

HIV/AIDS

AND

MINORITIES

A Guide to Federal Programs



INTRODUCTION

HIV/AIDS and Minorities: A Guide to Federal Programs provides information on agencies within the Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) that operate minority-focused HIV/AIDS programs or activities. The *Guide* includes descriptions of HIV/AIDS programs and initiatives, and offers a listing of staff contacts and Web site addresses where users can obtain additional information on program activities, funding opportunities, and technical assistance.

Agencies listed include: the Office of Public Health and Science (OPHS); the Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA); the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA); the National Institutes of Health (NIH); the Indian Health Service (IHS); the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC); the Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality (AHRQ); the Food and Drug Administration (FDA); the Administration for Children and Families (ACF); the Administration on Aging (AOA); and the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS). The *Guide* also has information on HIV/AIDS activities of the Veterans Administration (VA) and the Department of Housing and Urban Development, and contains listings for publications clearinghouses and information services. These include the CDC National Prevention Information Network (NPIN), the CDC National STD & AIDS Hotlines, AIDSinfo, and the National Clearinghouse for Alcohol and Drug Information (NCADI). Finally, a quick reference list of Web pages and toll-free numbers for health information, as well as other useful information, is provided in the appendices.

This revised *Guide* (2003) updates earlier versions, and expands upon the *AIDS Guide to Federal Agencies and Resources*, produced by the National Council of La Raza in June 1991. It will maintain its relevance through regular, online updates at the Office of Minority Health Web site (www.omhrc.gov).



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HOW TO USE THIS GUIDE

The *Guide* contains two sections. The **Agency Information** section presents an alphabetical listing of the principal DHHS agencies, organizational components, and other HIV/AIDS-related services. Each entry contains the following information:

- Name** of the administering agency, sub-agency, clearinghouse, or service;
- Address, phone, fax, and Web page** information for the agency;
- Contact information** for the agency (including contact person, phone, and e-mail address), if available;
- Program information** summarizing the HIV/AIDS activities of the agency;
- Minority HIV/AIDS programs and initiatives** summarizing the program activities that are directed to ethnic minority populations and HIV/AIDS;
- Resources** such as funding opportunities, publications, and technical assistance and training services, where available; and
- Data sources** including statistical data compiled by the agency, where available.

The **Appendices** contains a reference list of Web pages and toll-free numbers for health information, and diagrams of selected agencies and their organizational components.

The screenshot shows a webpage titled "AGENCY INFORMATION" for the "Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD)". The main heading is "Office of HIV/AIDS Housing".

Agency Information:

- Address:** 451 Seventh Street, S.W., Room 7012, Washington, DC 20410
- Telephone:** 202-708-1154
- Fax:** 202-708-9113
- TTY:** 800-877-8329
- Web Page:** www.hud.gov/ofa/housing.htm

Contact Information:

- Contact Person:** David Harris
- Telephone:** 202-708-1154

Program Information:

Description: The Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) is the federal agency responsible for national policies and programs that address America's housing needs, improve and develop our nation's urban areas, and enforce fair housing laws. In December 1996, HUD developed the National AIDS Strategy, the goal of which is to ensure that all people living with HIV have access to services — from health care to housing — and supportive services that are affordable, of high quality, and responsive to their needs.

As part of this goal, HUD's Office of Community Planning and Development administers the Housing Opportunities for Persons with AIDS (HOPWA) Grant Program. HOPWA provides housing assistance and supportive services for low-income people living with HIV and their families. The program administers both formula and competitive grants available to States and urban areas that can derive long-term comprehensive plans for meeting the housing and related needs (e.g., short-term rent, utility payments) of people living with HIV and their families.

Grantees may use HOPWA funds for a broad range of housing services, including:

- Emergency shelter;
- Shared housing, apartments, or group homes;
- Housing-related supports, social services, and program-related costs; and
- Supportive services (e.g., health-related health services, chemical dependency treatment, case management).

In addition, in very limited case-by-case circumstances, and only with approval from HUD, grantees may use HOPWA funds to pay for pharmaceutical treatments for patients. Guidance on this issue is available by contacting the Office of HIV/AIDS Housing at the above address and number.

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HOPWA is part of the Consolidated Plan administered by the Community Development and Planning Office. The plan provides a framework for the process used by States and localities to identify housing, homeless, economic, and development needs and the resources and strategic plan for meeting those needs. Under the Consolidated Plan's guidelines, criteria applying for the grant must show a plan for citizen participation, including minority and non-English speaking individuals and groups.

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Funding: HUD funds HOPWA through the following types of grants:

- **Formula grants** to cities with a population of more than 500,000 and at least 1,500 cumulative AIDS cases, and to States with more than 1,500 cumulative AIDS cases or areas outside cities eligible to receive HOPWA funding.

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Contact HUD representative listed above for further information.

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U.S.
DEPARTMENT
OF HEALTH
AND HUMAN
SERVICES
(DHHS)



U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS)

Address: 200 Independence Avenue, S.W.
Washington, DC 20201
Telephone: 202-619-0257
Fax: 202-690-7203
Web Page: www.hhs.gov

PROGRAM INFORMATION

The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) is the principal health agency of the Federal Government. Its mission is to protect and advance the health of the nation's citizens, and to help provide essential services to those least able to help themselves.

As the largest grant-making agency in the Federal Government, DHHS makes 60,000 grants per year. The agency works closely with State and Tribal governments and the private sector to fund health services and collect data that aids understanding and treatment of critical health issues facing specific populations and the country as a whole.

DHHS administers 12 health agencies:

- Administration for Children and Families (ACF)
- Administration on Aging (AOA)
- Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality (AHRQ)
- Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry (ATSDR)
- Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC)
- Food and Drug Administration (FDA)
- Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS)
- Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA)
- Indian Health Service (IHS)
- National Institutes of Health (NIH)
- Program Support Center (PSC)
- Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA)

All the agencies listed above, except for the Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry and the

Program Support Center, have specific HIV/AIDS programs and activities. In addition, the Office of the Assistant Secretary of Health operates five offices, which address HIV/AIDS programs and activities:

- Office of Civil Rights (OCR)
- Office of HIV/AIDS Policy (OHAP)
- Office of Minority Health (OMH)
- Office of Population Affairs (OPA)
- Office on Women's Health (OWH)

The **Office of Civil Rights** enforces Federal laws that prohibit agencies or organizations receiving DHHS funding from discriminating against individuals with disabilities, including HIV/AIDS. Under Section 504, entities receiving Federal funding must provide equal access to services for people with HIV who meet eligibility criteria, and cannot deny employment to qualified individuals based on their HIV status.

The **Office of HIV/AIDS Policy** advises the Assistant Secretary for Health and senior DHHS officials on the appropriate and timely development of HIV/AIDS policy, helps to establish priorities and assists in the implementation of HIV/AIDS programs, activities, and initiatives across DHHS health agencies.

The **Office of Minority Health** works to improve the health of racial and ethnic minority populations and coordinates minority health policy and programs by linking Federal, State and local governments with community-based organizations (CBOs) working with minority populations. In addition, OMH disseminates information on minority health issues through its Resource Center.

The **Office of Population Affairs** administers two grant programs: the Title X Family Planning Program and the Title XX Adolescent Family Life Program. Both programs provide resources and

policy advice on family planning, reproductive health, and adolescent pregnancy issues.

The **Office on Women's Health** coordinates women's health research, health care services, policy, and public and health care professional education across various government organizations and consumer and health care professional groups. OWH also coordinates the Collaborative Group on Women and HIV/AIDS, which consists of representatives from DHHS agencies, national and local women's organizations, national AIDS organizations, individuals affected by HIV/AIDS, and representatives from health care organizations.

The **Administration for Children and Families** operates the Temporary Assistance to Needy Families (TANF) program, which replaced the Aid to Families with Dependent Children (AFDC) in 1997. TANF provides financial assistance and work opportunities to needy families through State and Federal funds. In addition, ACF operates several programs that work to make adoptions and temporary child care for children with special needs easier.

The **Administration on Aging** administers the programs of the Older Americans Act, and is the Federal focal point and advocate agency for older persons and their concerns. AOA programs are decentralized, allowing States to direct their services toward areas of need within their communities.

The **Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality** conducts and supports health services research on the quality, cost, outcomes and availability of health care services, as well as the appropriateness of clinical practice and prevention of disease. Research is designed to help service providers and clients make informed decisions about health care.

The **Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry** strives to prevent adverse human health effects and diminished quality of life associated with exposure to hazardous substances from waste sites, unplanned releases, and other sources of pollution present in the environment. Directed by

a Congressional mandate, ATSDR performs public health assessments of waste sites; provides health consultations concerning specific hazardous substances; conducts and records health surveillance; responds to emergency releases of hazardous substances; applies research in support of public health assessments, and information development and dissemination; and provides education and training concerning hazardous substances.

The **Centers for Disease Control and Prevention** provide leadership in the prevention and control of diseases and other preventable conditions that threaten the public health. The HIV program of CDC has five major components: (1) technical and financial assistance to State and local health and education agencies, minority and other national, regional, and community-based organizations for HIV/AIDS surveillance, research, prevention, and intervention activities; (2) national public information activities, including hotlines, an information clearinghouse, online treatment and referral Web pages and databases, and media campaigns; (3) HIV/AIDS surveillance and research activities that produce information about the number of HIV (where available) and AIDS cases, HIV transmission rates, HIV/AIDS-related knowledge, attitudes, and beliefs, and prevention and control of the disease in the United States; (4) HIV prevention guidelines, recommendations, and training; and (5) program evaluation. Through the Global AIDS Program, CDC also provides technical assistance and resources to aid resource-constrained countries in battling the epidemic.

The **Food and Drug Administration** ensures the safety and effectiveness of drugs, biological materials, vaccines, and medical devices, including those used in the diagnosis, treatment, and prevention of HIV infection, AIDS, and AIDS-associated opportunistic infections. The FDA is also responsible for maintaining the safety of the blood supply through licensing and regulatory programs.

The **Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services** run the Medicaid and Medicare programs, and, along with the Health Resources and Services Administration, co-administer the State Children's Health

Insurance Program (SCHIP). Medicaid programs provide care and pharmaceuticals to people living with HIV, and Medicare provides health services to those with the disease.

The **Health Resources and Services Administration** is responsible for the grant programs authorized by the Ryan White Comprehensive AIDS Resources Emergency (CARE) Act, reauthorized in 1996 and again in 2000. HRSA's HIV/AIDS Bureau (HAB) coordinates the Federal AIDS programs relating to patient care, health services delivery, data collection, and the training of health care professionals. Other HRSA Bureaus include the Bureau of Primary Health Care (BPHC), which directs programs to provide access to health care for underserved communities; and the Maternal and Child Health Bureau (MCHB), which operates health programs that serve mothers, infants, children, and adolescents.

The **Indian Health Service** provides a comprehensive health service delivery system for Native Americans and Alaska Natives, which encourages maximum Tribal involvement in developing and managing programs to meet their health needs. The agency operates the HIV Center of Excellence (HIVCOE), a primary health care facility specializing in HIV/STD prevention and treatment within the Native American community.

The **National Institutes of Health** are responsible for supporting and conducting biomedical research. NIH's work includes the development of candidate vaccines, drugs, and other treatments to prevent and control HIV infection. The agency also supports clinical trials that evaluate the effectiveness of specific drugs and treatments. In addition, NIH collaborates with other DHHS agencies on research involving such issues as regulatory approval of new drugs and the safety of the blood supply.

The **Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration** administers three centers that coordinate Federal programs related to substance abuse and mental health services: the Center for Mental Health Services (CMHS); the Center for Substance Abuse Prevention (CSAP); and the Center for Substance Abuse Treatment (CSAT).

SAMHSA supports research focused on the benefits of integrating HIV, substance abuse and mental health services. The agency emphasizes cross-cutting issues in its program planning and the need to translate science into service delivery approaches.

See the individual listings that follow each of the agency units described above for additional information on HIV/AIDS programs in ethnic minority communities.

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The goals of the **Initiative to Eliminate Racial and Ethnic Disparities in Health** focus on six different areas: infant mortality, cancer screening and management, cardiovascular disease, diabetes, HIV/AIDS, and immunization. The Initiative proposes enhanced efforts at preventing disease, promoting health, and delivering care to racial/ethnic minority communities. These efforts include consultation and collaboration with: Federal agencies; State, local, and Tribal governments; and community professionals to research and address issues of education, environment, income, and other socioeconomic factors that affect health outcomes.

In cooperation with the Congressional Black Caucus, DHHS has developed the **Minority AIDS Initiative** aimed at reducing the disproportionate impact of HIV/AIDS on racial and ethnic communities. Funding is allocated to Public Health Service agencies to develop technical assistance and infrastructure support programs, increase access to prevention and care, and build stronger methods of addressing the needs of specific populations. As part of these initiatives, DHHS makes technical assistance teams available to communities to provide technical assistance in addressing HIV/AIDS within minority populations.

Other:

Federal agencies have developed their own unique programs or special offices that target services, policy, and leadership in the area of HIV/AIDS and ethnic minority communities.

RESOURCES

The Department of Health and Human Services provides the following resources through its 12 agencies:

- Funding for HIV/AIDS prevention, education, planning, and service delivery programs;
- Education and training materials;
- Training, workshops, and conferences;
- Hotlines, clearinghouses, Web pages, and online databases;
- Research programs, including the opportunity to participate in community-based clinical trials of new drugs and treatments; and
- General information and statistics on HIV/AIDS.

See individual agency listings for specific resources and contact information.

Administration for Children and Families (ACF)

Address: 370 L'Enfant Promenade, S.W.
Aerospace Building
Washington, DC 20447

Telephone: 202-401-9220

Fax: 202-205-3598

Web Page: www.acf.dhhs.gov

CONTACT INFORMATION

Contact Person: Janet Hartnett

Telephone: 202-401-6984

E-mail: jhartnett@acf.dhhs.gov

PROGRAM INFORMATION

The Administration for Children and Families (ACF) administers assistance and service programs that promote the economic and social well being of families, children, individuals, and communities. Organizationally, ACF includes: the Office of Family Assistance; Office of Child Support Enforcement; Office of Refugee Resettlement; Administration on Children, Youth, and Families; Administration for Native Americans; Administration on Developmental Disabilities; and the Office of Community Services. ACF administers almost 50 comprehensive and supportive programs for vulnerable children and families in cooperation with State and local agencies and organizations.

Although no ACF funds are targeted specifically for HIV/AIDS programs, individuals, children, and families with HIV/AIDS are included among the populations served by the following programs.

Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) is a welfare reform block grant program that provides wide flexibility to States to develop and implement their own assistance and work opportunities programs. Some families and children with HIV/AIDS may receive income support and services under this program.

Head Start programs, administered by local public and private nonprofit agencies, provide comprehensive educational, social, health, and nutritional services to primarily low-income children and families. Head Start programs, including the Early Head Start program that serves pregnant women, infants, and toddlers, address the needs of all families and children in the program, including those affected by HIV/AIDS.

Child Welfare Services represent a range of programs for abandoned infants (particularly those orphaned by the AIDS epidemic), abused and neglected children, children in foster care, adolescents in independent living status, and children placed for adoption. Administered by both State public and private agencies, each of these programs may serve children and families affected by HIV/AIDS.

Runaway and Homeless Youth Programs, administered by local public and nonprofit agencies, offer temporary shelter to runaway and homeless youth, and counseling for the youth and their families. Local programs may also provide medical diagnostic services, assistance in obtaining medical treatment, prevention, and education services related to HIV/AIDS.

Services for Individuals with Developmental Disabilities are provided through the National Network of University Centers for Excellence in Developmental Disabilities Education, Research, and Service. This network is made up of public and nonprofit private agencies affiliated with a university to provide clinical services, community-based service programs, technical assistance to State and community services organizations, and public information. These university programs also carry out teaching, training, and research activities. Children and families affected by HIV/AIDS are among the populations served. Projects address employment options for adults, adoption, underserved families

in urban, high-poverty communities, developmental and abuse issues for children, mental health issues, and multiple disabilities.

