- Kevin Fenton, MD, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention
- J. Craig Fong, Fong & Chun, LLP
- Debra Fraser-Howze, Former President & CEO, National Black Leadership Commission on AIDS
- Ravinia Hayes-Cozier, National Minority AIDS Council
- Maria Teresa Hernandez, MPH, Epidemiologist, California Mexico AIDS Initiative
- Brenda Hunt, National Minority AIDS Council Board Member
- Dr. Beny Primm, Founder & Executive Director of Addiction Research and Treatment Corporation

- Sheryl Lee Ralph, National Minority AIDS Council Spokesperson
- Dr. Michelle Roland, Chief, Office of AIDS, California Department of Health
- Robert Scott, MD
- Ernest Siva, Cahuilla/Serrano, Morongo Band of Mission Indians
- Kelly Short Slagley, Agua Caliente Band of Cahuilla Indians
- Valerie Spencer, Transcend Empowerment Institute
- Nancy Wilson, National Minority AIDS Council Board Member
- Beverly Watts-Davis, Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration

#### Entertainment:

- Color Guard: 29 Palms of Mission Indians, Public Safety Department
- Mariachi Aguillilles
- Glenn Begay, Navajo, Bear Spring's Drum Group

There were also several notable special events at this year's conference. Those included:

- An Evening with Nancy Wilson
- Mayors' Welcome Reception hosted by the Palm Springs Host Committee
- Celebration of Life



## Conference Scholarship Program

NMAC provides a limited number of scholarships to its members and members of NMAC partner organizations. Conference scholarships are awarded to people who meet the general criteria. In 2007, 129 scholarships were awarded based on the following: financial need, geographical distribution, population served and the anticipated new/enhanced skills the participants would take back to their communities.

The following scholarship options were offered:

**Option A:** Conference registration only (\$360)

**Option B:** Conference registration (\$360), travel subsidy (\$100), and two nights of accommodations at conference hotels (\$298). The approximate value of an option B scholarship was \$758.00.

# Conference Statistics

A total of 2,559 individuals attended the conference. Participants came from 48 states (we did not have any representation from New Hampshire nor North Dakota), the District of Columbia, 3 U.S. Territories, and 8 countries. The attendees included CBO board members, executive directors, program managers, pastoral counselors, volunteers, federal government employees, state and local health department representatives, corporate/foundation grant makers, representatives from people with AIDS coalitions, individuals with HIV disease, doctors, nurses, social workers and celebrities.

<b>Attendance</b>	
Paid Registrants	1815
Scholarship Recipients	129
Sponsor	53
Exhibitors/ Partners	170
Faculty	192
Media	32
Volunteers	88
Host Committee	51
Staff	29
<b>Total</b>	<b>2559</b>

<b>Attendees by State</b>	
Alabama	27
Alaska	7
Arizona	57
Arkansas	8
California	646
Colorado	39
Connecticut	23
Delaware	9
District of Columbia	173
Florida	106
Georgia	115
Hawaii	13
Idaho	6
Illinois	95
Indiana	9
Iowa	7
Kansas	2
Kentucky	14
Louisiana	59
Maine	7
Maryland	108
Massachusetts	54
Michigan	28
Minnesota	20
Mississippi	31
Missouri	41
Montana	5
Nebraska	2
Nevada	26
New Hampshire	0
New Jersey	52
New Mexico	10
New York	254
North Carolina	42
North Dakota	0
Ohio	22
Oklahoma	13
Oregon	6
Pennsylvania	73
Rhode Island	10

South Carolina	27
South Dakota	1
Tennessee	54
Texas	109
Utah	3
Vermont	3
Virginia	36
Washington	25
West Virginia	4
Wisconsin	27
Wyoming	5
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>2513</b>

<b>US Territories</b>	
Guam	2
Puerto Rico	25
Virgin Islands	6
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>33</b>

<b>International Attendees</b>	
Canada	1
Ghana	1
Haiti	1
Ireland	1
Nigeria	6
Trinidad and Tobago	1
Uganda	1
Zambia	1
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>13</b>

<b>Age Range</b>	
under 20	6
20-24	59
25-34	392
35-44	558
45-54	501
55-64	235
over 65	27
Not Reported	781
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>2559</b>

<b>Gender</b>	
Female	1176
Male	863
Transgender	19
Not Reported	501
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>2559</b>

<b>Ethnicity</b>	
African American/ Black	780
Asian	43
Caucasian	543
Latino/ Latina or Hispanic	365
Native American/ Alaskan Native	56
Native Hawaiian/ Pacific Islander	7
Other	33
Not Reported	732
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>2559</b>

<b>Sexual Orientation</b>	
Bisexual	1
Gay/Lesbian	78
Heterosexual	110
Not Reported	2370
<b>Total</b>	<b>2559</b>

## Session Evaluation

The following data comes from our institute, seminar, workshop and roundtable sessions. All of the forms for the different presentation types were calculated into an overall percentage for presentations in that category. The results are listed. If you are interested in information on a specific session, please contact the Conferences Division.

