

*HIV/AIDS and Minorities:
A Guide to Federal Programs.*

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In response to public inquiries for more information on HIV-related programs administered or initiated by the Department of Health and Human Services, the Office of HIV/AIDS Policy -- which advises the Assistant Secretary for Health and senior department officials on the development of HIV/AIDS policy, and implementation of HIV/AIDS programs and activities across the department's health agencies -- has developed the *HIV/AIDS and Minorities: A Guide to Federal Programs*.

The guide contains information on the agencies within the Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) that are involved in HIV/AIDS-related activities, highlighting their minority-focused HIV/AIDS programs. The guide is not exhaustive of all the Federal agencies and their programs, but does contain relevant information that can be used by organizations providing HIV prevention and care services.

We hope that this guide will facilitate future information sharing between the Federal agencies and the public. It is our goal to keep this guide and its information as current and accurate as possible. To achieve this we will be updating it regularly and will make it accessible through the Web page of the Office of Office of Minority Health (<http://www.omhrc.gov>) and the soon-to-be completed Web page of the Surgeon General (<http://www.surgeongeneral.gov>). To ensure that the information on the web is current and accurate, we welcome your comments. Please contact Miguel Gomez, Office of HIV/AIDS Policy, via e-mail at MGomez@osophs.dhhs.gov regarding any questions or corrections.

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INTRODUCTION

HIV/AIDS and Minorities: A Guide to Federal Programs is a directory of agencies within the Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) that are involved in HIV/AIDS service provision and related activities, highlighting their minority-focused HIV/AIDS programs. These agencies 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 Health Care Policy and Research (AHCPR); the Food and Drug Administration (FDA); the Administration for Children and Families (ACF); the Administration on Aging (AOA); and the Health Care Financing Administration (HCFA). Also included in the *Guide* is information on the Veterans' Administration, Department of Housing and Urban Development's Office of HIV/AIDS Housing, as well as several clearinghouses and services: CDC National Prevention Information Network (NPIN), the National AIDS Hotline, the AIDS Clinical Trials Information Service (ACTIS), the HIV/AIDS Treatment Information Service (ATIS), 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* (2000) updates and expands upon information provided in the *AIDS Guide to Federal Agencies and Resources* that was produced by the National Council of La Raza in June 1991. It will remain a living document, updated regularly and accessible through the Web pages of the Surgeon General (<http://www.surgeongeneral.gov>) and the Office of Office of Minority Health (<http://www.omhrc.gov>).

HOW TO USE THE GUIDE

The *Guide* contains two sections: *Agency Information* and *Appendices*.

The *Agency Information* section contains information for the principal DHHS agencies, organizational components, and other HIV/AIDS-related services. The DHHS agencies appear in alphabetical order followed by the components they administer. Each entry contains the following information:

- C **Name** of the administering agency, sub-agency, clearinghouse, or service;
- C **Address, phone, fax, and Web page** information for the agency;
- C **Contact information** for the agency (including contact person, phone, and email address), if available;
- C **Program information** summarizing the HIV/AIDS activities of the agency;
- C **Minority HIV/AIDS programs and initiatives** summarizing the program activities that are directed to ethnic minority populations and HIV/AIDS; and

- C **Resources** such as Funding Opportunities, Publications, and Technical Assistance and Training services, where available.
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The *Appendices* contains a matrix illustrating the services available from each of the agencies, reference list of Web pages and toll-free numbers for health information, and diagrams of selected agencies and their organizational components.

AGENCY INFORMATION

Name: 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: <http://www.dhhs.gov>

PROGRAM INFORMATION

Description: 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.

DHHS administers 12 health agencies:

- C Administration for Children and Families (ACF)
- C Administration on Aging (AOA)
- C Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality (AHRQ)
- C Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry (ATSDR)
- C Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC)
- C Food and Drug Administration (FDA)
- C Health Care Financing Administration (HCFA)
- C Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA)
- C Indian Health Service (IHS)
- C National Institutes of Health (NIH)
- C Program Support Center (PSC)
- C 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:

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

OCR: The **Office of Civil Rights** protects the rights of individuals with HIV/AIDS under Section 504. This law protects qualified individuals from discrimination based solely on their handicap. The law prohibits discrimination against persons infected with HIV; and forbids an entity which receives federal funds from excluding or denying individuals with handicaps an equal opportunity to receive program benefits and services.

OHAP: The **Office of HIV/AIDS Policy** advises the Assistant Secretary for Health and senior Department officials on the appropriate and timely development of HIV/AIDS policy, and establishment of priorities and implementation of HIV/AIDS programs, activities, and initiatives across the Department's health agencies.

OMH: The **Office of Minority Health** promotes improved health among racial and ethnic minority populations. It is responsible for coordinating minority health policy and programs; linking Federal, State, and local governments, as well as community-based organizations that work with minority populations; and disseminating information on minority health issues through its Resource Center.

OPA: The **Office of Population Affairs** administers two grant programs: the Title X Family Planning Program and the Title XX Adolescent Family Life Program, which provides resources and policy advice on family planning, reproductive health, and adolescent pregnancy issues.

OWH: The **Office of Women's Health** coordinates women's health research, health care services, policy, and public and health care professional education across these agencies. OWH collaborates with other Government organizations and consumer and health care professional groups. The Office operates the Women and HIV/AIDS Collaborative Group and the Secretary's Workgroup on Women and HIV/AIDS.

ACF: The **Administration on Children and Families** operates the Temporary Assistance to Needy Families (TANF) program that 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.

AOA: 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 in areas of need within the community.

AHRQ: The **Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality** works to enhance the quality, appropriateness, and effectiveness of health care services and to improve access to that care. AHRQ also conducts and supports health services research on issues of quality, cost, and availability of health care services, as well as appropriateness of clinical practice and prevention of disease.

ATSDR: The **Agency for Toxic Substance and Disease Registry** has as its mission the prevention of 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 is responsible for performing public health assessments of waste sites, health consultations concerning specific

hazardous substances, health surveillance and registries, responding to emergency releases of hazardous substances, applied research in support of public health assessments, information development and dissemination, and education and training concerning hazardous substances.

CDC: 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; 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.

FDA: 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.

HCFA: The **Health Care Financing Administration** administers the Medicaid program, oversees the Medicare program, and co-administers (with HRSA) the Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP). The Medicaid program provides primary health care and pharmaceutical assistance coverage for individuals including those living with HIV/AIDS.

HRSA: The **Health Resources Services Administration** is responsible for the grant programs authorized by the Ryan White Comprehensive AIDS Resources Emergency (CARE) Act, reauthorized in 1996. 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.

IHS: The **Indian Health Service** provides a comprehensive health service delivery system for American Indians and Alaskan Natives with opportunity for 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 issues of HIV and STD prevention and treatment within the Native American community.