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Minority children and families with HIV/AIDS are served under all of the above ACF programs.

RESOURCES

Funding:

Funding is available to State and local grantees to support the above programs. Other ACF programs that may also serve persons affected by HIV/AIDS include programs to obtain child support and programs to serve refugee populations, Native Americans, and other low-income persons.

Publications:

Information on the TANF program is available on the ACF Web page at www.acf.dhhs.gov.

The Head Start Information and Publications Center, a service of the Head Start Bureau in ACF, supports the Head Start community and other organizations working in the interest of children and families by providing: information products and services; conferences and meeting support; publication distribution; and marketing and outreach efforts. The Center can be reached at www.headstartinfo.org.

The National Abandoned Infants Assistance Resource Center provides information, training, and support to programs and professionals serving drug- and HIV/AIDS-affected families and abandoned infants. For more information, contact the Center by phone: 510-643-8390 or fax: 510-643-7019.

The National Clearinghouse on Child Abuse and Neglect Information provides fact sheets, manuals, statistical information, bibliographies, prevention resources, and resource listings related to child abuse and neglect, child welfare, and related issues. Publications that address HIV/AIDS issues as they impact on children and families are avail-

able. For more information, contact the National Clearinghouse on Child Abuse and Neglect Information by phone: 800-394-3366, fax: 703-385-3206, e-mail: nccanch@calib.com, Web page: www.calib.com/nccanch.

Technical Assistance/Training:

ACF has not sponsored recent technical assistance or training efforts related specifically to HIV/AIDS.

DATA SOURCES

ACF collects no information or data related to HIV/AIDS.

Administration on Aging (AOA)

Address: 330 Independence Avenue, S.W.
 Washington, DC 20201
 Telephone: 202-619-0724
 Fax: 202-401-7620
 Web Page: www.aoa.gov

CONTACT INFORMATION

Contact Person: Bruce Craig
 Telephone: 202-357-3520
 Fax: 202-357-3523
 E-mail: bruce.craig@aoa.gov

PROGRAM INFORMATION

The Administration on Aging (AOA) administers the programs of the Older Americans Act (OAA) and serves as the Federal focal point and advocate agency for older persons and their concerns. The AOA works to heighten awareness among other Federal agencies, organizations, groups, and the public about the contributions that older individuals make and alerts them of their needs.

Funds are allocated to State Agencies on Aging and then distributed to Area Agencies on Aging, which work through more than 27,000 local providers to coordinate and deliver home- and community-based support and nutrition services. While AOA programs are available to all older individuals, services are targeted to low-income and minority individuals, residents of rural areas, those living alone, and those with disabilities who require assistance.

RESOURCES

Publications:

The National Aging Information Center makes available an online database for consumer access to information on the aging. The Center can also be reached at www.aoa.gov, phone: 202-619-7501 or at fax: 202-357-3523.

Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality (AHRQ)

Address: Executive Office Center, Suite 600
2101 East Jefferson Street
Rockville, MD 20852

Telephone: 301-594-6662

Fax: 301-594-2168

Web Page: www.ahrq.gov

PROGRAM INFORMATION

The Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality (AHRQ) is the lead agency charged with supporting research designed to improve the quality of health care, reduce its cost, improve patient safety, address medical errors, and broaden access to essential services. The agency comprises 10 major functional components.

- Office of Management
- Office of Research Review, Education, and Policy
- Office of Health Care Information
- Office of Priority Population Research
- Center for Practice and Technology Assessment
- Center for Outcomes and Effectiveness Research
- Center for Primary Care Research
- Center for Organization and Delivery Studies
- Center for Cost and Financing Studies
- Center for Quality Improvement and Patient Safety

AHRQ's HIV/AIDS-related activities include the following:

HIV/AIDS Research

- Information is available on activities related to AIDS cost, treatment, and research outcomes.
- AHRQ provides financial support for the HIV Cost and Services Utilization Study (HCSUS). HCSUS is conducted by the RAND Corporation (a nonprofit research institution) and examines costs of care, utilization of a wide array of services, access to care, quality of care, quality of life, unmet needs for medical and nonmedical services, social support, satisfaction with medical care, and knowledge of HIV therapies. For

more information on this study, contact John Fleishman, Center for Cost and Financing Studies, Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality, 2101 East Jefferson Street, Suite 500, Rockville, MD 20852; phone: 301-594-2007; e-mail: jfleishm@ahrq.gov.

HIVnet is a tool available on AHRQ's Web site (www.ahrq.gov/data/hivnet) that provides information on inpatient and outpatient service utilization by people living with HIV disease. This information is valuable for service providers, program planners, policy makers, and health services researchers. HIVnet provides easy access to selected statistics on patterns of HIV-related care. These statistics are based on data collected by the HIV Research Network.

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AHRQ provides opportunities for research and demonstration projects that identify effective methods of reducing or eliminating disparities in health care access, quality, and outcomes for minority populations for conditions that include HIV/AIDS. Past efforts have included: research on barriers faced by minorities in gaining access to health care services; model outreach programs targeting minority groups; and assessing the health care needs of minority women with AIDS.

RESOURCES

Funding:

AHRQ funds research projects that examine: the availability, quality, and cost of health care services; strategies for improving the effectiveness and appropriateness of clinical practice, including the prevention of disease; and other areas of health services research. AHRQ also supports small grants, conference grants, and training to institutions and individuals. Information on funding opportunities is available at www.ahrq.gov/fund.

Grant applications are available at ahrqpubs@ahrq.gov or by calling the AHRQ Clearinghouse at 800-358-9295.

Publications:

AHRQ, in partnership with the American Association of Health Plans and the American Medical Association, is sponsoring the Web-based National Guideline Clearinghouse (NGC) at www.guideline.gov. Information available in English and Spanish includes standardized abstracts, comparisons of guidelines covering similar topics, and topic-related online groups.

The agency makes available an online database for consumer research on different health issues at www.ahrq.gov.

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC)

National Center for Chronic Disease Prevention and Health Promotion (NCCDPHP)

Address: 1600 Clifton Road, N.E.
Atlanta, GA 30333
Telephone: 404-639-8043
Fax: 404-639-8910
Web Page: www.cdc.gov/nccdphp

PROGRAM INFORMATION

The National Center for Chronic Disease Prevention and Health Promotion (NCCDPHP) administers two divisions that work to promote healthy behaviors and health education for the general public in relation to HIV and AIDS.

The **Division of Adolescent and School Health** works to provide:

- Funds to States to develop school health programs that include HIV prevention;
- Funds for training teachers and education agencies to provide HIV/STD (sexually transmitted disease) prevention education;
- Partnerships with Federal and professional organizations to develop policies and guidelines; and
- Technical assistance to States, local entities, and national organizations to evaluate the quality and effectiveness of prevention programs.

The **School Health Education Curricula** program identifies and disseminates health education curricula that have well-documented evidence of effectiveness in reducing health risk behaviors among youth. The following programs target students and HIV/AIDS prevention:

- **Reducing the Risk**, a program for students in grades 9–10 that provides various interactive instructional strategies addressing teen sexual risk-taking and HIV prevention;
- **Get Real About AIDS**, an HIV prevention program for students in grades 9–12 addressing knowledge, perceptions of vulnerability, and skills for avoiding risky behaviors;
- **Be Proud! Be Responsible!**, a program for urban youth that stresses development of refusal, negotiation, and other skills that reduce risky behaviors for HIV infection; and
- **Becoming a Responsible Teen**, a program for African-American youth aged 13–18 that teaches assertive communication skills, limit-setting, refusal, and negotiation skills for HIV prevention.

The **Division of Reproductive Health** provides direction and identifies needs, objectives, and recommendations to NCCDPHP in the area of reproductive health. The Division also supports research in the areas of effective development of interventions to prevent HIV/AIDS, STDs, and unwanted pregnancies.

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC)

National Center for HIV, STD and TB Prevention (NCHSTP)

Address: 1600 Clifton Road, N.E.
Atlanta, GA 30333
Telephone: 404-639-8890
Fax: 404-639-8600
Web Page: www.cdc.gov/nchstp/od/nchstp.html

CONTACT INFORMATION

Contact Person: John P. Anderton, Deputy Director, Office of Communications, National Center for HIV, STD, and TB Prevention
Telephone: 404-639-8890

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The National Center for HIV, STD, and TB Prevention (NCHSTP) is responsible for:

- Working with States and local communities to track the course of HIV and AIDS (public health surveillance);
- Working to evaluate new tools and techniques for preventing HIV transmission through biomedical and behavioral interventions;
- Collaborating with scientists and researchers on HIV vaccines by providing expertise in the areas of site selection and virologic and immunologic investigations;
- Working with communities to determine the impact of HIV prevention programs and how programs may be improved; and
- Funding HIV prevention programs for high-risk populations through State and local health departments, national/regional minority organizations, and community-based organizations (CBOs).

In addition, communities can access information about replicable HIV prevention programs through the National Prevention Information Network at www.cdcnpin.org.

MINORITY HIV/AIDS PROGRAMS AND INITIATIVES

As part of the Minority AIDS Initiative, the CDC funds several programs that work with ethnic and racial communities. Community-based HIV prevention services are provided through cooperative agreements with CBOs that deliver services to African Americans in high-risk communities. In addition, the CDC has cooperative agreements with non-governmental organizations to develop and implement comprehensive, regionally structured, capacity-building assistance for CDC-funded CBOs providing HIV prevention services to African Americans at high risk for HIV.

In addition, NCHSTP supports cooperative agreements with CBOs providing HIV prevention services to minority populations and capacity building assistance through cooperative agreements with national, regional, and local non-governmental organizations to support community-based HIV prevention.

RESOURCES

Publications:

NCHSTP publishes surveillance reports, fact sheets, newsletters, brochures, and slides, which are available online at www.cdc.gov/nchstp. *Morbidity and Mortality Weekly Reports* are available at www.cdcnpin.org.

Technical Assistance/Training:

The CDC operates the National Network of STD/HIV Prevention Training Centers, which provides training to clinicians and prevention workers on a variety of topics related to STD/HIV prevention. Information on training schedules and topics is available at www.stdptc.uc.edu.

Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS)

Address: 7500 Security Boulevard, S2-14-26
 Baltimore, MD 21244
 Telephone: 410-786-3000
 Web Page: www.cms.hhs.gov

CONTACT INFORMATION

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 HIV/AIDS Program
 Coordinator
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 Fax: 410-786-9004
 E-mail: rgraydon@cms.hhs.gov

PROGRAM INFORMATION

The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) administer the Medicare program and oversee State Medicaid programs. In collaboration with the Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA), CMS also administers the State Children's Health Insurance Program (SCHIP). Agency responsibilities include:

- Assuring that the Medicaid, Medicare, and SCHIP programs are properly run by contractors and State agencies;
- Establishing policies for paying health care providers;
- Conducting research on the effectiveness of various methods of health care management, treatment, and financing; and
- Assessing the quality of health care facilities and services and taking enforcement actions when appropriate.

In addition, CMS regulates all laboratory testing on humans that is not research-related.

Medicaid serves more than 50 percent of all persons living with AIDS and 90 percent of all children with AIDS. Medicaid beneficiaries have access to the full range of services mandated under

Federal regulations, and may also receive additional services, such as targeted case management, preventive services, and hospice care, depending on an individual State's plan and waivers. Under Medicaid, all States elect to cover FDA-approved, prescribed drugs for prophylactic treatment of AIDS-related opportunistic infections, and drugs such as protease inhibitors and reverse transcriptase inhibitors for the treatment of HIV disease.

The Maternal HIV Consumer Information Project was developed to increase patient and provider knowledge about the availability of drugs that reduce HIV transmission and to expand knowledge of Medicaid eligibility and coverage of prenatal care. CMS works with State Medicaid agencies and departments of health to provide women of childbearing age with information regarding HIV testing and counseling. Medicaid also pays for HIV counseling, testing, treatment, and medications to prevent perinatal transmission of HIV from mother to child. For more information, visit www.cms.hhs.gov and click on the project's name.

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In collaboration with HRSA, CMS is working on initiatives to increase SCHIP enrollment of uninsured children who are otherwise ineligible for Medicaid. The two agencies are coordinating with national minority organizations and advocacy groups to promote education and enrollment in the program.

CMS conducts two grant programs —the Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCU) Grant Program and the Hispanic Health Services Research (HHSR) Grant Program — that promote research on: minority community access to and utilization of health care services; the quality of health care services available to communities of color; health education, and disease screening and prevention in minority communities; racial disparities and socioeconomic differences; managed care systems; and costs of care.

Funding:

CMS funds research and evaluation programs. Inquiries should be directed to Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services, Office of Internal Customer Support, Acquisition and Grants Group, 7500 Security Boulevard, C2-21-15, Baltimore, MD 21244; phone: 410-786-5701; or Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services, Office of Strategic Planning, 7500 Security Boulevard, C3-11-17, Baltimore, MD 21244; phone: 410-786-6644.

Publications:

Information Clearinghouse publications can be obtained through www.cms.hhs.gov. Information on Medicare can be accessed by calling the toll-free hotline number: 800-MEDICARE (800-633-4227); TDD: 877-486-2048.

Technical Assistance/Training:

CMS provides technical assistance and training to States, providers, contractors, and staff of its regional offices.

Each of CMS' 10 regional offices has a Regional HIV/AIDS Coordinator. Contact information for these coordinators is available at www.cms.hhs.gov.

DATA SOURCES**Medicaid Statistics:**

CMS Publication Number 10120, "A Catalogue of Medicare Public Use Files," may be downloaded from the Medicare Professional/ Technical Information page of the CMS Web site (www.cms.hhs.gov).

Medicaid statistical data can be found on the "Medicaid Professional/Technical Information" page of CMS Web site.

Food and Drug Administration (FDA)

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PROGRAM INFORMATION

The Food and Drug Administration (FDA) is charged with enforcing the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act. As the Federal Government's chief consumer protection agency, the FDA helps ensure the safety and effectiveness of prescription and over-the-counter drugs (including those used to treat HIV/AIDS and related symptoms), biological materials, and medical devices (including HIV testing technologies and condoms). Further, the agency monitors the safety of food products and chemicals used in cosmetics, and conducts routine investigations of blood bank operations to ensure adherence to safety codes and regulations. The FDA's fraud unit investigates products that make false claims (such as drugs that claim to cure AIDS), have caused harm or injury to consumers, or are faulty.

In 1992, the FDA published the final rule to speed approval of new medications for treating serious and life-threatening diseases. Under these procedures, the FDA may grant marketing

approval to drugs based on initial clinical results. However, if later human studies do not confirm a drug's effectiveness, the FDA can remove it from the market.

Information on new therapies can be accessed through www.AIDSinfo.nih.gov.

The HIV/AIDS Program, Office of Special Health Issues disseminates information on HIV/AIDS-related policies, regulations, and activities of the FDA. The program also represents the agency at public and government meetings that address serious and life-threatening illnesses, and assists in the development of Federal regulations related to HIV/AIDS. In addition, the program coordinates the FDA Patient Representative Program, which provides ad hoc patient representatives at Antiviral Drugs Advisory Committee meetings. These representatives provide consumer views or opinions related to the licensing or approval of new drugs.

The AIDS Fraud Task Forces review fraudulent product and treatment promotions affecting people with HIV/AIDS and their partners, family, and friends. The Task Forces have developed hotlines, workshops, conferences, and information to alert consumers to the existence of fraudulent products. Inquiries about the Task Forces can be made through the Office of Special Health Issues.

MINORITY HIV/AIDS PROGRAMS AND INITIATIVES

The agency works for the inclusion of racial, gender, ethnic, and age subgroups in drug testing trials.

RESOURCES

Publications:

FDA Consumer provides information on various health issues. For subscription information, contact Superintendent of Documents, PO Box

371954, Pittsburgh, PA 15250-7954; fax orders to: 202-512-2250, or phone orders to: 202-512-1800 (8 a.m.–4:30 p.m. EST).