<b>Knowledge of Topic Area</b>	<b>No Knowledge</b>	<b>Beginner</b>	<b>Intermediate</b>	<b>Advanced</b>
What is your level of knowledge in this topic area before this session? (n=3,776)	7.8%	28.8%	43.6%	19.8%
How would you rate your knowledge in this topic area after completing this session? (n=3,711)	0.5%	9.6%	51.9%	38.0%
<b>Practice or Use of the Information and Materials</b>	<b>No Skill</b>	<b>Slightly Skilled</b>	<b>Moderately Skilled</b>	<b>Very Skilled</b>
How would you rate your skill level in the topic area before this session? (n=3,755)	10.7%	29.7%	40.5%	19.1%
How would you rate your skill level in the topic area after completing this session? (n=3,707)	0.9%	14.2%	50.3%	34.6%
	<b>Never</b>	<b>Infrequently</b>	<b>Sometimes</b>	<b>Often</b>
How often do you anticipate using the information and materials presented in your work (n=3,652)	0.8%	7.9%	35.0%	56.2%
<b>Overall Attitudes and Satisfaction</b>	<b>Poor</b>	<b>Fair</b>	<b>Good</b>	<b>Excellent</b>
What is the overall usefulness of the information and materials presented in this session? (n=3,785)	0.7%	6.3%	40.1%	52.9%
How well do you think the information and materials presented apply to people from different cultural backgrounds? (n=3,764)	1.4%	9.6%	38.8%	50.2%
How well did the information and materials presented in this session meet your professional needs? (n=3,771)	1.5%	10.3%	40.1%	48.2%
How well did this session meet your expectations in terms of topics covered? (n=3,770)	2.1%	9.7%	37.6%	50.7%
How would you rate the expertise of the trainer or presenter for this session? (n=3,777)	0.3%	3.3%	27.2%	69.2%
How would you rate the presentation by the trainer or presenter? (n=3,769)	0.8%	5.8%	32.0%	61.3%
How would you rate the presentation format used in this session? (n=3,774)	1.2%	8.3%	38.0%	52.5%
How would you rate the quality of the information and materials presented in this session? (n=3,772)	0.8%	5.7%	35.4%	58.0%

# Exhibitor Evaluation

The following evaluation data comes from our exhibitors, 15 returns. The results are listed below.

	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent	No Answer
Advance Registration	0%	7%	20%	66%	7%
On-site Registration	0%	7%	13%	54%	26%
Move-in Procedures	0%	0%	48%	45%	7%
Tradeshow Contractor (Innovative Expo)	0%	7%	33%	47%	13%
Show Management (NMAC Staff)	0%	0%	26%	67%	7%
Exhibitor's Service Kit	0%	0%	39%	48%	13%
Exhibit Hall Layout	7%	7%	33%	46%	7%
Exhibit Hall Signage	0%	7%	39%	47%	7%
Attendee Traffic	0%	0%	26%	61%	13%
Hotel Service (Wyndham Palm Springs)	0%	7%	33%	39%	13%
Conference Program	0%	0%	33%	47%	20%
Conference Venue	0%	0%	26%	54%	20%
Overall Exhibit Hall Satisfaction	0%	0%	54%	39%	7%
Overall Conference Satisfaction	0%	0%	54%	39%	7%

# Overall Conference Evaluation

Overall Training Experience	(5) Strongly Agree %^	(4) Agree %	(3) Neutral %	(2) Disagree %	(1) Strongly Disagree %	Missing/ No Response %	Mean Rating**
I have learned new information at this training. (n=485)*	52.0% (n= 252)	40.8% (n=198)	4.3% (n=21)	0.8% (n= 4)	2.1% (n=10)	2.2% (n=11)	M=4.4
I have developed new skills at this training. (n=483)*	41.0% (n=198)	43.5% (n=210)	12.2% (n=59)	1.9% (n=9)	1.4% (n=7)	2.6% (n= 13)	M=4.2
The information offered at this training met my professional needs. (n=482)*	45.9% (n=221)	41.7% (n=201)	8.7% (n=42)	2.5% (n=12)	1.2% (n=6)	2.8% (n=14)	M=4.3
My overall experience at this training is positive. (n=481)*	58.6% (n=282)	33.7% (n=162)	5.0% (n=24)	1.0% (n=5)	1.7% (n=8)	3.0% (n=15)	M=4.5

\* The n is the number of participants that answered this question.

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Satisfaction with Logistics and Facilities	(5) Excellent %^	(4) Good %	(3) Neutral %	(2) Fair %	(1) Poor %	No Response %	Mean Rating**
Available networking opportunities (n=491)*	56.2% (n=276)	37.5% (n=184)	4.9% (n=24)	1.4% (n=7)	0.0% (n=0)	1.0% (n=5)	M=4.5
Quality and variety of the information (n=486)*	50.8% (n=247)	41.8% (n=203)	6.0% (n=29)	1.2% (n=6)	0.2% (n=1)	2.0% (n=10)	M=4.4
Quality and variety of the workshop(s) (n=481)*	48.4% (n=233)	43.5% (n=209)	5.8% (n=28)	1.9% (n=9)	0.4% (n=2)	3.0% (n=15)	M=4.4
Registration procedures (n=440)*	63.0% (n=277)	31.4% (n=138)	4.8% (n=21)	0.9% (n=43)	0.0% (n=0)	11.3% (n=56)	M=4.6
Conference staff (n=387)*	69.3% (n=268)	25.6% (n=99)	3.9% (n=15)	1.0% (n=4)	0.3% (n=1)	22.0% (n=109)	M=4.6

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