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

SAMHSA: 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 Centers for Substance Abuse Prevention (CSAP), and the Center for Substance Abuse Treatment (CSAT). In addition, special offices focus and coordinate the agency's work in areas of AIDS, women, minorities, policy, care, prevention, and treatment. The Administration supports research directed toward understanding and assessing neurological, psychiatric, behavioral, and psychosocial aspects of HIV infection. As part of its research programs, SAMHSA also supports the development of drug and alcohol abuse treatment and prevention strategies, as well as training for clinicians on aspects of substance abuse and mental health of HIV/AIDS clients.

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

Minority HIV/AIDS Programs and Initiatives:

- C The Assistant Secretary for Health and Surgeon General, Dr. David Satcher, and the Assistant Secretary for Planning and Evaluation, Dr. Margaret Hamburg, are leading the Initiative to Eliminate Racial and Ethnic Disparities in Health. The proposed goals of the Initiative are to eliminate health disparities experienced by racial and ethnic minority populations in six different areas: infant mortality, cancer screening and management, cardiovascular disease, diabetes, HIV infection/AIDS, and immunization. The Initiative proposes enhanced efforts at preventing disease, promoting health, and delivering care to racial/ethnic minority communities. These efforts will 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.

- C DHHS, in cooperation with the Congressional Black Caucus, has developed initiatives aimed at reducing the disproportionate impact of HIV/AIDS on racial and ethnic communities. Funding will be allocated to Public Health Service agencies to develop programs in the areas of technical assistance and infrastructure support, increasing access to prevention and care, and building stronger linkages to address the needs of specific populations. As part of these initiatives, DHHS makes Crisis Response Teams available to communities, which provide technical assistance in addressing HIV/AIDS within minority populations.

Other

- C 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. See each individual agency listing for information.

RESOURCES

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

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

See each agency listing for specific resources and contact information.

AGENCY INFORMATION

Name: Administration for Children and Families (ACF)
Address: 370 L'Enfant Promenade, S.W.
Aerospace Building
Washington, DC 20447
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Web page: <http://www.acf.dhhs.gov>

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PROGRAM INFORMATION

Description: The Administration for Children and Families (ACF) is responsible for a range of Federal assistance and services programs which 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 Development 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. ACF programs that assist families affected by HIV/AIDS include the following:

- C Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) is the new 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 assistance under this program.
- C Head Start programs, administered by local public and private non-profit agencies, provide comprehensive child development services B educational, social, health, and nutritional B to primarily low-income children and families. Head Start programs, including the Early Head Start program which serves pregnant women, infants, and toddlers, address the needs of all families and children in the program, including those affected by HIV/AIDS.
- C 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.

- C Runaway and Homeless Youth Programs are administered by local public and non-profit 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, and prevention and education services related to HIV/AIDS.
- C Services for Individuals with Developmental Disabilities B University Affiliated Programs (UAPs) are public and non-profit 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 and AIDS.

Minority HIV/AIDS Programs and Initiatives:

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 these and other programs that may also serve persons affected by HIV/AIDS, such as programs to obtain child support and programs to serve refugee populations, Native Americans, and other low-income persons.

Publications:

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, user manual series, statistical information, bibliographies, prevention resources, and resource listings related to child abuse and neglect, child welfare, and related issues. They also provide information on publications regarding HIV/AIDS issues impacting children and families, such as the placement of children whose parents have HIV/AIDS, abandoned/boarder babies, and the risk of HIV/AIDS transmission to victims of child sexual abuse. *For more information contact: National Clearinghouse on Child Abuse and Neglect Information, phone: 800-394-3366, fax: 703-385-3206 or e-mail: nccanch@calib.com; Web page: <http://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.

AGENCY INFORMATION

Name: Administration on Aging (AOA)
Address: 330 Independence Avenue, S.W.
Washington, DC 20201
Telephone: 202-619-0724
Fax: 202-401-7620
Web page: <http://www.aoa.gov>

CONTACT INFORMATION

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PROGRAM INFORMATION

Description: The Administration on Aging (AOA) administers the programs of the Older Americans Act (OAA) and is 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.

Appropriated funds are allotted to State Agencies on Aging, which distribute these funds to Area Agencies on Aging to coordinate and arrange for the delivery, through more than 27,000 provider agencies, of home- and community-based supportive and nutrition services. OAA programs are available to all older individuals, but services are targeted at low income and minority individuals, residents of rural areas, those living alone, and those with disabilities which require assistance.

RESOURCES

Publications: The National Aging Information Center is a central source for a wide variety of publications, policy documents, program information, and statistical data on older Americans. *The Center makes available an online database for consumer access of information on the aging, which can be accessed through <http://www.aoa.gov/naic>; phone: 202-619-7501; fax: 202-401-7620.*

AGENCY INFORMATION

Name: 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: <http://www.ahrq.gov>

PROGRAM INFORMATION

Description: 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, and broaden access to essential services. The agency is comprised of nine major functional components:

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

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

HIV/AIDS Guidelines and Studies

- C Information is available on activities related to AIDS and cost, treatment, and research outcomes.
- C AHRQ provides financial support for the HIV Cost and Services Utilization Study (HCSUS). HCSUS is conducted by the RAND Corporation (a non-profit research institution) and it 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 Health Care Policy and Research, 2101 East Jefferson Street, Suite 500, Rockville, MD 20852; phone: 301-594-2007; e-mail: jfleishm@ahrq.gov.*

Minority HIV/AIDS Programs and Initiatives: AHRQ is committed to providing opportunities for research and demonstrations to identify effective approaches to reduce or eliminate the existing disparities in the quality, outcomes, and access to care for minority populations for conditions that include HIV/AIDS. Past research efforts of the agency have included research on issues pertaining to health care access and the problems minority

populations face in trying to access 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 costs of health care services; ways to improve 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. *Inquiries can be directed to: Equals Three Communications, 7910 Woodmont Avenue, Suite 200, Bethesda, MD 20814; phone: 301-656-3100; fax: 301-652-5264; e-mail: mdl@equals3.com.*

Publications: AHRQ, in partnership with the American Association of Health Plans and the American Medical Association, is sponsoring a World Wide Web-based National Guideline Clearinghouse^J (NGC). The Web page can be accessed through <http://www.guideline.gov>. Available information (English and Spanish) include standardized abstracts, comparison of guidelines covering similar topics, and topic-related online groups.

The agency makes available an online database for consumer research on different health issues through AHRQ's Web page.

AGENCY INFORMATION

Name: Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC)
Sub-Agency: 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: <http://www.cdc.gov/nccdphp>

CONTACT INFORMATION

Contact Person: Joan Davenport, Information Management and Dissemination Specialist
Telephone: 404-639-8043

PROGRAM INFORMATION

Description: 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:

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

- C 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;
- C 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;
- C Be Proud! Be Responsible!, a program for urban youth that stresses developing refusal, negotiation, and other skills that reduce risky behaviors for HIV infection; and
- C Becoming a Responsible Teen, a program for African-American youth aged 13-18 years 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.