Many publications (including brochures, films, and posters) are available in English from www.fda.gov or by contacting the FDA's Office of Consumer Inquiries at FDA (HFE-88), 5600 Fishers Lane, Rockville, MD 20857; phone: 301-827-4420.

FDA operates an e-mail listserv that provides recipients with updates on safety and regulatory issues related to HIV/AIDS. Information such as product approvals, significant labeling changes, safety warnings, notices of upcoming public meetings, and alerts of proposed regulatory guidances for comment are distributed through the listserv. Information is disseminated as it becomes available.

Subscribers can join by going to FDA's Web page and providing their name and e-mail addresses. Subscriber information is kept confidential.

Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA)

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PROGRAM INFORMATION

The Health Resources and Services Administration's (HRSA's) HIV/AIDS Bureau (HAB) administers the Ryan White Comprehensive AIDS Resources Emergency (CARE) Act, which provides funds for primary care and support services for medically underserved individuals and families affected by HIV/AIDS. The CARE Act includes the following.

Emergency Relief (Title I)—Grants provide emergency relief and supplemental assistance to eligible metropolitan areas (EMAs) heavily impacted by HIV/AIDS. Funds are awarded to EMAs with a high incidence of AIDS cases (areas with a population of at least 500,000 or more and with at least 2,000 AIDS cases in the most recent five years).

Comprehensive Care (Title II)—Grants allow States, the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico, the Virgin Islands, Guam, and five additional U.S. Pacific Territories and Associated Jurisdictions to plan, coordinate, and deliver health and social services to individuals living with, and/or affected by, HIV/AIDS. The AIDS Drug Assistance Program provides medications or purchases health insurance for low-income individuals with HIV disease that have limited or no coverage from private insurance or Medicaid.

Early Intervention Primary Care (Title III)—Grants fund existing community-based clinics and public health providers to develop and deliver early and ongoing comprehensive HIV/AIDS care on an out-patient basis. Grantees provide primary medical care to people with HIV/AIDS in rural and underserved urban areas, particularly women, adolescents, and people of color.

Demonstration Program for Children, Adolescents, and Families (Title IV)—Grants support comprehensive HIV services and access to clinical research programs for children, youth, women, and families affected by HIV/AIDS. The focus is on expanding the development of innovative models that link systems of comprehensive, primary community-based medical and social services with the National Institutes of Health and other clinical research trials. Preventing perinatal HIV transmission is a major program effort.

Special Projects of National Significance Program—Grants support programs with innovative models of HIV/AIDS care and support the development of effective delivery systems of HIV care.

AIDS Education and Training Centers (AETCs)—A network of 12 regional centers and four national resource centers conduct targeted, multidisciplinary HIV education and training programs for health care providers. Their mission is to increase the number of health care providers capable of counseling, diagnosing, treating, and managing the health care of individuals with HIV.

HIV/AIDS Dental Reimbursement and Dental Hygiene Programs—Through grants to dental schools and post-doctoral dental education programs, this effort assists with the unreimbursed cost of providing oral health care to individuals with HIV/AIDS. The goal is to improve access to oral health care for people living with HIV and train dentists and dental hygienists to treat people living with HIV.

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More than 60 percent of CARE Act funding serves minority individuals. Under the CARE Act Titles, requirements are made for underserved individuals to be represented on planning councils and consortia, among service recipients, and for special projects. As part of the Minority AIDS Initiative, HRSA initiated:

- Supplemental grants to Title I grantees to provide quality care to, and improve health outcomes in, areas that have 30 percent or more African-American or Latino HIV/AIDS cases;
- Title III planning grants to assist community-based organizations (CBOs) in highly impacted minority communities to deliver needed health care services;
- Funding to the National Minority AETC to work with Historically Black Colleges and Universities, Hispanic serving institutions, and Tribal colleges on the education of health care providers to serve minority communities disproportionately impacted by HIV; and
- Training opportunities for ethnic minority peer-outreach educators working in CBOs.

RESOURCES

Publications:

HRSA offers a number of publications. These include: Ryan White CARE Act and HAB Fact Sheets; *HRSA Care ACTION* newsletter; *A Guide to the Clinical Care of Women with HIV*; data reports; grantee manuals; technical assistance materials; journal articles; and other publications. These are available at hab.hrsa.gov or by contacting the HRSA Information Center at 888-Ask-HRSA.

Technical Assistance/Training:

Grantees may access technical assistance and training through project officers and/or HAB's Division of Training and Technical Assistance. Additional resources are available at hab.hrsa.gov.

Indian Health Service (IHS)

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PROGRAM INFORMATION

The mission of the Indian Health Service (IHS) is to improve the health status of American Indians and Alaska Natives through the provision of health care services. The IHS is the principal Federal health care provider and health advocate for American Indian and Alaska Native populations. With its Tribal and urban Indian program partners, IHS provides health services to approximately 2.5 million American Indians and Alaska Natives who belong to more than 557 Federally recognized Tribes in 35 states.

The IHS **HIV/AIDS Program** is committed to the prevention of HIV in American Indian and Alaska Native populations. Information is distributed for the development and nurturing of empowerment skills at both the individual and community levels. The pivotal task for this program is to decrease and ultimately eliminate HIV-related risk-taking behavior in the American Indian and Alaska Native populations.

IHS health care providers promote prevention, treatment, and psychosocial support services to HIV-positive and at-risk American Indians, Alaska Natives and their families. The IHS National AIDS Coordinator provides information on resources to 12 IHS and Tribal Area AIDS Coordinators and they, in turn, present this information to their

respective IHS hospitals, clinics, and Tribally managed health care systems. Prevention and treatment information is distributed to American Indian and Alaska Native communities with and without HIV infection at the local, State, and national levels. At the local level, the IHS Area AIDS Coordinators initiate and sustain activities to increase public awareness of AIDS and HIV infection among these populations. This is accomplished through training and information activities to provide health education and risk reduction messages to individuals, Tribal leaders, spiritual leaders, medicine men and women, women, youth, individuals practicing high-risk behavior, and IHS/Tribal health care workers.

The HIV Center of Excellence (HIVCOE) provides culturally competent and comprehensive clinical care for American Indian and Alaska Native people. Programs and services available include HIV and STD prevention, early intervention, medical treatment (incorporating medical, behavioral, and traditional healing concepts), and research in areas of HIV prevalence and needs assessments. For further information, contact Phoenix Indian Medical Center, 4212 North 16th Street, Phoenix, AZ 85016; phone: 602-263-1502; fax: 602-263-1624.

RESOURCES

Technical Assistance/Training:

Training is available for health care professionals through the Pacific AIDS Education and Training Center. Inquiries should be addressed to: Pacific AIDS Education and Training Center, University of California, Irvine, 101 The City Drive South, Rt. 81, Bldg. 53, Orange, CA 92868; phone: 714-456-7612; fax: 714-456-7169; e-mail: sfitzgib@uci.edu; or Sheila Fitzgibbons at the Phoenix Indian Medical Center, HIVCOE; phone: 602-263-1200, x1836; and fax: 602-263-1583.

DATA SOURCES

Statistical data may be obtained from CDC HIV/AIDS Surveillance Reports.

National Institutes of Health (NIH)

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PROGRAM INFORMATION

The National Institutes of Health (NIH) are comprised of 27 separate Institutes and Centers:

- National Cancer Institute (NCI)
- National Eye Institute (NEI)
- National Heart, Lung, and Blood Institute (NHLBI)
- National Human Genome Research Institute (NHGRI)
- National Institute on Aging (NIA)
- National Institute on Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism (NIAAA)
- National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases (NIAID)
- National Institute of Arthritis and Musculoskeletal and Skin Diseases (NIAMS)
- National Institute of Child Health and Human Development (NICHD)
- National Institute on Deafness and Other Communication Disorders (NIDCD)
- National Institute of Dental and Craniofacial Research (NIDCR)
- National Institute of Diabetes and Digestive and Kidney Disease (NIDDK)
- National Institute on Drug Abuse (NIDA)
- National Institute of Environmental Health Sciences (NIEHS)
- National Institute of General Medical Sciences (NIGMS)
- National Institute of Mental Health (NIMH)
- National Institute of Neurological Disorders and Stroke (NINDS)
- National Institute of Nursing Research (NINR)
- National Library of Medicine (NLM)
- Warren Grant Magnuson Clinical Center (CC)
- Center of Information Technology (CIT)

- National Center for Complementary and Alternative Medicine (NCCAM)
- National Center for Research Resources (NCRR)
- John E. Fogarty International Center (FIC)
- Center for Scientific Review (CSR)
- National Center on Minority Health and Health Disparities (NCMHD)
- National Institute of Biomedical Imaging and Bioengineering (NIBIB)

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NIH has taken strong steps to assure minority participation in HIV/AIDS clinical trials, in studies that examine the history and transmission of HIV among various populations, in HIV prevention studies, and in the agency's overall research agenda.

NIH has implemented a series of guidelines, policies, and programs to ensure that HIV-infected individuals from high-risk populations are enrolled and maintained in Federally sponsored AIDS clinical trials.

NIH has programs and policies specifically designed to recruit individuals from underrepresented racial and ethnic groups into research careers and to build research infrastructure in minority institutions. These programs provide training and research opportunities across the continuum from high school students to independent investigators. NIH also supports a number of activities with the goal of disseminating research information to health care providers serving minority communities as well as to individuals at risk.

As part of the Minority AIDS Initiative, NIH is supporting activities to increase the number of ethnic/racial minority principal investigators conducting research in the areas of HIV/AIDS and substance abuse. See the description of individual agencies for information on other minority HIV/AIDS programs and initiatives.

RESOURCES

Funding:

See individual agency listings or contact the Center for Scientific Review, National Institutes of Health, 6701 Rockledge Drive, Room 1040 - MSC 7710, Bethesda, MD 20892-7710.

Technical Assistance/Training:

A number of NIH programs and policies are specifically designed to recruit individuals from underrepresented racial and ethnic groups into research careers. These programs provide training and research opportunities across the continuum from high school students to independent investigators, with the goal of increasing the diversity of the labor pool in all segments of health-related research.

National Institutes of Health (NIH)

National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases (NIAID)

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Web Page: www.niaid.nih.gov

PROGRAM INFORMATION

The National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases (NIAID) has six research components: Division of AIDS; Division of Intramural Research; Division of Extramural Activities; Division of Allergy, Immunology, and Transplantation; Division of Microbiology and Infectious Diseases; and the Dale and Betty Bumpers Vaccine Research Center.

The **Division of AIDS (DAIDS)** supports HIV/AIDS research studies on HIV pathogenesis; development and evaluation of drug therapies for HIV and related opportunistic infections; epidemiologic studies to assess the impact of HIV on severely affected populations; and development and evaluation of HIV vaccines and other prevention strategies. Programs supported by DAIDS include the following.

The **Acute HIV Infection and Early Disease Research Program** investigates innovative ways to study how HIV causes disease in adults. The program studies different facets of the disease, such as viral characteristics and the effects of antiretroviral therapy during the early phases of HIV infection. Researchers use the information obtained to improve HIV prevention and treatment strategies. (For more information, go to aiedrp.fhrc.org.)

The **Adult AIDS Clinical Trials Group (AACTG)** is composed of, and directed by, leading clinical scientists in HIV/AIDS therapeutic research. AACTG's research helps set standards of care for HIV infection and related opportunistic infections in the United States and the developed world, and provides the data necessary to approve therapeutic agents. AACTG recruits participants from communities that reflect the demographics of the epidemic, and has research sites at the University of Puerto Rico and University of Hawaii, both minority institutions. The AACTG has 48 percent minority enrollment. For more information, go to aactg.s-3.com or contact Robert Vit, Acting Director of the AACTG Operations Center, phone: 301-628-3000; fax: 301-628-3302; e-mail: rvit@s-3.com.

AIDSinfo offers access to a comprehensive database of information on Federally and privately funded HIV/AIDS clinical trials for adults and children. The database also contains other pertinent information on HIV treatment and prevention, and offers medical practice guidelines for consumers and providers. AIDSinfo incorporates services that were previously provided by the AIDS Clinical Trials Information Service and the HIV/AIDS Treatment Information Service. For more information, see the Clearinghouse section of the Guide or go to www.AIDSinfo.nih.gov.

The **Centers for AIDS Research (CFAR)** provide administrative and shared research support to promote basic, clinical, behavioral, and translational research in preventing, detecting, and treating HIV/AIDS. Programs emphasize the importance of interdisciplinary collaboration, the inclusion of minorities, and the inclusion of prevention and behavior change research. CFARs are located at academic and research institutions throughout the country. For more information, go to www.niaid.nih.gov/research/cfar.

The **HIV Vaccine Trials Network (HVTN)** supports a global research network that conducts all phases of HIV vaccine clinical trials to identify effective and safe HIV vaccines. HVTN also supports laboratory research into the role of clinical and viral variations in vaccine development.

The **HIV Prevention Trials Network (HPTN)** conducts biomedical and behavioral interventions to prevent HIV transmission. In addition to studies involving microbicides, STD prevention and treatment, and behavioral and barrier interventions, HPTN conducts international trials to prevent perinatal transmission of HIV.

The **Multicenter AIDS Cohort Study** is an ongoing prospective study on the HIV histories of gay and bisexual men in four cities: Baltimore, Chicago, Pittsburgh, and Los Angeles. Fifteen percent of participants are from communities of color.

The **Pediatric AIDS Clinical Trials Group** evaluates treatments for HIV-positive children and adolescents, and approaches for preventing perinatal transmission of HIV. The network is a collaboration between NIAID and the National Institute of Child Health and Human Development and has 73 percent minority enrollment.

The **Terry Beirn Community Programs for Clinical Research on AIDS** is a community-based clinical trials network focusing research on appropriate treatments for diverse populations. The trials have a 63 percent minority enrollment.

The **Women's Interagency HIV Study** examines the impact of HIV on women in the United States. The majority of enrollees are women of color, and includes individuals from high-risk populations who are both HIV-positive and HIV-negative.

The **Dale and Betty Bumpers Vaccine Research Center (VRC)** brings together basic scientists, clinical investigators, and translational researchers in the search for an HIV vaccine. The VRC Science Training Seminars feature leading AIDS vaccine researchers and are open to the public.

The **Clinical Trials Core** tests promising vaccines on HIV-negative volunteers.

The **Intramural Scientific Collaboration Project** funds basic and translational research collaborations within NIH.

The **Division of Extramural Activities' Office of Special Populations and Research Training** conducts outreach to increase participation by minority students and junior investigators in NIH's research programs. Bridging the Career Gap for Underrepresented Minorities brings minority investigators who are funded by NIAID to the NIH campus for seminars on negotiating successful careers in biomedical research.

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NIH application guidelines are designed to maximize participation in clinical trials by individuals from high-impact communities, such as women, people of color, adolescents, children, and injecting drug users.

RESOURCES

The Research and Reference Reagent Program provides state-of-the-art chemical and biological information to HIV researchers.

Funding:

NIH funds biomedical research at minority institutions. NIAID also funds Research Supplements for Underrepresented Minorities, a program to attract underrepresented minorities into biomedical and behavioral research.

Publications:

Materials on HIV/AIDS are available at www.niaid.nih.gov.

National Institutes of Health (NIH)

National Institute of Child Health and Human Development (NICHD)

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PROGRAM INFORMATION

The National Institute of Child Health and Human Development (NICHD) administers a multidisciplinary program of research, research training, and public information on: reproductive biology and population issues; prenatal development; maternal, child, and family health; and medical rehabilitation. Research in medical rehabilitation is designed to improve the rehabilitation of individuals with physical disabilities resulting from diseases, disorders, injuries, or birth defects.

The NICHD supports research projects that address maternal, pediatric, childhood, and adolescent AIDS issues. Over the past decade, the NICHD has fostered a range of basic, clinical, applied, translational, and behavioral research related to HIV/AIDS. Current projects include research and studies on:

- Therapeutic treatments for HIV infection and related diseases;
- The epidemiology and natural history of HIV infection in women, infants, children, and adolescents;
- The causes and origins of vertically transmitted HIV infection;
- The impact of HIV infection on children with hemophilia and the effects of HIV on child development;

- New methods of early diagnosis of HIV infection in infants and children;
- Clinical trials to prevent HIV transmission through child birth and breast milk;
- Social and behavioral interventions designed to prevent HIV transmission; and
- Development of contraceptive microbicides that would allow women to protect themselves from unwanted pregnancies and HIV infection.

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NICHD's programs and research priorities address the high impact of HIV/AIDS on women, children, and youth in minority populations in the United States. The Institute is involved in a cooperative project to address interventions and evaluations aimed at decreasing STDs and HIV infection among minority youth. As part of the Minority AIDS Initiative, NICHD has implemented Project ACCESS, a campaign to increase the number of minority youth who receive HIV testing and counseling, and gain access to adolescent-focused comprehensive care. The Institute has provided national clinical networks to advance prevention and treatment in trials primarily serving minority patients, including the Pediatric and Maternal HIV Clinical Trials Network and the Adolescent Medicine HIV/AIDS Research Network. NICHD has initiated an Adolescent Trials Network to develop collaborative, primary prevention studies, as well as studies of effective and appropriate antiretroviral therapy in adolescent, high-risk, and primarily minority populations. An Institute-funded Women's HIV Pathogenesis Program will be established to support scientific efforts to better understand the pathogenesis of HIV infection and factors that may be unique and relevant to the treatment of minority women.

Funding:

Information on research opportunities can be found on www.nichd.nih.gov or by contacting the Office of the Scientific Director, NICHD, 31 Center Drive Building 31, Room 2A50, Bethesda, MD 20892-2425; phone: 301-496-2133; fax: 301-402-0105.

Technical Assistance/Training:

NICHD is working to strengthen its partnerships with institutions based in racial and ethnic communities for the development of more effective, research-based HIV intervention programs that are closely linked to community needs, and the generation of new scientific data. The NICHD also plans to support specialized training and career development activities in the behavioral and social sciences related to the epidemiology and prevention of HIV/AIDS, with particular attention to the recruitment and training of underrepresented minorities in these areas.

Publications:

Reports and other publications on HIV and human development are available by contacting the NICHD Clearinghouse at www.nichd.nih.gov or at 800-370-2943 (Monday–Friday, 8:30 a.m.–5 p.m. EST). Some publications are available in Spanish. Related publications, including *Health Disparities: Bridging the Gap* and the Demographic and Behavioral Sciences Branch Report on Program Activities and Progress 1995-2000.

National Institutes of Health (NIH)

National Institute on Drug Abuse (NIDA)

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Web Page: www.nida.nih.gov

PROGRAM INFORMATION

The National Institute on Drug Abuse (NIDA) supports research on the health aspects of drug abuse and addiction. The Institute also works to have the results of research incorporated into substance abuse treatment programs, and inform the development of related policy.

The **Center on AIDS and Other Medical Consequences of Drug Abuse** coordinates research activities, collaborates with other Institute components, and provides leadership on issues concerning HIV/AIDS, Hepatitis C, and other infections, as well as the medical/health, mental health, and developmental consequences of drug abuse. Examples of current research being conducted by NIDA include issues related to HIV treatment for substance abusers, HIV disease progression, studies on the linkage of drug abuse treatment and medical care, HIV-related therapeutics for drug users, and determinants of effective HIV prevention and counseling for HIV-infected high-risk populations.

MINORITY HIV/AIDS PROGRAMS AND INITIATIVES

NIDA has initiated several research programs targeting ethnic minority groups. These research projects have either promoted the participation of, or have focused on, ethnic minorities. Some of these projects have included such topics as: the high risk of HIV among Latinas; the sexual risk behaviors of Native American drug users; changes in cognitive, behavioral, and psychosocial vari-

ables among high-risk African-American women receiving HIV/AIDS education; prognostic indicators for AIDS among HIV-infected injection drug users targeting the African-American population; and cultural and ethnic differences in drug-related practices and behavior.

RESOURCES

Funding:

NIDA provides research grants and contracts for the study of ways to prevent and treat drug abuse. Information is available by contacting Dr. Suman Rao, NIDA Deputy Research Training Coordinator, at 301-443-6071, or by contacting the NIH GRANTSINFO office at grantsinfo@nih.gov; phone: 301-435-0714 or fax: 301-480-0525.

Publications:

NIDA produces the following publications.

- *NIDA Notes* (newsletter)
- Research Dissemination and Application Packets
- Research Dissemination and Application Videotapes
- Clinical Report Series
- Public Education Materials
- Research Report Series
- Research Monograph Series
- Community Alert Bulletins
- Fact Sheets
- Epidemiological Studies

Publications are available at www.nida.nih.gov, by contacting the National Clearinghouse for Alcohol and Drug Abuse at ncadi.samhsa.gov, or by calling 800-729-6686. Publications are also available from the U.S. Government Printing Office at www.gpo.gov or 202-512-1800.

Other Information:

NIDA provides a calendar of events and meetings (NIH- and non-NIH-sponsored). Information can be obtained through the NIDA Web page or by phone at 301-496-2266 and e-mail: nihcald@od.nih.gov.

National Institutes of Health (NIH)

National Institute of Mental Health (NIMH)

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PROGRAM INFORMATION

The National Institute of Mental Health (NIMH) conducts research in basic neuroscience, behavioral science, and genetics to understand, treat, and prevent mental illness.

NIMH administers the **Division of Mental Disorders, Behavioral Research and AIDS**, which conducts research and research training related to behavioral, developmental, epidemiologic, and intervention development studies on the causes, prevention, and treatment of mental and behavioral disorders and HIV/AIDS.

The **Division's Center for Mental Health and Research on AIDS** supports research that:

- Develops and tests behavior change and prevention strategies to reduce the further spread of HIV and other STDs;
- Conducts interventions to prevent the consequences of HIV infection;
- Identifies and addresses behavioral issues in vaccine trials;

- Identifies the role of couples, families, and communities in preventing and adapting to HIV/STDs;
- Identifies the effects of HIV infection on the central nervous system and the mechanisms that underlie motor/cognitive dysfunctions;
- Defines the clinical phenomena of HIV-related neuropsychological and neuropsychiatric disorders;
- Develops therapeutic agents to prevent or reverse the effects of HIV on the central nervous system; and
- Improves mental health services relevant to HIV infection and people with severe mental illness.

MINORITY HIV/AIDS PROGRAMS AND INITIATIVES

NIMH supports intervention studies involving African-American women in public housing units, mothers and sons, adolescent males, gay men, and families. NIMH provides opportunities for ethnic minorities to participate in its research programs and to be principal research investigators and offers technical assistance to Historically Black Colleges and Universities to enhance their familiarity with the NIH research funding process.

RESOURCES

Funding:

NIMH supports research studies related to HIV/AIDS and behavioral issues. Inquiries should be made to the Director of the Center for Mental Health Research on AIDS at the address listed above.

Publications:

NIMH offers a variety of publications, some available in Spanish, to help researchers, mental health and primary care providers, clients, and the general public gain a better understanding of mental disorders and related research at the agency. For information, write to NIMH Public Inquiries, 6001 Executive Boulevard, Room 8184, MSC 9663, Bethesda, MD 20892-9663, or fax to 301-443-4279. E-mail can be sent to nimhinfo@nih.gov.

National Institutes of Health (NIH)

Office of AIDS Research (OAR)

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PROGRAM INFORMATION

Located within the Office of the NIH Director, the Office of AIDS Research (OAR) is responsible for the scientific, budgetary, legislative, and policy elements of the NIH AIDS research program.

OAR plans, coordinates, evaluates, and funds all NIH AIDS research. The Office supports trans-NIH Coordinating Committees to assist in the areas of:

- HIV transmission and disease progression research;
- Causes of immune deficiency and the complications that accompany HIV infection;
- Drug development, clinical trials, screening, and drug programs that work to inhibit specific steps in the HIV life cycle;
- Vaccine development to protect against or decrease HIV transmission and reduce disease progression;
- Behavioral and social interventions to reduce HIV transmission, understand HIV-related risk behaviors, and develop/evaluate strategies for preventing or lessening the negative consequences of HIV infection; and
- Provision of research training opportunities to researchers, and prevention related to HIV/AIDS.

OAR includes minority representatives in all AIDS research advisory groups, including the OAR Advisory Council, which provides overall guidance on the scientific direction of the NIH AIDS research programs, and the research planning groups, which develop the annual AIDS research plan and set scientific priorities. OAR supports an Ad Hoc Minority Working Group to provide advice regarding research gaps and opportunities in the area of HIV and racial/ethnic minorities.

Each year, the Ad Hoc Minority Working Group meets and develops a plan specific to the needs of racial and ethnic minority communities. This document is included within the NIH Plan for HIV Related research and can be seen at www.nih.gov/od/oar/public/pubs/fy2004/ix_raceethnic.pdf.

NIH and OAR are working to advance research and provide up-to-date information on treatment and prevention to communities of color.

The **Prevention Science Initiative (PSI)** program supports — through NIH Institutes and Centers — projects that focus on factors contributing to the disproportionate impact of HIV on racial and ethnic minorities and strategies for reducing the spread of HIV in those communities. The PSI program also examines primary prevention of HIV infection among different racial and ethnic minority populations, including women, gay men of color, and substance abusers, and translational research to disseminate and implement effective interventions in minority communities.

Curriculum-based AIDS information programs and modules continue to be made available nationwide, through Historically Black Colleges and Universities and other groups of minority health professionals, such as the National Association for Equal Opportunity in Higher Education.

Community Outreach Programs consist of:

- **Regional Technology Transfer Conferences** for individuals and groups that provide health care services to people living with HIV/AIDS;
- **Community Regional Training and Research Forums**, which are held in collaboration with the National Minority AIDS Council and provide training and education for community-based providers; and
- **Information Exhibits** that make information on NIH HIV-related research available at conferences and other venues.

Formal Collaborative Programs provide support for meetings between groups and organizations that share common goals to determine the potential effectiveness of collaborative projects. For example, support has been provided for the following programs of the National Minority AIDS Council: Internet-TV initiatives; WebMD Chat sessions (conference Web broadcasting) and “Meet the Expert” sessions; *HIV/AIDS in African-American Communities* video; the United States Conference on AIDS; Equal Access Initiative Computer Grants program; and Advisory Board meetings.

RESOURCES

Funding:

Funding information is available by calling the OAR.

Publications:

OAR makes available reports, news releases, and fact sheets on research programs; some documents are available in Spanish. Documents are also available through the OAR Web page. Research documents on AIDS drugs and clinical trials can be found on the Library of Medicine’s Publication Library page at www.pubmed.gov. Treatment information is available from AIDSinfo and the National AIDS Clearinghouse (see separate listings in the Clearinghouse section of the directory).

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The major functions of the Office include the following:

- Advising the Secretary and Assistant Secretary for Health on all HIV/AIDS-related scientific and policy matters, such as new developments and program activities within the areas of research, HIV prevention, HIV care and treatment, budget development and ensuring the effective and accountable management of all the Department's HIV/AIDS programs;
- Advising the Secretary and senior DHHS leadership on the establishment of critical Departmental priorities in order to build a

strong, comprehensive national response to the HIV epidemic, and on effective action in response to the global AIDS epidemic;

- Promoting coordination and collaboration among all DHHS agencies to maximize the effectiveness of policy and program efforts within the areas of HIV surveillance and prevention, the provision of health care and services, substance abuse prevention and treatment, research, the development and testing of new drugs, training of health professionals, and publicly funded insurance programs; and
- Serving as the focal point for HIV/AIDS activities within DHHS, and as a liaison with external professional, governmental, private, and nonprofit organizations, community-based organizations, and consumer groups, as well as other Federal departments and agencies to inform and advise on appropriate measures for addressing HIV/AIDS consistent with their organization's functional responsibilities.

Select key activities under OHAP leadership includes the supervision and consultation of The Leadership Campaign on AIDS, the Minority AIDS Initiative, and the Rapid Assessment, Response and Evaluation Initiative.

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The mission of the Office of Minority Health (OMH) is to improve the health of racial and ethnic minority populations through the development of health policies and programs that are effective in eliminating health disparities. These populations include American Indians and Alaska Natives, Asian Americans, African Americans, Hispanics/Latinos, Native Hawaiians, and other Pacific Islanders.

OMH works closely with other DHHS divisions and their minority health representatives. Regional minority health consultants serve as OMH representatives in the 10 DHHS regional offices. OMH also works closely with established State offices of minority health, as well as community-based organizations, national minority organizations, profession-

al associations, educational institutions, and others. OMH strives to ensure that programs, policies, and data address the needs of racial and ethnic minorities at the Federal, State, and local levels. OMH has played a role in developing and implementing activities and programs related to the "DHHS Initiative to Eliminate Racial and Ethnic Disparities in Health," *Healthy People 2010*, and the Minority AIDS Initiative (MAI).

OMH coordinates the Department's efforts to implement the White House Initiative on Historically Black Colleges and Universities, the Executive Order on Educational Excellence for Hispanic Americans, the White House Initiative on Tribal Colleges and Universities, and the White House Initiative on Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders. It staffs the Advisory Committee on Minority Health, which advises the Secretary on minority health activities throughout the Department.

Office of Minority Health Resource Center

Established in 1987, the Resource Center serves as a national resource and referral service on minority health issues. It collects, distributes, and facilitates the exchange of information on a variety of health topics, and supports DHHS campaigns such as Closing the Health Gap. The Resource Center offers customized database searches, publications, mailing lists, and referrals on health issues affecting minority populations. With funding from the MAI, the Resource Center offers an expanded range of HIV/AIDS publications, Web-based information services, and technical assistance to minority communities. News, selected publications, and databases are available at www.omhrc.gov. All publications and services are free of charge and can be obtained by calling 800-444-6472 between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m. EST. Spanish-speaking information specialists are available.

MINORITY HIV/AIDS PROGRAMS AND INITIATIVES

The following OMH grants were awarded in 2002.

The Minority Community Health Coalition Demonstration Grants support local coalitions working to increase HIV awareness and improve access to HIV testing, counseling, and treatment services. Each coalition must include one organization with extensive experience in serving people living with HIV, one AIDS service organization, and one organization with no HIV/AIDS expertise.

Health Disparities in Minority Health Grants strengthen efforts by local service providers and faith-based and Tribal organizations to reduce high-risk behaviors, including those that contribute to HIV infection, in communities of color.

State and Territorial Minority HIV/AIDS Demonstration Grants provide support to State offices of minority health in coordinating local access to resources and information that can identify and address HIV/AIDS needs. The grants also enable access to Federal technical assistance for community-based providers.

Technical Assistance and Capacity Development Grants for HIV/AIDS are made to organizations that provide technical assistance and mentoring to community-based AIDS service organizations serving minority clients.

OMH also supports AIDS-related projects through 16 umbrella Cooperative Agreements. Activities include providing minority leaders with technical assistance, summarizing HIV/AIDS minority-related research, and providing technical assistance to communities that are severely impacted by the AIDS epidemic.

RESOURCES

Publications:

OMH's *Closing the Gap* newsletter addresses a broad range of health issues affecting minority

populations, and its *HIV Impact* newsletter focuses exclusively on HIV issues. *A Pocket Guide to Minority Health Resources* is updated annually. These and other OMH publications are available free of charge. For more information, call 800-444-6472 (English and Spanish) or go to www.omhrc.gov.

Technical Assistance/Training:

The OMH Resource Center provides capacity building and specialized technical assistance services to smaller, underserved community-based AIDS service providers. Assistance is provided in areas such as infrastructure development, cultural competency, community outreach, program design, communications, and training. In addition, OMH coordinates a network of health professionals who volunteer to provide technical assistance. The Resource Center also makes available the Resource Persons Network (RPN), a group of health professionals from a wide variety of organizations that donate their technical assistance services.