AGENCY INFORMATION

Name: Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC)
Sub-Agency: National Center for HIV, STD, and TB Prevention
Address: 1600 Clifton Road, N.E.
Atlanta, GA 30333
Telephone: 404-639-8000
Fax: 404-639-8600
Web page: <http://www.cdc.gov/nchstp/od/nchstp.html>

PROGRAM INFORMATION

Description: The National Center for HIV, STD, and TB Prevention is responsible for:

- C Working with States and local communities to track the course of HIV and AIDS (public health surveillance);
- C Working to evaluate new tools and techniques for preventing HIV transmission through biomedical and behavioral interventions;
- C Collaborating with scientists and researchers on HIV vaccines by providing expertise in the areas of site selection and virologic and immunologic investigations;
- C Working with communities to determine the impact of HIV prevention programs and how programs may be improved;
- C Funding HIV prevention programs for high-risk populations through State and local health departments, national/regional minority organizations, national business, labor, and faith partnerships, and community-based organizations (CBOs);
- C Operating a national program to help schools and other youth-serving agencies deliver effective HIV prevention health education; and
- C Assisting the Public Health Service, State and local health departments, hospitals, and professional organizations in the prevention and control of occupationally acquired HIV infection.

In addition, communities can access information about replicable HIV prevention programs through the Center's Prevention Research Synthesis Database.

Minority HIV/AIDS Programs and Initiatives: As part of the Congressional Black Caucus Initiative, the CDC funds several programs that work with ethnic/racial communities.

- C The Community-Based HIV Prevention Services Program provides funds to support cooperative agreements for HIV prevention projects with CBOs serving African Americans at increased risk of acquiring or transmitting HIV infection.
- C The Capacity-Building Assistance Program provides funds for cooperative agreements with non-governmental minority organizations to develop and implement comprehensive, regionally structured, capacity building assistance for CDC-funded CBOs providing HIV prevention services to African-American populations at high risk for HIV.
- C The Faith Initiative provides funds for cooperative agreements to support comprehensive HIV/AIDS education and prevention programs within African American faith, religious and spiritual communities in three categories: Category I - Direct HIV Prevention Services; Category II - Capacity Building Assistance Program; and Category III -

Curriculum Development and Training Program.

- C The Gay Men of Color program provides funds for cooperative agreements with nongovernmental minority organizations to support: (1) community-based organizations (CBOs) to deliver HIV prevention services to gay men of color; and (2) nongovernmental minority organizations to provide comprehensive, regionally-focused, capacity-building assistance to CBOs serving the HIV prevention needs of gay men of color.
- C The Community Coalition Development Program provides funds to support African American community coalitions to plan and develop linked networks of HIV, STD, TB, substance abuse, and primary care services within their respective communities.

In addition, the Community Assistance, Planning, and National Partnerships Branch (CAPNPB) provides funding for:

- C CBOs Serving Minority Populations for cooperative agreements for HIV prevention projects for minority CBOs serving populations at increased risk of acquiring or transmitting HIV infection; and
- C National/Regional Minority Organizations (NRMOs), who provide financial and programmatic assistance to national, regional, and local nongovernmental minority organizations to develop and implement regionally structured and integrated capacity building assistance systems.

RESOURCES

Publications: Surveillance reports, fact sheets, newsletters, brochures, and slides are available online at http://www.cdc.gov/nchstp/hiv_aids. *Morbidity and Mortality Weekly Reports* are available through the CDC National Prevention Information Network (NPIN), <http://www.cdcnpin.org>. Free online subscriptions are available through the CDC subscription Web page: <http://www.cdc.gov/subscribe.html>.

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 HIV/STD prevention. Trainings are available through 10 regional training centers or through satellite broadcasts. Information on training schedules and topics can be accessed through the Center's Web page: <http://www.stdptc.uc.edu>.

AGENCY INFORMATION

Name: Food and Drug Administration (FDA)
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Rockville, MD 20857
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Web page: <http://www.fda.gov>

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PROGRAM INFORMATION

Description: The Food and Drug Administration (FDA) is charged with enforcing the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act, and is the principal consumer protection agency of the Federal Government. The FDA is responsible for ensuring that both prescription and over-the-counter drugs are safe and effective (including those used for treatment of HIV/AIDS and related symptoms), protecting the safety and wholesomeness of food, routinely investigating blood bank operations, ensuring the purity and effectiveness of biological materials, ensuring the safety and risk of medical devices (including HIV testing instruments and condoms), and approving the safety of chemicals used in cosmetic products. The FDA monitors consumer products suspected of being faulty or unfit for use, including drugs on the market which claim to cure AIDS.

- C In 1992, the FDA published the final rule to accelerate the approval of New Therapies for serious and life-threatening diseases when the drug provides meaningful therapeutic benefit over existing products. Under these procedures the FDA may approve drugs based on results that reasonably predict that a drug provides clinical benefit. This clinical benefit is then confirmed through additional human studies that will be completed after marketing approval. The accelerated approval approach provides for removal of the drug from the market if further studies do not confirm the clinical benefit of the therapy. Information on new therapies can be accessed through the AIDS Clinical Trials Information Service.

- C The HIV/AIDS Program, Office of Special Health Issues, works to educate, represent, and explain to the HIV-affected community current HIV/AIDS policies, regulations, and activities of the FDA. In addition, the Office represents the FDA at public and Government meetings related to serious and life threatening illnesses, and assists in the development of federal regulations related to HIV/AIDS.

- C The Office of Special Health Issues coordinates the FDA Patient Representative Program, which provides *ad hoc* patient representatives at Antiviral Drugs Advisory Committee meetings. The patient representative generally provide views or opinions on problems or questions pertinent to the patient's point of view. The Antiviral Drugs Advisory Committee reviews most applications for HIV/AIDS-related therapeutics that are submitted to FDA.

- C The AIDS Fraud Task Forces throughout the United States use a proactive approach to review fraudulent product and/or treatment promotions affecting people with HIV/AIDS and their partners, family, and friends. The network strives to promote awareness and prevent fraud through education that empowers individuals. The Task Forces have developed hotlines, workshops, conferences, and advocacy sharing as an alert mechanism to new fraudulent product promotion. Inquiries about the Task Forces can be made through the Office of Special Health Issues.

Minority HIV/AIDS Programs and Initiatives: The agency works to have sponsors of new drug applications include subgroups, specifically gender, age, and racial subgroups in their testing of new drugs for effectiveness and safety.

RESOURCES

Publications: The FDA publishes a consumer magazine, *FDA Consumer*, which 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 (8am-4:30pm EST); and Web page: <http://www.fda.gov/fdac/>.*

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

AGENCY INFORMATION

Name: Health Care Financing Administration (HCFA)
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Baltimore, MD 21244
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CONTACT INFORMATION

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PROGRAM INFORMATION

Description: The Health Care Financing Administration (HCFA) is the Federal agency that administers Medicare and oversees the Medicaid programs, and in collaboration with the Health Resources Services Administration (HRSA), administers the State Children's Health Insurance Program (SCHIP). HCFA's responsibilities include:

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

In addition, HCFA regulates all laboratory testing that is performed on humans in the United states that is not research related.

- C Medicaid serves more than 50 percent of all persons living with AIDS and covers up to 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 the State plan and waivers requested by the State. In addition, under Medicaid all States 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.
- C 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. HCFA 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 transmission of

HIV from mother to child. For more information, visit HCFA's web page and click on the Project's banner.

Minority HIV/AIDS Programs and Initiatives: In collaboration with HRSA, HCFA is working on initiatives to increase the enrollment of uninsured children who are not otherwise eligible for Medicaid into SCHIP. The two agencies are working with national minority organizations and advocacy groups to promote education and enrollment in the program.

HCFA conducts two grant programs, the Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCU) Grant Program and the Hispanic Health Services Research Grant Program to promote research in areas related to ethnic minority groups and issues of access, utilization, and quality of health care services; health education and disease screening and prevention; racial disparities and socio-economic differences; managed care systems; and costs of care.

RESOURCES

Funding: HCFA funds programs related to research and evaluation. Inquiries should be directed to: *Health Care Financing Administration, Office of Internal Customer Support, Acquisition and Grants Group, 7500 Security Boulevard, C2-21-15; Baltimore, MD 21244-1850; phone: 410-786-5701; or Health Care Financing Administration, Office of Strategic Planning, 7500 Security Boulevard, C3-11-17; Baltimore, MD 21244-1850; phone: 410-786-6644.*

Publications: The Information Clearinghouse has publications that can be accessed through the HCFA's Web page (<http://www.hcfa.gov>). In addition, information on Medicare can be accessed by calling the toll-free hotline number: 1-800-MEDICARE (1-800-633-4227); TDD: 1-877-486-2048.

Technical Assistance/Training:

HCFA provides technical assistance and training to states, providers, contractors, and its regional office staffs regarding its programs.

Each of HCFA's ten regional offices has a Regional HIV/AIDS Coordinator. Contact information for the coordinators is available on HCFA's web page.

Data Sources:

Medicaid Statistics: Program and Financial Statistics - HCFA Publication Number 10120

A Catalogue of Medicare Public Use Files may be downloaded from the Medicare Professional/Technical Information page of HCFA's web site.

Medicaid Statistical data can be found from the Medicaid Professional/Technical information page of HCFA's web site.

AGENCY INFORMATION

Name: Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA)
Address: 5600 Fishers Lane
Parklawn Building
Rockville, MD 20857
Telephone: 301-443-2086
Web page: <http://www.hrsa.gov>

PROGRAM INFORMATION

Description: The Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) administers national health programs focused on assuring quality health care to underserved, vulnerable and special-need populations. HRSA's HIV-related programs are housed in the following Bureaus:

- C **Bureau of Primary Health Care (BPHC)**
- C **Bureau of Health Professions (BHP)**
- C **HIV/AIDS Bureau (HAB)**
- C **Maternal and Child Health Bureau (MCHB)**
- C **Office of Special Programs (OSP)**

Minority HIV/AIDS Programs and Initiatives: HRSA operates an Office of Minority Health that provides leadership for programs and activities that address the special needs of racial/ethnic minorities to eliminate disparities and improve health status. See individual listing for details.

RESOURCES

Funding: See information on individual Bureaus for grant opportunities.

Publications: See information on individual Bureaus for publications.

Technical Assistance/Training: See information on individual Bureaus for technical assistance and training opportunities.

AGENCY INFORMATION

Name: Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA)
Sub-Agency: Bureau of Primary Health Care (BPHC)
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East-West Tower Building, 11th Floor
Bethesda, MD 20814
Telephone: 301-594-4110
Fax: 301-594-4072
Web page: <http://www.bphc.hrsa.dhhs.gov>

PROGRAM INFORMATION

Description: The Bureau of Primary Health Care (BPHC) assures that underserved and vulnerable people get the health care they need. The Bureau operates seven health grant programs directed to the needs of underserved communities; six of the programs fund health care services to underserved populations, including individuals with HIV and AIDS:

- C The Community Health Center Program supports family-oriented primary and preventive health care services for people living in rural and urban communities that are medically underserved. It also provides links to welfare, Medicaid, substance abuse treatment, the Special Supplemental Food Program for Women, Infants, and Children, and related services.
- C The Migrant Health Center Program provides access for migrant and seasonal farmworkers and their families to culturally sensitive, comprehensive medical care services and prevention-oriented and pediatric services (immunizations, well baby care, and developmental screenings).
- C The Health Care for the Homeless Program emphasizes a multidisciplinary approach to providing primary health care, mental health, and social services assistance to homeless persons. It also promotes coordinated efforts to establish links with other community health providers and social service agencies.
- C The Outreach and Primary Health Services for Homeless Children Program supports innovative programs for the delivery of outreach, health services, social service, and referral for homeless children and their families.
- C The Public Housing Primary Care Program supports primary health care services and case management services to public housing residents.
- C The Healthy Schools, Healthy Communities Program supports culturally sensitive, appropriate, family-oriented, community-specific comprehensive primary care and preventive health care services.

Minority HIV/AIDS Programs and Initiatives: BPHC operates its own Office of Minority and Women's Health, which assists in addressing the unique primary health care needs of women and ethnic and cultural groups. The Office promotes activities that reduce disparities in the health of these underserved groups and stimulates collaborative partnerships with Federal agencies, community organizations, and faith-based organizations to ensure access to affordable, comprehensive, and coordinated health care that responds to unique cultural needs. *For more information contact: Office of Minority and Women's Health, Bureau of Primary Health Care, 4350 East-West Highway, 3rd Floor, Bethesda, MD 20814; phone: 301-594-4490; fax: 301-594-0089.* The Office also operates a Web page that provides information on women's resources and cultural competency (<http://www.bphc.hrsa.gov/omwh/omwh.htm>).