DATA SOURCES

OMH maintains information on Federal and State minority health data, but does not conduct health surveys.

Office of Public Health and Science

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The Regional Resource Network (RRN) is a national demonstration project funded through the Minority AIDS Initiative (MAI). As a unique and successful example of a public/private venture, the RRN addresses health disparities among racial and ethnic minorities by fostering capacity-building of small, community-based organizations in areas where the impact of HIV/AIDS, STDs, and unwanted pregnancies is disproportionate. The project focuses on improving the comprehensiveness, quality and coordination of HIV/AIDS services by bringing together community-based organizations (CBOs), primarily those providing support services to communities of color, into Federal regional planning and networking efforts.

The RRN provides the following:

- A State-based resource directory listing of community-based HIV/AIDS programs (the national directory is available at www.cicatelli.org/rm);
- Capacity-building awards; and
- Technical assistance provided directly or through referral to Federal, State, or local providers.

RESOURCES

Funding:

Awards are a minimum of \$2,500 and a maximum of \$10,000 for capacity-building activities within smaller agencies and organizations. Eligible organizations:

- Have an operating budget under \$750,000;
- Have been in existence for more than one year;
- Have 501 (C) (3) status;
- Provide HIV/AIDS services to minority populations; and
- Do not receive other funding from DHHS/OMH.

In addition, organizations selected are those serving racial and ethnic minorities in high-incidence communities. For more information, contact the Regional Resource Coordinator in your area.

Publications:

The RRN offers regionally based resource handbooks that list CBOs providing support and ancillary services to individuals with, and affected by, HIV/AIDS. A skills building/technical assistance manual will be available through the RRN Web site in 2003.

Technical Assistance:

The RRN provides technical assistance and training directly and through arrangements with regional or local providers. For more information on services and information, contact your Regional Representative.

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PROGRAM INFORMATION

The Office of Population Affairs (OPA) provides resources and policy advice on population, family planning, reproductive health, and adolescent pregnancy issues. OPA administers two programs that provide services to underserved populations.

The **Title X Family Planning Program** supports grants to provide comprehensive family planning and reproductive health services to all persons. These grants support basic gynecological care, screening for reproductive cancers and general medical screening, basic infertility services, prevention education, contraceptive services and supplies, and STD and HIV counseling, screening, and referrals. The program gives priority to persons from low-income families, provides free services to individuals living at or below 100 percent of the Federal poverty level, and assesses a sliding fee scale for those from 100 - 250 percent of poverty. The program sponsors a variety of continuing education programs for all levels of family planning providers each year. In addition, the program maintains a clearinghouse for information and educational

materials on family planning and reproductive health, and supports a research program focusing on family planning service delivery improvement.

The **Title XX Adolescent Family Life Program** supports grants for demonstration projects in two categories: (1) developing innovative programs to provide health, education, and social services to pregnant and parenting adolescents, their infants, male partners, and families; and (2) developing and testing programs for pre-adolescents, adolescents (both male and female) and their families, to delay the onset of adolescent sexual activity and thus reduce the incidence of pregnancy, STD infection, and HIV/AIDS. The program also supports research grants in the areas of adolescent sexuality, pregnancy and parenting that investigate the factors influencing adolescent sexual, contraceptive and fertility behaviors, as well as the nature and effectiveness of services for pregnant and parenting adolescents.

RESOURCES

Funding:

OPA allocates funds to 10 DHHS Regional Offices that administer the Family Planning Services Program. Grants are available to State and local health departments, nonprofit family planning councils, Planned Parenthood affiliates, and other public and private entities that provide family planning services. The Adolescent Life Program provides demonstration grants to schools, universities, hospitals, public health departments, and community agencies.

Publications:

The OPA Clearinghouse collects, develops, and distributes information on family planning, adolescent pregnancy, abstinence, adoption, reproductive health care and STDs, including HIV/AIDS. For information, contact the Office of Population Affairs Clearinghouse at 866-640-PUBS (7827) or 866-292-FAXX (3299).

Office of Public Health and Science (OPHS)

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PROGRAM INFORMATION

The mission of the Office of Public Health and Science (OPHS), Office on Women's Health (OWH) is to improve the health and well being of women across the lifespan by coordinating women's health programs, promoting health education and disease prevention, and leading efforts and fostering partnerships to eliminate health disparities for women.

OWH Collaborative Group on Women and HIV/AIDS.

Formed in 1997, the OWH Collaborative Group on Women and HIV/AIDS is a broad cross section of consumers and HIV/AIDS service providers in public, private, and nonprofit sectors. This group meets annually to explore issues critical to women infected and impacted by HIV/AIDS, and to propose potential collaborations and partnerships to address the ongoing epidemic of HIV/AIDS in the lives of American women. The Collaborative Group focuses on prevention and education, care and treatment, young women, and research.

Minority AIDS Initiative: Women and HIV/AIDS

Programs. OWH receives funding from the Minority AIDS Initiative to develop the following

two "gender-centered" demonstration projects to address persistent gaps in HIV/AIDS health care needs and services for women.

- The Incarcerated and Newly Released Women with HIV/AIDS/STDs Program funds demonstration projects to build a continuum of health care and support services provided for incarcerated and newly released minority women living with HIV/AIDS/STDs.
- The Model Mentorship Program for Strengthening Organizational Capacity funds demonstration projects for mentorship between minority health organizations and community-based organizations (CBOs). Both mentoring partners receive funding. Programmatic, administrative, fiscal and technical assistance is provided to expand organizational capacity for delivering HIV/AIDS services. Through mentoring, small organizations become better prepared to operate and implement successful HIV/AIDS programs independently.

OWH Women and HIV/AIDS Programs: HIV/AIDS and Women in the Rural South Program funds demonstration projects for CBOs to provide "gender-centered" HIV/AIDS prevention education services to women living in the rural South.

HIV/AIDS and Young Women Pilot Program is a national HIV/AIDS/STDs and violence prevention education program targeted at minority women ages 18–25 to increase HIV and violence prevention knowledge and reduce the risk of contracting HIV. To initiate this program in FY 2003, OWH is collaborating with the National Black Women's Health Project in Washington, DC.

The Minority Women's Health Panel of Experts was established in response to OWH's 1997 conference, "Bridging the Gap: Enhancing Partnerships to Improve Minority Women's Health." OWH established a female panel of minority health experts to provide input to, and serve as a resource for, DHHS and OWH minority women's health initiatives.

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Since its inception in 1992, the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) has supported HIV/AIDS-related activities through its three Centers. The Center for Mental Health Services (CMHS) has supported a portfolio of projects designed to educate and train traditional and nontraditional mental health care providers to address the mental health needs of HIV-infected persons and those at high risk for HIV infection. More than 150,000 mental health care providers have received specialized training with funding provided by CMHS.

SAMHSA's Center for Substance Abuse Prevention (CSAP) has supported HIV prevention activities targeting high-risk adolescents through its High-Risk Youth Program. SAMHSA's Center for Substance Abuse Treatment (CSAT) supports HIV/AIDS-related activities through demonstration programs and the Substance Abuse Prevention and Treatment (SAPT) Block Grant.

SAMHSA receives funding from the Minority AIDS Initiative to fund comprehensive substance abuse treatment and prevention programs for certain

minority populations at risk for, or living with, HIV. SAMHSA is in a unique position of leadership to address the interconnectedness of mental health, substance abuse, and HIV. SAMHSA's Office of Program Policy and Budget has been restructured to address a number of priorities and cross-cutting issues that will serve to focus the agency's planning and programming for the coming years, with an emphasis on translating science into service delivery approaches. These include:

- HIV/AIDS and Hepatitis C;
- Co-occurring Disorders;
- Substance Abuse Treatment Capacity;
- Seclusion and Restraint;
- Prevention and Early Intervention;
- Children and Families;
- The New Freedom Initiative;
- Terrorism/Bio-Terrorism;
- Homelessness;
- Aging; and
- Criminal Justice.

SAMHSA continues to work on better integration of HIV, substance abuse, and mental health services. The agency is conducting joint initiatives with the CDC and HRSA to improve State and community-based efforts to coordinate services. The agency is also working with national associations, consumers, public health agencies, and community leaders to develop models for funding integrated services.

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The Center for Mental Health Services (CMHS) leads Federal efforts to prevent and treat mental illnesses. CMHS HIV/AIDS programs work to ensure the delivery of HIV prevention and education services, and mental health treatment to people living with HIV.

In 2001, CMHS initiated the **Mental Health HIV Services Collaborative Program**, a cooperative agreement grant program designed to address the unmet mental health treatment needs of HIV-positive individuals from communities of color. Twenty-one community-based organizations received five-year grants to expand their current service capacity to reach and provide coordinated mental health services to HIV-positive individuals with diagnosed mental illnesses. In addition, these programs provide mental health case management and “active” referral to, and tracking of, other health and support services.

Anticipated outcomes of the program include:

- Increased capacity to deliver mental health services to persons of color with HIV/AIDS;
- Identification of culturally appropriate treatment strategies in a variety of settings;
- Increased understanding of how community-based programs treat and engage persons of color;
- Identification of the types and frequency with which certain communities access mental health services; and
- Identification of the types of mental health providers needed in traditional and nontraditional settings.

A coordinating center provides technical assistance in the development and enhancement of culturally competent and individualized mental health treatment of HIV-positive individuals. It supports and conducts the collection and analysis of process and descriptive information and data common to all sites. The coordinating center also provides both individual and multisite technical assistance in the implementation of programs, including assistance with issues of recruitment, evaluation, and outcome assessment.

The **Mental Health Care Provider Education in HIV/AIDS Program** promotes training opportunities for mental health specialists who work with HIV-positive clients. The program disseminates information on state-of-the-art approaches for identifying and treating the impact of HIV/AIDS on client mental health, and strategies for resolving ethical issues related to treating HIV-positive clients. For more information contact Barbara Silver, Program Director at 301-443-7817.

The **Treatment Adherence, Health Outcomes and Cost Study** is designed to assess the health outcomes and cost benefits of integrated HIV/AIDS, substance abuse, and mental health services. The study is being conducted in collaboration with HRSA and NIH in eight sites across the country, with information being collected on more than 1,000 participants. For more information, contact Mary Kipmeyer, Study Director at 301-443-0688.

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PROGRAM INFORMATION

The **Center for Substance Abuse Treatment (CSAT)** works cooperatively across the private and public treatment spectrum to identify, develop, and support policies, approaches, and programs that enhance and expand treatment services for individuals who abuse alcohol and other drugs. CSAT administers the following programs.

The **Substance Abuse Prevention and Treatment Block Grant (SAPT)** is a formula grant available to States on an annual basis. It is the cornerstone of public funding for substance abuse treatment programs, accounting for approximately 40 percent of all public funds spent on prevention activities and treatment services at the State level. Funding policy for this grant requires that States set aside 2–5 percent of their allocation for at least one project that provides HIV early intervention services to individuals undergoing substance abuse treatment.

Targeted Capacity Expansion is a discretionary (competitive) grant program designed to provide rapid and strategic responses to the demand for substance abuse treatment services that are more local and regional in nature.

MINORITY HIV/AIDS PROGRAMS AND INITIATIVES

CSAT programs that target minority communities for treatment and prevention services include the following.

Targeted Capacity Expansion Program for Substance Abuse Treatment and HIV/AIDS Services is designed to enhance and expand substance abuse treatment and services (including outreach) related to HIV/AIDS in African-American, Hispanic/Latino, and other minority communities affected by the twin epidemics of substance abuse and HIV/AIDS. The program addresses gaps in substance abuse treatment capacity, and increases the accessibility and availability of substance abuse treatment and related HIV/AIDS services (including other STDs, tuberculosis, and Hepatitis B and C) to African-American, Hispanic/Latino, and other racial/ethnic minority substance abusers.

RESOURCES

Funding:

Funding opportunities are announced each fiscal year in the Federal Register.

Publications:

CSAT's major publications are the Treatment Improvement Protocols (TIPs) and Technical Assistance Protocols (TAPs). TIPs result from a systematic and innovative process, which brings together clinicians, researchers, program managers, policymakers, and other Federal and non-Federal experts to reach consensus on state-of-the-art treatment practices. TAPs are compilations of written materials gathered from various Federal, State, programmatic and clinical sources. TAPs provide practical guidance and information related to the delivery of treatment services to individuals suffering from alcohol and other drug abuse disorders. These publications are available from the National Clearinghouse for Alcohol and Drug Information (NCADI) at ncadi.samhsa.gov.

Technical Assistance/Training:

CSAT's Division of State and Community Assistance (DSCA) administers an extensive technical assistance program funded from the SAPT Block Grant set-aside. Technical assistance is made available to the States and their block grant subrecipients.

DSCA also maintains the Treatment Improvement Exchange, a resource that provides information exchange between CSAT staff and State and local alcohol and substance abuse agencies. CSAT also supports 14 regionally dispersed Addiction Technology Transfer Centers, which provide "best practice" information to administrators and staff of substance abuse treatment programs.

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MINORITY HIV/AIDS PROGRAMS AND INITIATIVES

The **Substance Abuse Prevention and HIV Prevention Initiative** is designed to address the disproportionate impact of HIV disease on African Americans, Latinos, Native Americans, and Asians/Pacific Islanders. The program's approach incorporates capacity expansion, ethnographic research, coalition building, policy development, and education and awareness.

The Targeted Capacity Expansion Cooperative Agreements for Substance Abuse and HIV/AIDS

Prevention are aimed at increasing the capacity of communities of color to provide integrated/cross-trained substance abuse and HIV prevention services. The program promotes the selection, adoption/adaptation, implementation, and evaluation of interventions that are age, language, and culturally appropriate, and gender- and sexual orientation-specific. The program promotes leadership development and program partnership to develop the infrastructure necessary for providing sustained substance abuse and HIV prevention services.

RESOURCES

Funding:

Funding opportunities are announced each fiscal year in the Federal Register.

Publications:

CSAP operates the National Clearinghouse for Alcohol and Drug Information (ncadi.samhsa.gov), which disseminates publications in English and Spanish. See the individual listing located in the Clearinghouse section of the directory.

Technical Assistance/Training:

CSAP's Division of Knowledge Application and Systems Improvement offers technical assistance to potential applicants for integrated substance abuse and HIV prevention activities. CSAP's Division of State and Community Systems Development provides technical assistance to States and communities. Also, the Regional Centers for the Application of Prevention Technologies provide States and communities with training and technical assistance on science-based substance abuse prevention strategies.



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PROGRAM INFORMATION

The Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) is the Federal agency responsible for national policies and programs that address America's housing needs, improve and develop the nation's communities, and enforce fair housing laws. In December 1996, HUD developed the National AIDS Strategy, the goal of which is to ensure that all people living with HIV have access to services — from health care to housing — and supportive services that are affordable, of high quality, and responsive to their needs.

As part of this goal, HUD's **Office of Community Planning and Development** administers the **Housing Opportunities for Persons with AIDS (HOPWA) Grant Program**. HOPWA provides housing assistance and supportive services for low-income people living with HIV and their families. The program administers both formula and competitive grants available to States and urban areas that can devise long-term comprehensive plans for meeting the housing and related needs (e.g., short-term rent, utility payments) of people living with HIV and their families.

Grantees may use HOPWA funds for a broad range of housing services, including:

- Emergency shelter;
- Shared housing, apartments, or group homes;
- Housing-related expenses, social services, and program development costs; and
- Supportive services (e.g., health/mental health services, chemical dependency treatment, case management).

In addition, in very limited case-by-case circumstances and only with approval from HUD, grantees may use HOPWA funds to pay for pharmaceutical treatments for patients. Guidance on this issue is available by contacting the Office of HIV/AIDS Housing at the address and number provided.