BPHC operates HRSA's Border Health Program Priority which works to improve the health status of people living in U.S. communities located along the U.S.-Mexico border area. The program has six priorities: Maternal and Child Health; Clinical Issues (includes HIV/AIDS and TB); Prevention/Outreach; Access Issues; Data Infrastructure; and Partnerships. *Inquiries regarding the program should be addressed to: HRSA Border Health Program Priority Coordinator; BPHC/DPSP/Border Health Program Priority; 4350 East-West Highway, 9th Floor; Bethesda, MD 20814; phone: 301-594-7017 or 4897; and fax: 301-594-2470.*

RESOURCES

Technical Assistance/Training: The Office of Minority and Women's Health offers technical assistance on cultural competency. The office operates a Web page that offers two cultural competency self assessment surveys (the Cultural Competency in Primary Health Care Survey and the Cultural Competency in Primary Health Care: Self Assessment) and a link to the National Center for Cultural Competence, a program funded by Health Resources and Services Administration. *Information on the Center is available by contacting: National Center for Cultural Competence, 3307 M Street, NW, Suite 401, Washington, D.C. 20007-3935; phone: 202-687-5387 or 800-788-2066; fax: 202-687-8899; e-mail: cultural@gunet.georgetown.edu; Web page: <http://www.dml.georgetown.edu/depts/pediatrics/gucdc/>.*

AGENCY INFORMATION

Name: Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA)
Sub-Agency: HIV/AIDS Bureau (HAB)
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Parklawn Building
Rockville, MD 20857
Telephone: 301-443-4588
Web page: <http://www.hrsa.dhhs.gov/hab>

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PROGRAM INFORMATION

Description: The HIV/AIDS Bureau (HAB) administers the four titles and Part F of the Ryan White Comprehensive AIDS Resources Emergency (CARE) Act. The Bureau implements programs to benefit low-income, uninsured, and underinsured individuals and families affected by HIV/AIDS. The programs include the following:

- C Title I - HIV emergency relief grant program for eligible metropolitan areas (EMAs);
- C Title II - HIV care grants to States;
- C Title III - HIV primary health care services in existing systems for low income, medically underserved people;
- C Title IV - Coordinated HIV services and access to research for children, youth, women, and families; and
- C Part F - Special Projects of National Significance (SPNS) Program; HIV/AIDS Dental Reimbursement Program; and the AIDS Education and Training Centers (AETCs) Program.

Within the Bureau, the Division of Service Systems administers Title I, II and the AIDS Drug Assistance Program. The Division of Community-Based Programs administers Titles III, IV and the HIV/AIDS Dental Reimbursement Program. The Division of Training and Technical Assistance coordinates technical assistance efforts and administers the AETC Program. The Office of Science and Epidemiology administers the SPNS Program and oversees data collection and program evaluation.

Minority HIV/AIDS Programs and Initiatives: Under the different titles of the CARE Act of 1996, requirements are made that underserved populations be represented in planning councils and consortia, among service recipients, and for special projects. As part of the Congressional Black Caucus Initiative, HRSA has initiated the following programs:

- C 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;
- C Title III planning grants to assist community-based organizations in highly impacted minority communities deliver needed health care services;

- C Funding AETCs to subcontract with Historically Black Colleges and Universities for education of health care providers serving African American communities in the guidelines for anti retroviral therapy; and
- C Training opportunities for ethnic minority peer outreach educators working in community-based organizations.

RESOURCES

Funding: Grants are awarded to:

- C Eligible metropolitan areas with a high incidence of AIDS cases (cities with a population of 500,000 or more having more than 2,000 AIDS cases in the preceding 5 years) and States for planning, coordinating, and delivery of health and social services to individuals living and/or affected by HIV and AIDS;
- C Outpatient HIV early intervention services (medical, education, and psychosocial services) for low-income, medically underserved people in existing primary care systems;
- C Systems of primary health care and social services that benefit children, youth, and women living with HIV and their families;
- C Programs with innovative (replicable) models of HIV/AIDS care, designed to address special care needs of individuals with HIV/AIDS in minority and hard-to-reach populations;
- C Targeted, multidisciplinary education and training programs for health care providers; and
- C Accredited dental schools and post doctoral dental programs for uncompensated costs incurred in providing oral health treatment to HIV-positive persons.

Publications: Bureau Fact Sheets, *HRSA Care ACTION* newsletter, administrative reports, journal articles, and other publications are available through the HRSA HIV/AIDS Bureau Web page or by contacting the individual offices.

Technical Assistance/Training: Grantees can access technical assistance and training through their Project Officer(s) and/or the Division of Training and Technical Assistance.

AETC Program conducts targeted, multidisciplinary education and training programs for health care providers in designated geographic areas. AETCs collaborate with CARE Act-funded organizations, Area Health Education Centers, community-based HIV/AIDS organizations, medical and health professional schools, local hospitals, health departments, community and migrant health centers, medical societies, and other professional organizations.

AGENCY INFORMATION

Name: Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA)
Sub-Agency: Maternal and Child Health Bureau (MCHB)
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Rockville, MD 20857
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Fax: 301-443-1797
Web page: <http://www.mchb.hrsa.gov>

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PROGRAM INFORMATION

Description: The Maternal and Child Health Bureau (MCHB) provides leadership, partnership, and resources to advance the health of mothers, infants, children, and adolescents. This includes children with special health care needs, families with low income levels, those with diverse racial and ethnic heritages, and those living in rural or isolated areas without access to care.

MCHB administers four programs:

- C The Maternal and Child Health Services Block Grant, which provides block grants to States creating a partnership (Federal/State) to develop service systems to meet maternal and child health needs;
- C The Healthy Start Initiative, which funds the development and replication of programs and strategies to reduce infant mortality in targeted high-risk communities;
- C The Emergency Medical Services for Children Program (EMSC), which funds grants to States to develop or enhance EMS programs for children with critical illnesses and life-threatening injuries; and
- C The Abstinence Education Program, which funds block grants to States to support abstinence-only education programs (as part of the Welfare Reform Act of 1996).

Minority HIV/AIDS Programs and Initiatives: In addition, the Special Projects of Regional and National Significance Program under the Maternal and Child Health Services Block Grant is working to guide the implementation of innovative projects and help build State and local coalitions to address adolescent health issues such as adolescent pregnancy, HIV/AIDS, violence, and injury prevention.

RESOURCES

Funding: Grants are available for the following programs: Healthy Start Initiative - Eliminating Racial/Ethnic Disparities in Perinatal Health; State Grants to Improve EMSC for Alaska Natives and Native Hawaiians; Border Health Initiative - Border Community Outreach Program Guidance for Open Competition.

Grant guidance are available online through the MCHB Web page or by writing or calling the *HRSA Grants Application Center, 40 West Gude Drive, Suite 100, Rockville, MD 20850, phone: 1-877-477-2123 (1-877-HRSA-123).*

Publications: A catalog of publications is available through the National Maternal and Child Health Clearinghouse. The publication can be requested by mail at *2070 Chain Bridge Road, Suite 450, Vienna, VA 22182-2536; phone: 703-356-1964 or toll free: 1-888-434-4MCH, 8:30 a.m. B5:00 p.m. EST Monday BFriday; fax: 703-821-2098; or online at <http://www.mchb.hrsa.gov>.*

Technical Assistance/Training: Technical assistance and training/education are available through the Bureau's Division of Research, Training and Education. Technical assistance and training are provided through consultation with State programs and local communities, consistent with a Bureau-wide technical assistance consultation plan, working with other agencies and organizations. In addition, assistance is available to States to meet their application requirements for State programs for women of childbearing age, infants, children, adolescents, children with special health care needs, and their families.