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HOPWA is part of the Consolidated Plan administered by the Community Development and Planning Office. The plan provides a framework for the process used by States and localities to identify housing, homeless, community, and economic development needs and the resources and strategic plan for meeting those needs. Under the Consolidated Plan's guidelines, entities applying for grants must show a plan for citizen participation, including minority and non-English speaking individuals and groups.

RESOURCES

Funding:

HUD funds HOPWA through the following grants:

- **Formula grants** to cities with a population of more than 500,000 and at least 1,500 cumulative AIDS cases, and to States with more than 1,500 cumulative AIDS cases in areas outside cities eligible to receive HOPWA funding;

- **Competitive grants** to State and local governments that do not qualify for formula grants and to nonprofit organizations; and
- **Technical assistance grants** to State and local governments and to nonprofit organizations.

Inquiries regarding these grants should be addressed to the Office of HIV/AIDS Housing.

Publications:

Publications are available through Community Connections, P.O. Box 7189, Gaithersburg, MD 20898-7189; phone: 800-998-9999; fax: 301-519-5027; TDD: 800-483-2209; Web page: www.comcon.org.

Technical Assistance/Training:

Technical assistance is provided by Community Connections, the Information Center of HUD, and the Community Planning and Development Office. The Center makes available copies of program regulations, descriptions of model programs, case studies of affordable housing initiatives, publications on expanding affordable housing opportunities, funding information, training and conference announcements, and referrals to technical assistance providers.

General information on housing and AIDS is also available from the following organizations:

AIDS Housing of Washington, Inc.
 ATTN: David Chamberlain, Director of Technical Assistance
 2014 East Madison
 Suite 200
 Seattle, WA 98122
 T: 206-322-9444
 F: 206-322-9298

The AIDS Housing Corporation
 ATTN: Joe Carleo, Executive Director
 29 Stanhope
 Boston, MA 02116
 T: 617-927-0088
 F: 617-927-0852
 TTY: 617-927-9576

Bailey House, Inc.
 ATTN: Jeanne Bergmann, Deputy Director, TAPE
 275 Seventh Avenue
 12th Floor
 New, York, NY 10001
 T: 212-633-2500
 F: 212-633-2932

The Center for Urban Community Services, Inc.
 ATTN: Anthony Hannigan
 120 Wall Street
 25th Floor
 New York, NY 10005
 T: 212-801-3300
 F: 212-801-3325

The Enterprise Foundation
 ATTN: Ellen Johnson
 1801 William Street
 Denver, CO 80218
 T: 303-573-1571
 F: 303-573-1574

Computer Sciences Corporation
 ATTN: Vera Perez, HOPWA Task Leader
 C/O HUD, Room 7172
 451 Seventh Street, SW
 Washington, DC 20410
 T: 202-708-0614 ext. 4786

DATA SOURCES

Contact HUD representative listed above for further information.

Department of Veterans Affairs (VA)

Public Health Strategic Health Care Group (PHSHCG)

Address: 810 Vermont Avenue, N.W.
Room 858
Washington, DC 20420
Telephone: 202-273-8567
Fax: 202-273-6243
Web Page: www.publichealth.va.gov

CONTACT INFORMATION

Contact Person: Lawrence R. Deyton, M.S.P.H., M.D.,
Director
Telephone: 202-273-8567
E-mail: dr.bopper.deyton@hq.med.va.gov

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The mission of the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) HIV/Hepatitis C Program within the Public Health Strategic Health Care Group (PHSHCG) is to provide the highest quality, comprehensive care to veterans with HIV and Hepatitis C and to disseminate models of care for other health care systems. This includes optimization of patient care, clinician and patient education, prevention activities and research directed at continuous improvement of medical and preventive services, and delivery of care to veterans.

The VA is the largest integrated health care system in the nation, with 172 hospitals, over 600 clinics, domiciliary programs, and long-term care facilities. The VA is the largest single provider of HIV care in the country, providing care to more than 19,000 veterans in 2002. The system integrates HIV-related services, such as substance abuse and mental health treatment, homeless programs, and pharmacy services. All licensed drugs are on the VA formulary, and the system works to ensure access to

medications and consistent care throughout its provider network.

The **AIDS Information Center** disseminates comprehensive scientific, medical, and psychosocial information about HIV disease throughout the VA medical system to aid staff development and understanding of HIV/AIDS care. The Center coordinates and disseminates information about PHSHCG initiatives to internal and external audiences.

The **Center for Quality Management in Public Health** works to ensure high-quality HIV care to clients through quality management techniques and translation of science into practice. The VA uses a real-time, clinical HIV database and continually reviews and reports on service utilization and patient outcome data.

The **Quality Enhancement Research Initiative (QUERI)** is a VA clinical research program that fosters collaboration among researchers, clinicians, and administrative staff for the rapid application of research into quality improvement strategies. The program's eight clinical areas of focus include HIV/AIDS.

The **Public Health National Prevention Program** plans, develops, and oversees health care policies and research related to HIV prevention throughout the VA health care system. The program provides ongoing clinical consultation on HIV prevention and risk reduction to VA health care providers in a variety of settings, such as acute care, mental health, substance abuse, homeless, and readjustment counseling programs. The program holds a monthly national HIV Prevention conference call that provides technical assistance and support to VA clinicians to help them integrate HIV prevention strategies into routine clinical practice.

First established in 1992, the **Immunology Case Registry (ICR)** is a national database containing

demographics, diagnoses, resource utilization, pharmacy, and laboratory data on nearly 50,000 HIV patients in the VA system. The registry conducts local and national tracking of veterans by severity of the disease, and is used to help monitor and improve the HIV care provided through the VA system. The database uses no personal identifiers in order to maintain patient confidentiality.

The California-based **Center for HIV Research Resources** (CHRR) promotes partnerships between funding agencies and VA researchers to improve HIV care and treatment quality. The CHRR assesses the research and clinical trial experience of all current VA clinical HIV programs in an effort to determine their potential to conduct and support a variety of research initiatives.

PHSHCG conducts **provider education and training** through national conferences, audio conferences, training, and the provision of educational materials to build provider knowledge of the latest and best treatments and strategies for providing HIV and Hepatitis C care.

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The VA system provides services to a vast number of minority clients infected with HIV, Hepatitis C, or both. Nearly 56 percent of the 19,457 veterans treated in fiscal year 2002 were from communities of color.

RESOURCES

Publications:

The **AIDS Information Center** disseminates the biweekly, electronic newsletter *VA/Hepatitis C News Service* to staff throughout the VA medical system. This publication is available at www.publichealth.va.gov.



CLEARINGHOUSES AND HOTLINES

CDC National Prevention Information Network (NPIN)

Address: P.O. Box 6003
Rockville, MD 20849-6003
Telephone: 800-458-5231 (English and Spanish)
Fax: 888-282-7681
Web Page: www.cdcnpin.org

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Sponsoring Agency:

The National Center for HIV, STD, and TB Prevention at the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

Description:

The National Prevention Information Network (NPIN) is the national reference, referral, and distribution service for information on HIV/AIDS, STDs, and TB. Services are designed to facilitate the sharing of information and resources among people working in HIV, STD, and/or TB prevention, treatment, and support service programs.

NPIN services include the following:

- The **NPIN Faxback**, an automated service that faxes reports, fact sheets, and other publications related to HIV, STD, and TB prevention;
- **LISTSERV**, which sends a daily CDC HIV/STD/TB Prevention News Update by e-mail (to receive, send a blank message to: preventionnews-subscribe@cdcnpin.org);
- **References/Referrals** of up-to-date free educational materials, information about organizations that provide HIV/AIDS-, STD-, and TB-related services, and funding resources;
- **Resources/Training** information on HIV prevention, and education and training on how to use the library and other resources (Silver Spring, MD; Atlanta, GA; and Baltimore, MD, sites are open to visitors by appointment);
- **Online databases** with access to information on publications, Federal offices, private organizations, and national and international conferences; and

- **Minority HIV/AIDS Programs and Initiatives** information, publications in Spanish, and bilingual information specialists.

Libraries and Resource Centers:

CDC National Prevention Information Network (NPIN) Resource and Training Center

8401 Colesville Road
Suite 200
Silver Spring, MD 20910
T: 800-458-5231
F: 888-282-7681
TTY: 800-243-7012
Open Monday through Friday, 9 a.m.–6 p.m. EST

NPIN Resource and Training Center (CDC)

MS E-21
Atlanta, GA 30329
T: 404-639-2813
F: 404-639-2818
Open Monday through Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. EST

NPIN Resource and Training Center Johns Hopkins University Center for Communication Programs

111 Market Place
Suite 310
Baltimore, MD 21202
T: 410-659-6300
F: 410-659-6266
E-mail: mmc@jhucpp.org
Web Page: www.jhucpp.org/mmc/hiv/about.stm
Open Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. EST

AIDSinfo

Address: P.O. Box 6303
Rockville, MD 20849

Telephone: 800-HIV-0440 (English and Spanish)

TTY: 888-480-3379

Fax: 301-519-6616

Web Page: www.aidsinfo.nih.gov

E-mail: Contactus@idsinfo.nih.gov

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Sponsoring Agency:

The National Institutes of Health, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, the Health Resources and Services Administration, and the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services

Description:

AIDSinfo is a central resource for current information on Federally and privately funded clinical trials for AIDS patients and others infected with HIV. AIDS clinical trials evaluate experimental drugs and other therapies for adults and children at all stages of HIV infection. AIDSinfo is also the main dissemination point for Federally approved HIV treatment and prevention guidelines, information on current treatment regimens for HIV and AIDS-related illnesses, and information related to the prevention of HIV transmission from occupational exposure and mother-to-child transmission during pregnancy. The project also provides medical practice guidelines for both health care providers and consumers.

AIDSinfo combines services previously offered by the HIV/AIDS Clinical Trials Information Service and its sister service, the HIV/AIDS Treatment Information Service. The project has a free e-mail service, AIDSinfo E-news, where subscribers can get regular updates on treatment guidelines, AIDS-related news, and Web site information. The project's Web site is user-friendly, easy to navigate and features the Education and Research Center,

which contains brochures, fact sheets, resource listings and links to HIV/AIDS information.

English- and Spanish-speaking health information specialists are ready to answer questions and offer assistance with navigating the Web site.

Confidential responses are provided by phone, TTY/TDD, mail, and e-mail. Help Line hours are Monday–Friday, 12 p.m.–5 p.m. EST.

CDC National STD & AIDS Hotlines

Telephone: 800-342-2437
(HIV information in English)
800-227-8922
(STD information in English)
800-344-7432
(HIV and STD information in Spanish)
800-243-7889
(for the Deaf and hard of hearing)

Web Page: www.ashastd.org

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The Hotlines operate a Spanish-language information line and a TTY line (Deaf and hard of hearing) 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. The Web pages and publications are also available in Spanish.

There is also an enhanced Web page for the Deaf and hard of hearing, which offers answers to the most frequently asked questions through video streaming.

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Sponsoring Agency:

The National Center for HIV, STD, and TB Prevention, and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

Description:

The CDC National STD & AIDS Hotlines, including its Spanish Service and TTY Service (Deaf and hard of hearing) are operated under contract with the American Social Health Association.

The hotlines feature the following services.

- Health communication specialists are available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week to provide information on prevention, risk, testing, treatment, referrals, and other HIV- and STD-related concerns. The service will also send free publications through the mail.
- Educational materials on HIV/AIDS and other STDs are available, as are resources for youth, parents, and health professionals.
- Group Calls is a free confidential service that enables groups to call the CDC National STD & AIDS Hotlines and ask questions about HIV/AIDS and other STDs. Participants have the opportunity to ask HIV/STD-related questions during the call. Participants can also call back, in private, and talk about any aspect of HIV and other STDs. Calls can be scheduled day or night.

The National Clearinghouse for Alcohol and Drug Information (NCADI)

Address: 11426 Rockville Pike, Suite 200
Rockville, MD 20852

Telephone: 800-729-6686 (English and Spanish)

TDD: 800-487-4889

Fax: 301-468-6433

Web Page: ncadi.samhsa.gov

findings, and materials. The RADAR Network helps reduce overlap between Federal and State efforts, increase knowledge exchange on prevention strategies, and increase coordination between prevention efforts at the Federal, State, and local levels. For information, call 800-729-6686 ext. 5111.

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Sponsoring Agency:

Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA)

Description:

For 15 years, the National Clearinghouse for Alcohol and Drug Information (NCADI) has served as the Federal Government's single point of entry for comprehensive, user-friendly information on substance abuse prevention and treatment. Materials and information support a wide range of Federal programs focused on drug abuse prevention, control, and treatment.

NCADI's public library has more than 80,000 journals, newspapers, magazines, and reference books, plus equipment for reviewing audiotapes and videotapes. The Clearinghouse also provides access to 11 databases, including the Educational Resources Information Center of the Department of Education, the ETOH database of the National Institute on Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism, and the bibliographic database of CDC's Office of Smoking and Health. NCADI's own Prevention Materials Database lists more than 8,000 prevention products, such as curricula, videocassettes, posters, brochures, specialty items, and educational materials.

The **Regional Alcohol and Drug Awareness Resource (RADAR) Network** consists of more than 750 prevention information centers throughout the United States and abroad that provide information on current regulations, alcohol and drug use, scientific



APPENDICES

APPENDIX A: QUICK REFERENCE FOR AGENCY WEB PAGES

	Federal Agencies	Web Pages
ACF	Administration for Children and Families	www.acf.dhhs.gov
AOA	Administration on Aging	www.aoa.gov
AHRQ	Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality	www.ahrq.gov
CDC	Centers for Disease Control and Prevention	www.cdc.gov
	National Center for Chronic Disease Prevention and Health Promotion	www.cdc.gov/nccdphp
	National Center for HIV, STD, and TB Prevention	www.cdc.gov/nchstp/od/nchstp.html
DHHS	Department of Health and Human Services	www.dhhs.gov
FDA	Food and Drug Administration	www.fda.gov
CMS	Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services	www.cms.gov
HRSA	Health Resources and Services Administration	www.hab.hrsa.gov
	HIV/AIDS Bureau (HAB)	
HUD	Department of Housing and Urban Development	www.hud.gov/offices/cpd/aidshousing/programs/index.cfm
	Office of HIV/AIDS Housing	
IHS	Indian Health Service	www.ihs.gov
NIH	National Institutes of Health	www.nih.gov
	National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases (NIAID)	www.niaid.nih.gov
	National Institute of Child Health and Human Development (NICHD)	www.nichd.nih.gov
	National Institute on Drug Abuse (NIDA)	www.nida.nih.gov
	National Institute of Mental Health (NIMH)	www.nimh.nih.gov
	Office of AIDS Research (OAR)	www.nih.gov/od/oar
OPHS	Office of HIV/AIDS Policy (OHAP)	www.surgeongeneral.gov/aids/ohaphome
	Office of Minority Health (OMH)	www.omhrc.gov
	Office of Population Affairs (OPA)	opa.osophs.dhhs.gov
	Office on Women's Health (OWH)	www.4woman.gov/owh
SAMHSA	Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA)	www.samhsa.gov
	Center for Mental Health Services (CMHS)	www.samhsa.gov/centers/cmhs/cmhs.html
	Center for Substance Abuse Treatment (CSAT)	www.samhsa.gov/centers/csats/csats.html
	Center for Substance Abuse Prevention (CSAP)	www.samhsa.gov/centers/csap/csap.html

APPENDIX B: QUICK REFERENCE FOR HEALTH INFORMATION AND CLEARINGHOUSES

HIV/AIDS/STD INFORMATION

CDC National Prevention Information Network (NPIN)/National AIDS Clearinghouse

- 800-458-5231
- www.cdcnpin.org

CDC National STD & AIDS Hotlines

- 800-342-AIDS(2437) (HIV/AIDS information in English)
- 800-227-8922 (STD information in English)
- 800-344-SIDA(7432) (HIV/AIDS/STD information in Spanish)
- 800-AIDS-TTY (243-7889) (HIV/AIDS/STD information for the hearing impaired)
- www.ashastd.org

AIDSinfo

- 800-HIV-0440 (English and Spanish)
- 888-480-3379
- 301-519-6616
- www.aidsinfo.nih.gov
- Contactus@aidinfo.nih.gov

DRUG ABUSE

National Clearinghouse for Alcohol and Drug Information (NCADI)

- 800-729-6686 (Information in English and Spanish)
- www.ncadi.samhsa.gov

GENERAL HEALTH

Office of Disease Prevention and Health Promotion (ODPHP)

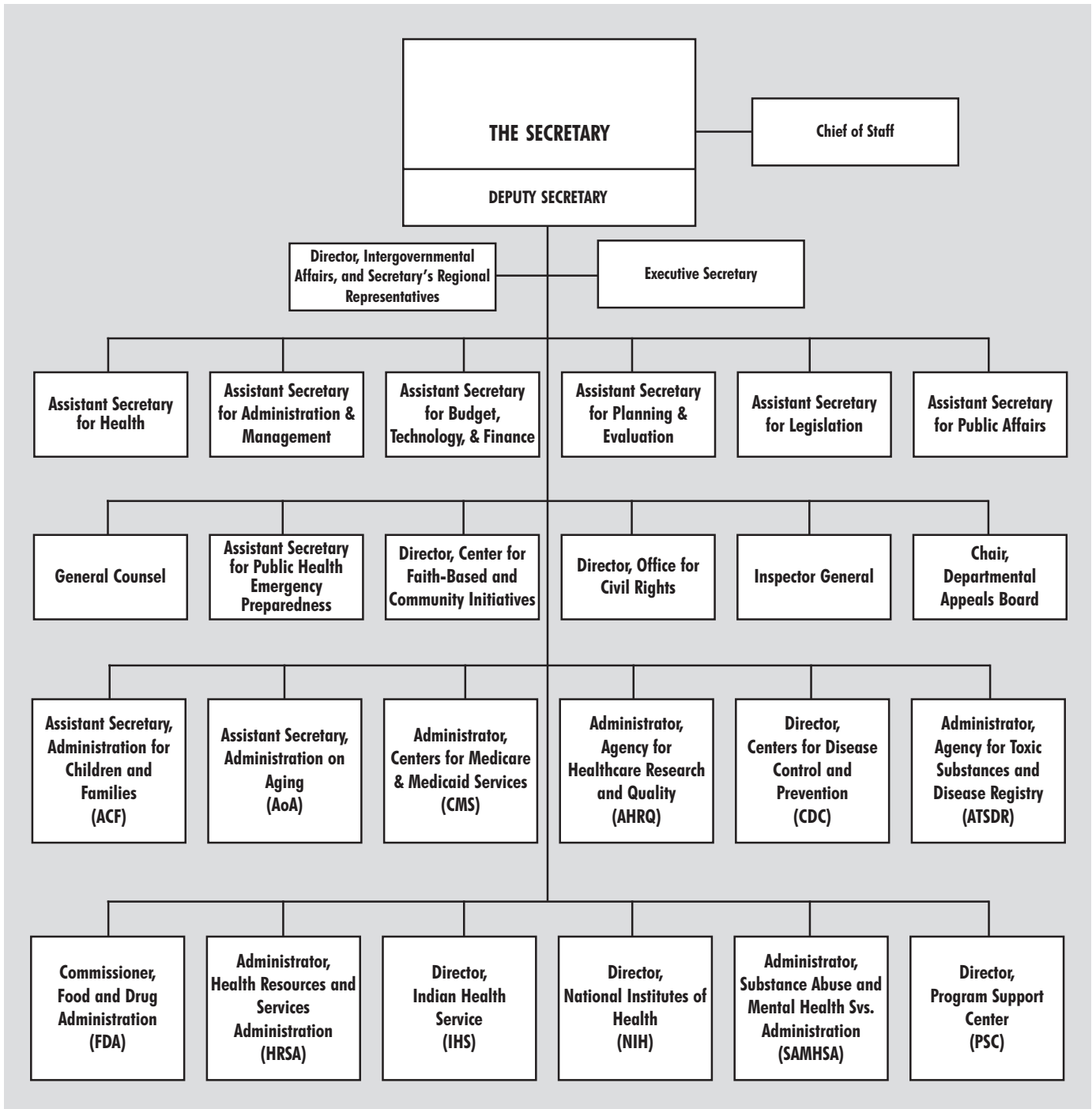
- 800-336-4797 (National Health Information Center)
- www.health.gov/nhic
- 202-205-9478 (Healthy People 2010)
- www.healthypeople.gov

Office of Minority Health Resource Center (OMHRC)

- 800-444-6472 (English and Spanish)
- www.omhrc.gov

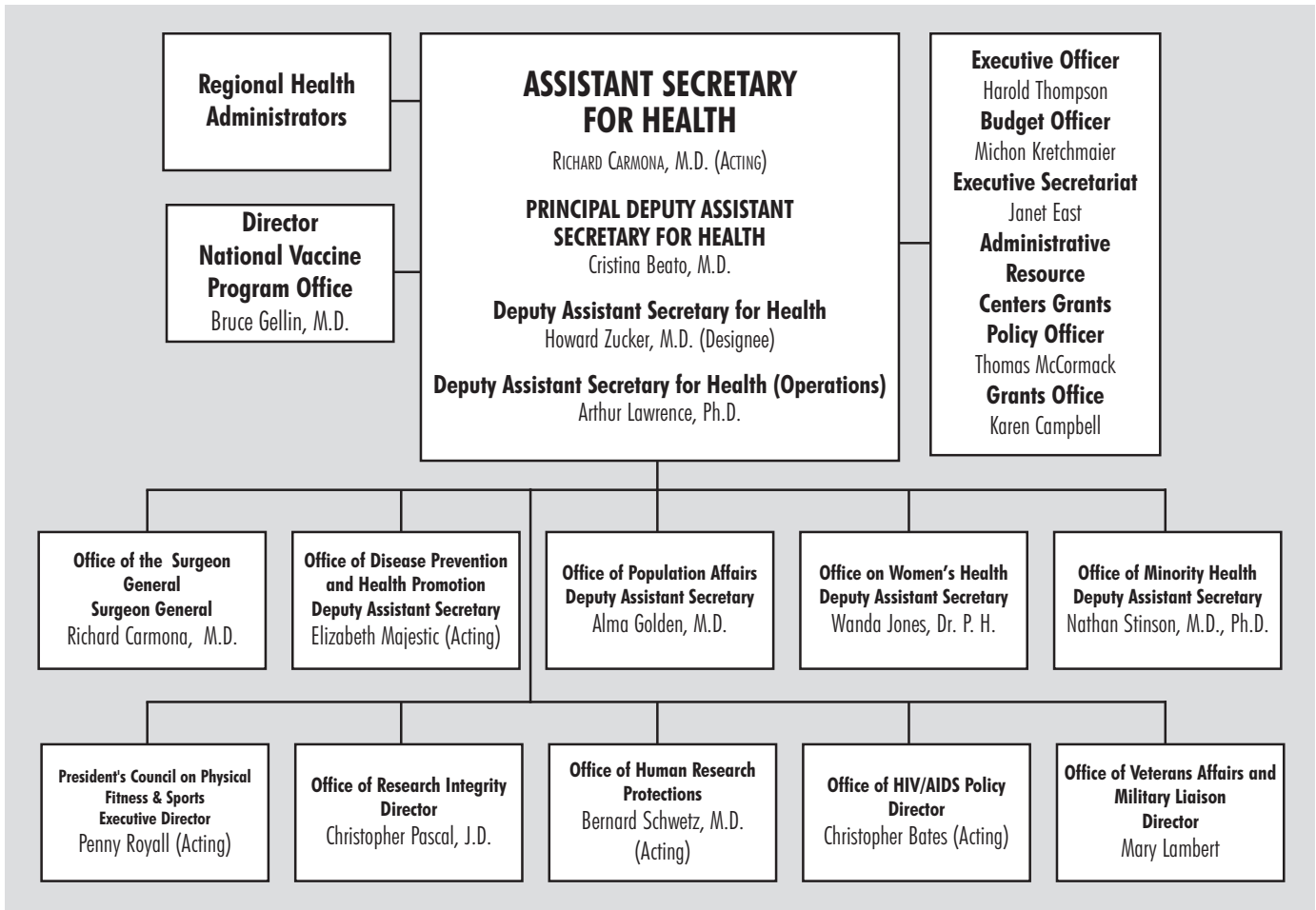
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Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS)



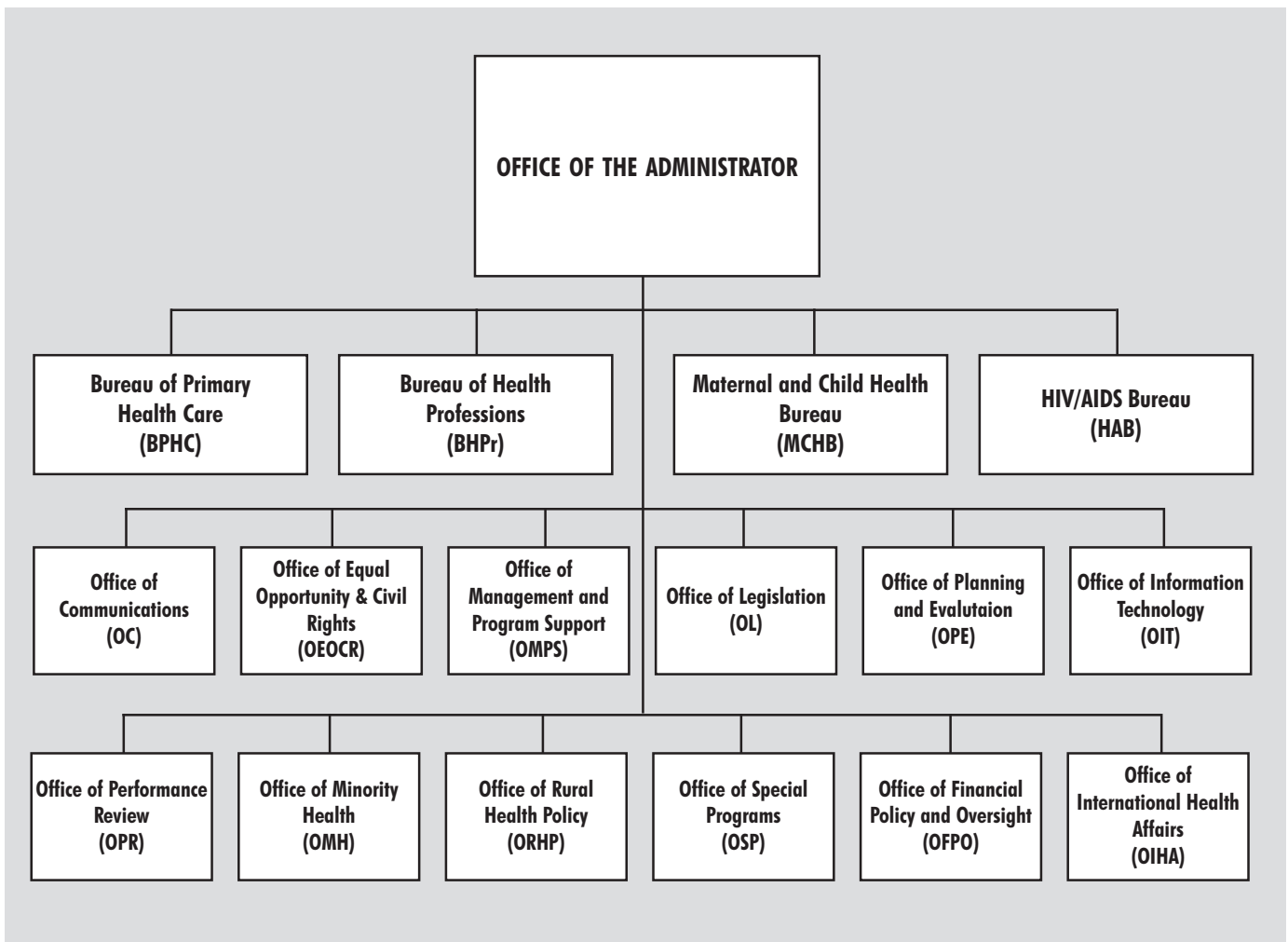
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DHHS Office of Public Health and Science (OPHS)

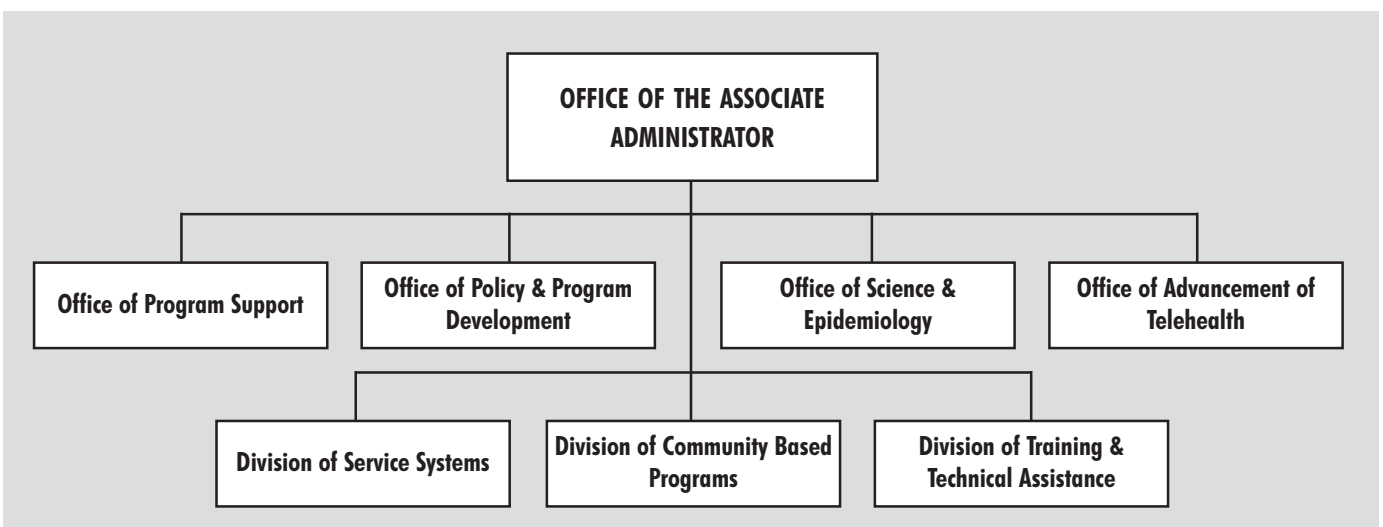


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DHHS Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA)