AGENCY INFORMATION

Name: Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA)
Sub-Agency: Office of Minority Health (OMH)
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CONTACT INFORMATION

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PROGRAM INFORMATION

Description: HRSA's Office of Minority Health (OMH) focuses on activities related to policy, planning, priorities, and strategies related to assuring that the health needs of minority and underserved communities are met. The Office links Federal, State, local health agencies, and professional and constituency organizations to existing HRSA programs addressing minority health.

The Office's key functions include the following:

- C Advising the Administrator on minority health issues affecting HRSA programs and mandates;
- C Working with Bureaus/Offices on the formulation, integration, and evaluation of program strategies for racial/ethnic minority populations;
- C Linking HRSA programs addressing minority health to potential external sponsors, including Federal, State, and local health agencies and professional and constituent organizations;
- C Collecting data on minority health activities within HRSA to meet statutory reporting requirements and assisting in HRSA policy development; and
- C Representing HRSA programs affecting the health of racial/ethnic minorities before the public, private, and international sectors.

Minority HIV/AIDS Programs and Initiatives: Through several initiatives, such as the National Association of Hispanic-Serving Health Professions Schools, the White House Initiatives on Historically Black Colleges and Universities, and the Tribal Consultation Initiatives, the OMH is providing opportunities for minorities to gain better education and training in the health professions and gain access to HRSA and other Federal programs.

The National Hispanic Religious Partnership for Community Health Project is a collaborative effort between HRSA and the Hispanic Faith Community to address and resolve health disparity issues (including HIV/AIDS) by developing a network of comprehensive health services targeted

to the Hispanic community.

AGENCY INFORMATION

Name: Indian Health Service (IHS)
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PROGRAM INFORMATION

Description: The mission of the Indian Health Service (IHS) is to provide health services to American Indians and Alaska Natives (AI and AN) to raise their health status to the highest possible level. The IHS is the principal Federal health care provider and health advocate for AI and ANs. With its tribal and urban Indian program partners, IHS provides health services to approximately 1.5 million AI and ANs who belong to more than 550 federally recognized tribes in 35 states.

C The IHS HIV/AIDS Program is primarily committed to the prevention of HIV in American Indian and Alaska Native (AI/AN) 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 among the AI and AN population.

The IHS health care providers promote prevention, treatment and psychosocial support services to HIV-seropositive and at-risk AI/ANs and their families. The IHS National AIDS Coordinator provides information on resources to twelve 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 AI and ANs with and without HIV infection at the local, State and national level. At the local level, the IHS Area AIDS Coordinators initiate and sustain activities to increase public awareness of AIDS and HIV infection in AI and AN communities. This is accomplished through training and information activities to provide health education and risk reduction messages to various groups. Groups targeted to receive information and training include the general AI and AN population, tribal leaders, spiritual leaders, medicine men and women, women, youth, individuals practicing high-risk behavior, and IHS/tribal health care workers.

- C HIV Center of Excellence (HIVCOE) provides culturally competent and comprehensive clinical care for AI and AN 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 seroprevalence study 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 obtained from the CDC HIV/AIDS Surveillance Report.

AGENCY INFORMATION

Name: National Institutes of Health (NIH)
Address: 9000 Rockville Pike, Building 1
Bethesda, Maryland 20892
Telephone: 301-496-4000
Web page: <http://www.nih.gov>

PROGRAM INFORMATION

Description: The National Institutes of Health (NIH) is comprised of 25 separate Institutes and Centers:

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

Minority HIV/AIDS Programs and Initiatives: NIH has taken strong steps to assure minority participation in clinical trials, in natural history and epidemiologic studies, and in prevention studies and to assure that the overall research agenda is responsive to the needs of all minority communities.

NIH has implemented a series of guidelines, policies, and programs to ensure that HIV-infected individuals from the most at-risk populations for HIV/AIDS are enrolled and accrued into

federally sponsored AIDS clinical trials.

NIH has established 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 Congressional Black Caucus Initiative, NIH is supporting activities to increase the number of ethnic/racial minority principal investigators conducting HIV/AIDS 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: *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.

AGENCY INFORMATION

Name: National Institutes of Health (NIH)
Sub-Agency: National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Disease (NIAID)
Address: 31 Center Drive, Building 31, Room 7A50 MSC 2520
Bethesda, MD 20892-2520
Telephone: 301-496-5717
Fax: 301-402-0120
Web page: <http://www.niaid.nih.gov>

PROGRAM INFORMATION

Description: The National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Disease (NIAID) is composed of five divisions: Division of AIDS; Division of Allergy, Immunology and Transplantation; Division of Microbiology and Infectious Diseases; Division of Intramural Research, and Division of Extramural Activities.

The **Division of AIDS (DAIDS)** is responsible for conducting and supporting research on the pathogenesis of the human immunodeficiency virus (HIV); developing new drug therapies; conducting clinical trials of promising experimental drugs for HIV infection and related opportunistic infections and cancers; carrying out epidemiologic studies to assess the impact of HIV on the populations most severely affected by the epidemic; and developing and testing HIV vaccines. Programs supported by DAIDS include the following:

- The Acute HIV Infection and Early Disease Research Program investigates innovative ways to study how HIV-1 causes disease in adults. The program studies different facets of the disease such as viral characteristics and the effects of antiretroviral therapy. Information obtained is used to improve HIV prevention and treatment strategies.
- The Adult AIDS Clinical Trials Group (ACTG) is composed of, and directed by, leading clinical scientists in HIV/AIDS therapeutic research. The group sets standards of care for HIV infection and opportunistic diseases related to HIV/AIDS in the United States and the developed world and provides the data necessary for the approval of therapeutic agents, as well as treatment and prevention strategies for many opportunistic infections and malignancies. ACTG continues to recruit participants to reflect the changing demographics of the epidemic. The NIH ACTG includes three sites in minority institutions: Howard University, University of Puerto Rico, and the University of Hawaii. The ACTG has 50 percent minority enrollment. For more information contact: *James McTigue, Ph.D, Director; Adult ACTG Operations Center; phone: 301-230-3150; fax: 301-468-6067; e-mail: jmctigue@s-3.com* .
- The AIDS Clinical Trials Information Services (ACTIS) provides quick and easy access to information on federally and privately funded clinical trials for adults and children. *For more information see the separate listing in the Clearinghouse section of the directory.*

- The Centers for AIDS Research supports a multidisciplinary environment that promotes basic, clinical, behavioral, and transnational research in the prevention, detection, and treatment of HIV infection and AIDS.
- The HIV Vaccine Trials Network (HVTN) will carry out a comprehensive program of research to identify effective and safe vaccines to prevent HIV/AIDS. The HVTN will conduct all phases of clinical trials including safety, immunogenicity, and efficacy trials. This network of clinical sites is made up of both domestic and foreign components. In conjunction with collaborators worldwide, the HVTN will also support other related laboratory research including the clinical relevance of global viral and genetic variation and their role in vaccine development.
- The HIV Prevention Trials Network (HPTN) will conduct multidisciplinary phase I, II, and III trials of biomedical and behavioral interventions to prevent HIV transmission. In addition to studies involving microbicides, sexually transmitted diseases prevention and treatment, and behavioral and barrier interventions, the HPTN will conduct vaccine trials (and studies of other modalities) to prevent perinatal transmission of HIV.
- The HIV/AIDS Treatment Information Service provides multilingual health information on HIV treatment options using a broad network of Federal, national, and community-based information resources. *For more information, see the separate listing in the Clearinghouse section of the directory.*
- The NIH AIDS Research and Reference Reagent Program provides state-of-the-art biological and chemical materials for study of HIV and related opportunistic infections. For more information contact: *McKesson HBOC BioServices; phone: 301-340-0245; fax: 301-340-9245; e-mail: aidsreagent@mckessonbio.com.*
- The Pediatric AIDS Clinical Trials Group evaluates treatments for HIV-infected children and adolescents and new approaches for the interruption of mother-to-infant transmission. It also sets the standards of care for children infected with HIV and for the interruption of vertical transmission. This program has 88 percent minority enrollment. For more information contact: *Beth Roy, M.S., Director; Pediatric ACTG Operations Center; phone: 301-230-3150; fax: 301-816-0938; email: broy@opsctr.s-3.com.*
- The Terry Beirn Community Programs for Clinical Research on AIDS tests new therapies and treatment strategies in a large group of patients whose demographics reflect those of the current HIV epidemic. Data outcomes are used by primary care clinicians for purposes of better day-to-day treatment of patients. The Programs have 54 percent minority enrollment.

The **Division of Intramural Research (DIR)** conducts a wide variety of HIV/AIDS laboratory and clinical research, including investigations of the immunoregulation and pathogenesis of HIV; new targets for drug therapies; clinical trials of promising experimental therapies for HIV

infection; international and domestic epidemiologic studies; and animal models for HIV vaccine studies. In addition, DIR conducts exceptional research training programs and seminars for students interested in careers in biomedical research.

Through its Special Emphasis Programs, DIR targets recruitment of trainees to increase minority participation in AIDS laboratory and clinical research training. These programs include:

- The Introduction to Biomedical Research Program (IBRP) brings promising African American, Native American, Hispanic/Latino, Asian and Pacific Islander students, who are third or fourth year undergraduates or first or second year graduate or medical students, to NIH for intense exposure to the facilities, mentors, and research opportunities available in DIR.
- Bridging the Career Gap for Underrepresented Minorities brings investigators who are currently funded by various NIAID training and supplemental awards to the NIH campus for a 2-day seminar to share scientific data, receive information on applying for research grants, and discuss research opportunities with potential mentors from NIAID staff.

For more information about these programs contact: *Dr. Wendy Fibison, Associate Director for Special Emphasis Programs, DIR; phone: 301-496-6400; e-mail: wfibison@niaid.nih.gov.*

- The Clinical Research Program in HIV is composed of clinical scientists in several NIAID and NIH Critical Care Medicine Department (CCMD) laboratories. The group studies innovative approaches to treating HIV infection and examines HIV pathogenesis in the setting of clinical protocols. DIR is involved in studies of the HIV epidemic throughout the world and provides opportunities for research in pathogenesis, treatment, and prevention. For more information contact: *Richard Davey, M.D., Director, NIAID/CCMD HIV Clinic; phone: 301-496-8058; e-mail: rdavey@niaid.nih.gov.*

Minority HIV/AIDS Programs and Initiatives: NIH guidelines for the Request for Applications have been designed to ensure optimal participation in clinical trials of all subpopulations in which the epidemic is now raging, including women, minority populations, adolescents, children, and injecting drug users. The guidelines are intended to provide improvements in the representativeness of different racial/ethnic groups in research and places emphasis on research with subpopulations that are disproportionately affected by certain diseases or disorders.

RESOURCES

Funding: NIH funds the Research Centers in Minority Institutions to support the infrastructure to conduct biomedical research at minority institutions. NIAID also funds Research Supplements for Underrepresented Minorities (RSUM), a program that is intended to attract underrepresented minorities into biomedical and behavioral research.

Technical Assistance/Training: The AIDS Clinical Trials Infrastructures in Minority Institutions are supported by NIH to enhance HIV clinical research performed at minority institutions. The program enhances the training and number of minority investigators involved in ACTG research and the number of minority participants in clinical studies.

Publications: Materials on HIV/AIDS are available on the NIAID Web site. Information on research opportunities is also available at this site.

AGENCY INFORMATION

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PROGRAM INFORMATION

Description: 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; on prenatal development as well as maternal, child and family health; and on medical rehabilitation. Research in medical rehabilitation is designed to develop improved techniques and technologies with respect to the rehabilitation of individuals with physical disabilities resulting from diseases, disorders, injuries, or birth defects.

NICHD supports research projects that address maternal, pediatric, childhood, and adolescent AIDS issues. Current projects include research and studies in the areas of:

- C Therapeutic treatments for HIV infection and related diseases;
- C The etiology of vertically transmitted HIV infection;
- C The impact of HIV infection on children with hemophilia and the effects of HIV on child development;
- C New methods of early diagnosis of HIV infection in infants and children;
- C Seroprevalence of HIV in childbearing women and risk factors of human milk and its relation to HIV infection; and
- C AIDS prevention and social and behavior implications and condom use and prevention of heterosexual HIV transmission.

Minority HIV/AIDS Programs and Initiatives: NICHD is involved in a cooperative project to address interventions and evaluations aimed at decreasing sexually transmitted diseases and HIV infection among minority youth. As part of the Congressional Black Caucus Initiative, NICHD has implemented Project ACCESS a campaign to raise the awareness of minority youth and their need to be counseled and tested for HIV; and to provide them with easy access to HIV testing and adolescent-focused comprehensive care.

RESOURCES

Funding: Information on research opportunities can be obtained 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.*

Publications: Reports and other publications on HIV and human development are available by contacting the NICHD Clearinghouse through the NICHD Web page. Some of the publications are available in Spanish. Related publications include the *Pediatric AIDS Rehabilitation Research* and the *Demographic and Behavioral Sciences Branch Report to the NACHHD Council (June 1999)*. Phone: 800-370-2943 (Monday - Friday, 8:30am - 5:00pm EST).