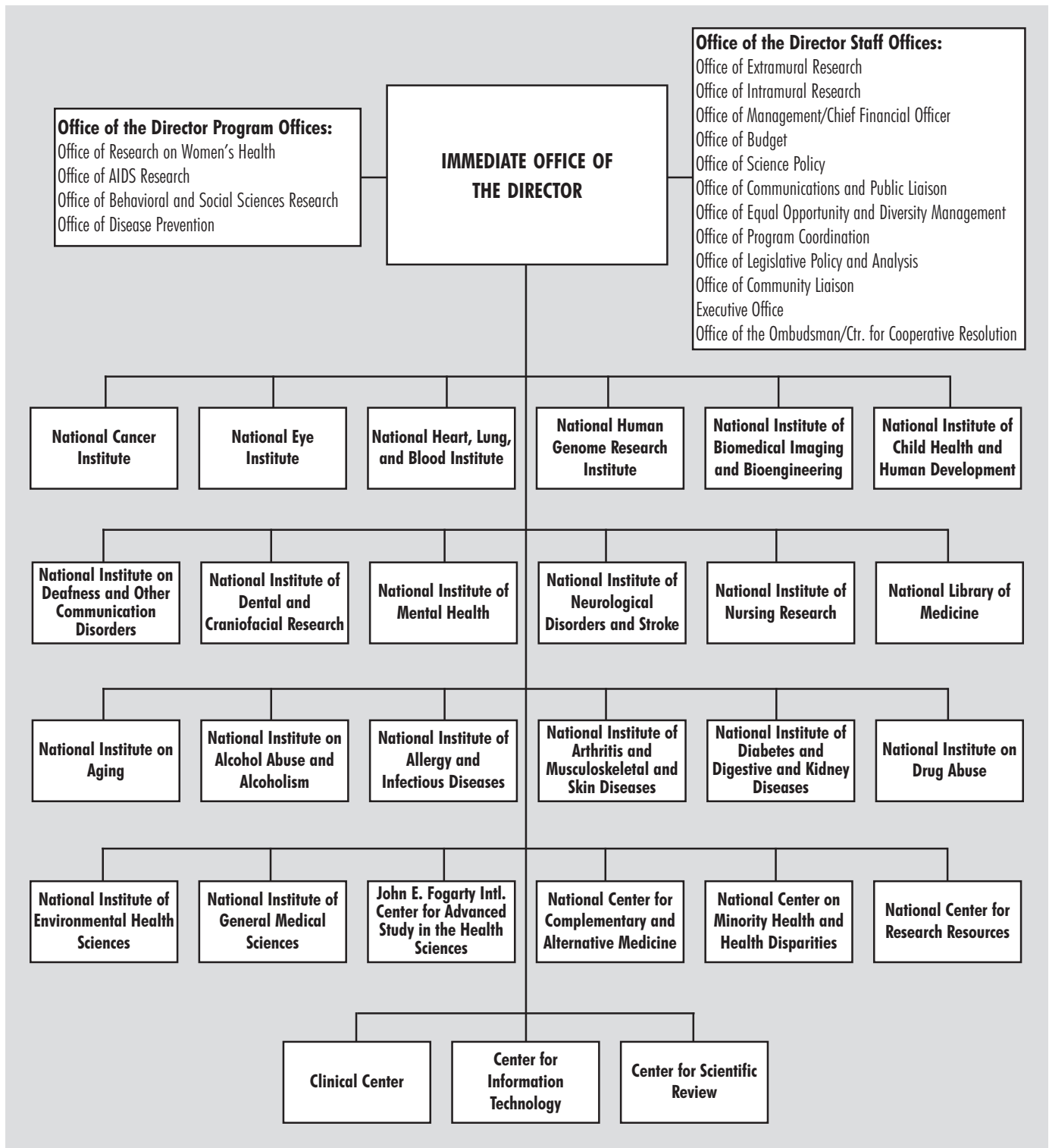


HRSA HIV/AIDS Bureau (HAB)



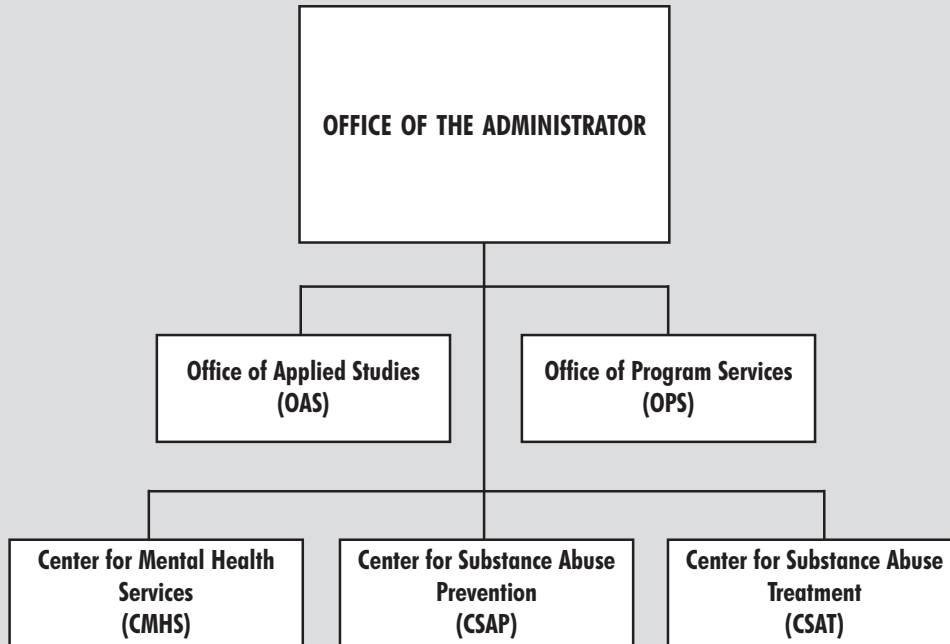
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DHHS National Institutes of Health (NIH)



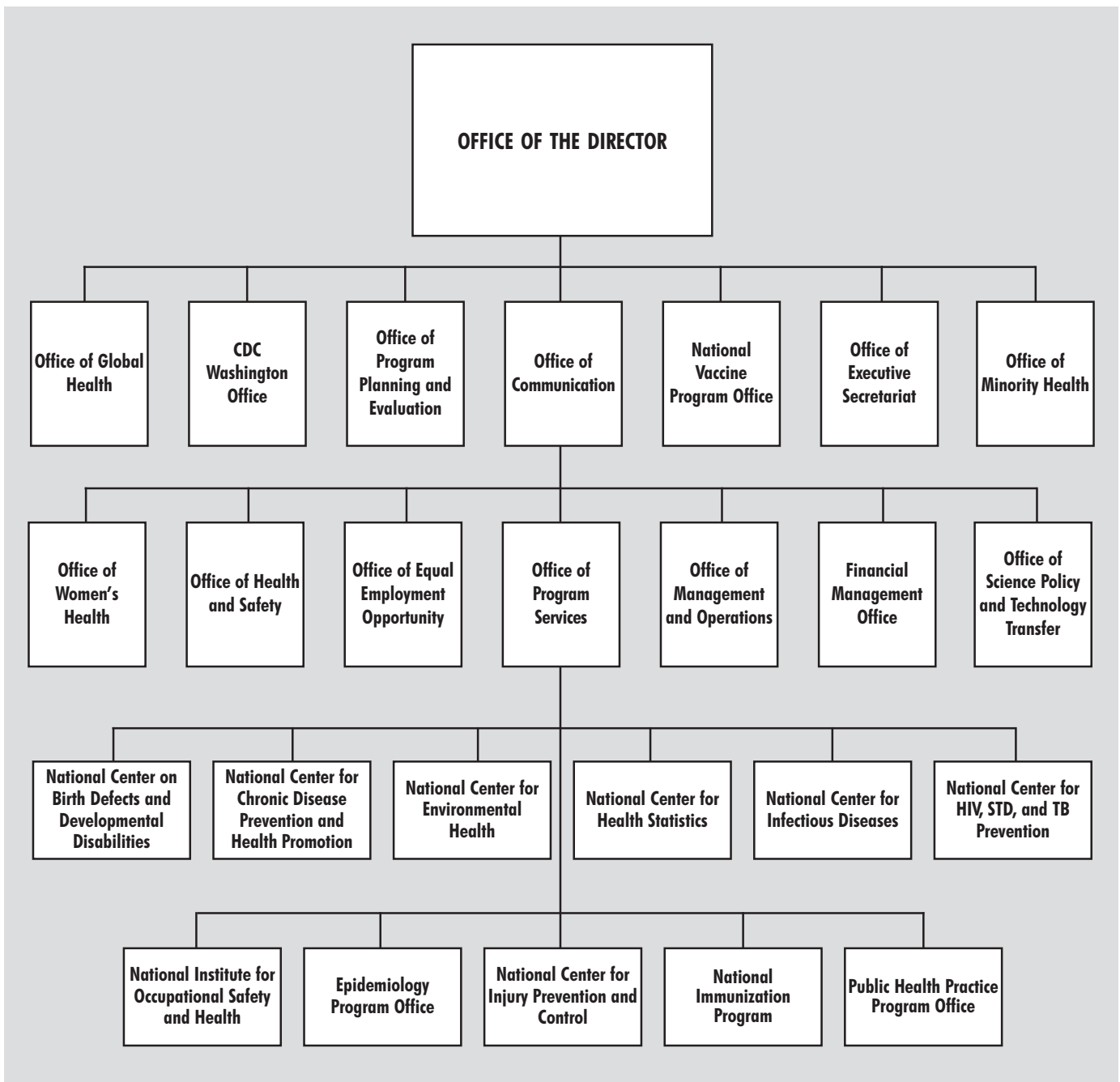
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DHHS Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA)



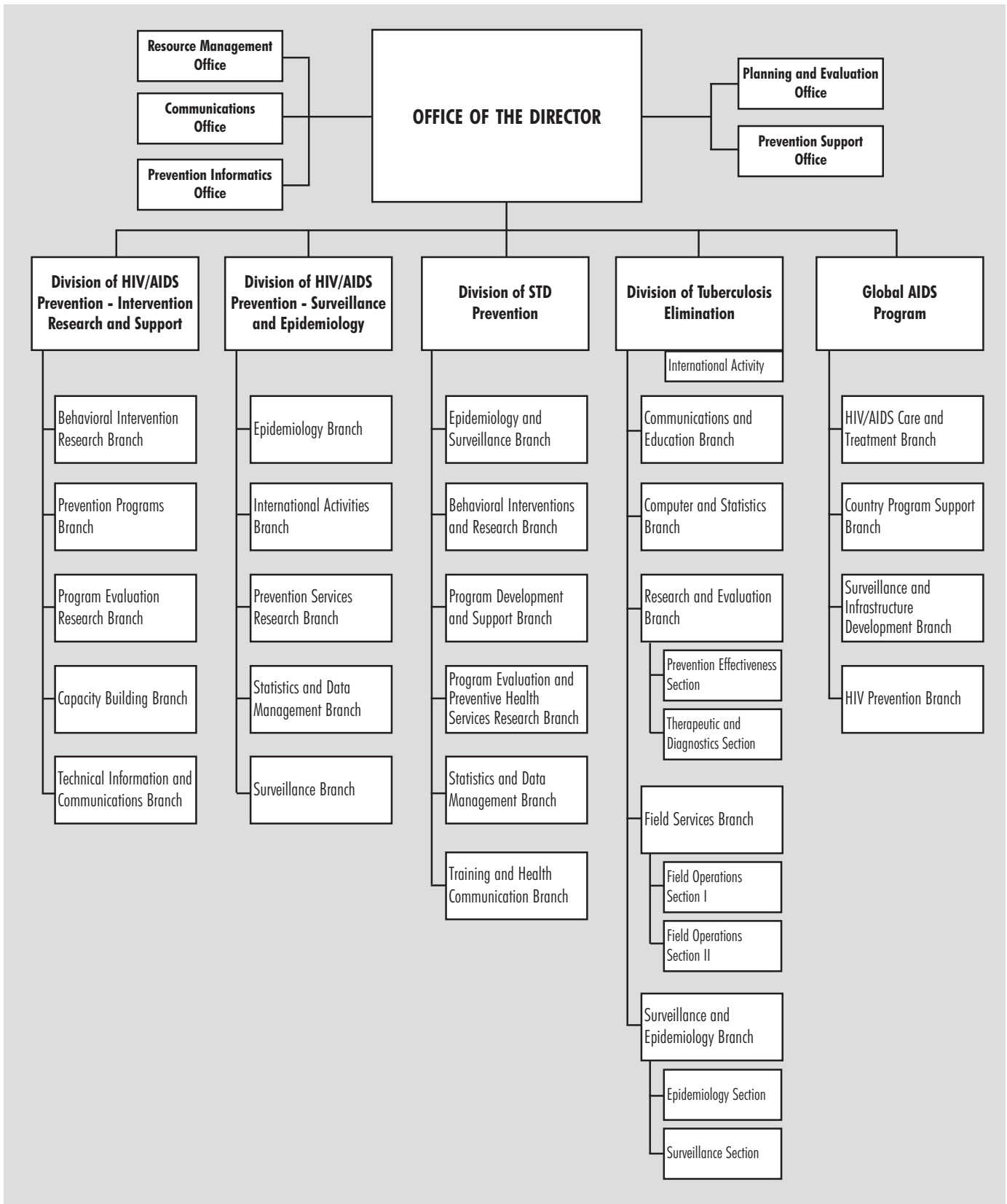
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DHHS Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC)



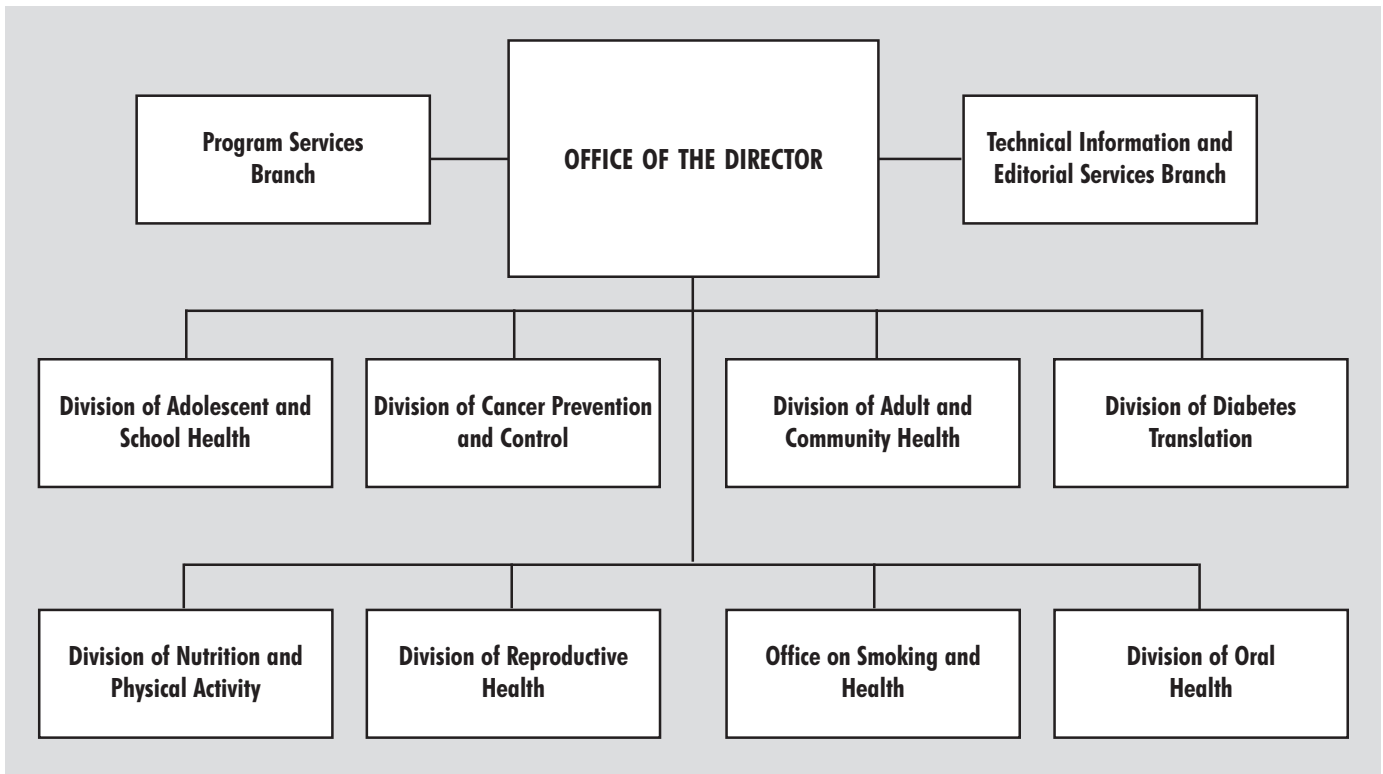
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DHHS National Center for HIV, STD, and TB Prevention (NCHSTP)



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DHHS National Center for Chronic Disease Prevention and Health Promotion (NCCDPHP)





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