AGENCY INFORMATION

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PROGRAM INFORMATION

Description: 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 Research on AIDS** supports research that:

- C Develops and tests behavior change and prevention strategies to reduce the further spread of HIV and other sexually transmitted diseases (STDs);
- C Conducts interventions to prevent the consequences of HIV infection;
- C Identifies and addresses behavioral issues in vaccine trials;
- C Identifies the role of couples, families, and communities in preventing and adapting to HIV/STDs;
- C Identifies the effects of HIV infection on the central nervous system (CNS) and the mechanisms that underlie motor/cognitive dysfunctions;
- C Defines the clinical phenomena of HIV-related neuropsychological and neuropsychiatric disorders;
- C Develops therapeutic agents to prevent or reverse the effects of HIV on the CNS; and
- C 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 their research programs; 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 Office on AIDS at the address listed above.*

Publications: NIMH offers a variety of publications to help researchers, mental health and primary care practitioners, patients, and the general public to gain a better understanding of mental disorders and the research programs of the Institute (some are available in Spanish). Contact: *NIMH Public Inquiries, 6001 Executive Boulevard, Room 8184, MSC 9663, Bethesda, MD 20892-9663; fax: 301-443-4279; and email: nimhinfo@nih.gov.*

AGENCY INFORMATION

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PROGRAM INFORMATION

Description: Located within the Office of the Director of NIH, 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:

- C HIV transmission and disease progression research;
- C Causes of the immune deficiency and the complications that accompany infection;
- C Drug development, clinical trials, screening, and drug programs that work to inhibit specific steps in the HIV life cycle;
- C Vaccine development to protect against or decrease HIV transmission and reduce disease progression;
- C 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;
- C Provision of research training opportunities to researchers; and
- C Dissemination of information to support research, treatment, and prevention related to HIV/AIDS.

Minority HIV/AIDS Programs and Initiatives: OAR includes minority representatives in all AIDS research advisory groups: 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 has an Ad Hoc Minority Working Group to provide advice regarding research gaps and opportunities in the area of HIV and racial/ethnic minorities.

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

- C The Prevention Science Initiative (PSI) program supports C through the NIH Institutes and Centers C projects that focused on factors contributing to the disproportionate impact of HIV on racial/ethnic minorities in the U.S. and strategies for ameliorating it; primary prevention of HIV infection among different racial/ethnic minority populations, including women, gay men of color, and substance abusers; and translational research to disseminate and implement effective interventions in minority communities.
- C Curriculum-based AIDS information programs and modules continue to be made available nationwide, through the Historically Black Colleges and Universities and other groups of minority health professionals, such as the National Association for Equal Opportunity in Higher Education. In addition, epidemiology studies are performed including some involving ethnic and racially diverse cohorts of HIV-infected individuals and HIV-uninfected individuals at risk of infection.
- C As part of the Congressional Black Caucus Initiative, the Office of AIDS Research has allocated funds for minority initiatives to support clinically-oriented research. Currently, funds have been allocated in the areas of Community Outreach Programs and Formal Collaborative Programs.
- C Community Outreach Programs consist of:
- ◆ Regional Technology Transfer Conferences to support workshops for individuals and group that provide health care service to people living with HIV/AIDS. The purpose of the workshops is to provide health care providers the most current information on the progress and programs in HIV/AIDS research;
 - ◆ Community Regional Training and Research Forums, which are collaborative programs (with the National Minority AIDS Council [NMAC]) to provide training and educational events on specific topics to individuals working at the community level with HIV-infected and -affected individuals and families; and
 - ◆ Information Exhibits that make available information on HIV/AIDS research conducted at NIH available, as well as generate publications and fact sheets in an exhibit format at conferences.
- C Formal Collaborative Programs provides support for meetings with groups and organizations that have common goals in order to evaluate if collaborative efforts would make sense in terms of stretching the use of funds and increasing the effectiveness of individual programs. For example, the following NMAC programs have been supported: Internet-TV initiatives; Web MD 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 available through the OAR Web page. Research documents on AIDS drugs and clinical trials can also be accessed through the Library of Medicine's Internet Grateful Med at <http://igm.nlm.nih.gov>. Treatment information is available through AIDS Clinical Trials Information Service (ACTIS), the HIV/AIDS Treatment Information Service (ATIS), and the National AIDS Clearinghouse (*see the separate listing in the Clearinghouse section of the directory*).

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PROGRAM INFORMATION

Description: The mission of the Office of HIV/AIDS Policy (OHAP) is to advise the Assistant Secretary for Health and senior Department officials on the appropriate and timely development of HIV/AIDS policy, the establishment of priorities, and the implementation of HIV/AIDS programs, activities, and initiatives across the Department's health agencies.

The major functions of the Office include the following:

- C Advising to the Assistant Secretary for Health on HIV/AIDS budget development and on Department research, prevention, services, training, information, and organization priorities;
- C Advising on establishment of critical priorities for the Department and within HIV/AIDS programs in the health agencies to address the Secretary's and Administration's expectations for conducting a strong, comprehensive national response to the HIV epidemic;
- C Promoting coordination and increased collaboration among the Department's health agencies in order to generate greater efficiency and more rapid progress in areas of research, surveillance and prevention, substance abuse and treatment, new drug development and testing, provision of health care and services, entitlement programs, foster care for children, and issues related to HIV/AIDS-infected and -affected children and families;
- C Serving as the Office of the Secretary's focal point for HIV/AIDS activities and as liaison with outside HIV/AIDS interest groups, private organizations, and community-based organizations; and
- C Serving as liaison with other Federal departments and agencies to inform and advise on appropriate measures for addressing HIV/AIDS issues related to their organizations' functional responsibilities.

Minority HIV/AIDS Programs and Initiatives: The U.S. Surgeon General is developing a new leadership project working to address the disproportionate impact that HIV/AIDS is having on communities of color. The project's goal is to broaden the discussion of HIV/AIDS within the African American and other minority communities and to energize and engage minority community leaders to dialogue, identify solutions for change, and implement those solutions in their communities. It is specifically designed to increase the participation of leaders C those in official positions and those leaders who set expectations in the community C in educating and enhancing their communities' efforts to address the HIV/AIDS. The project seeks to accomplish its goal by creating partnerships with minority leaders from the community and public-private sector, who can identify and address their communities' needs.

RESOURCES

Technical Assistance/Training: Technical assistance will be made available under the above-mentioned leadership project in FY 2000.

AGENCY INFORMATION

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PROGRAM INFORMATION

Description: The Office of Minority Health's (OMH) mission is to improve the health of racial and ethnic populations through the development of effective health policies and programs that help to eliminate health disparities and gaps. These populations include American Indians and Alaska Natives, Asian Americans, Blacks/African Americans, Hispanics/Latinos, Native Hawaiians and other Pacific Islanders.

OMH works closely with sister agencies within the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) and their minority health representatives. Regional minority health consultants serve as OMH representatives in the 10 HHS regional offices. OMH also works closely with established State offices of minority health, as well as community-based organizations, national minority organizations, professional associations, and other organizations.

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 President's Initiative on Race, the HHS Initiative to Eliminate Racial and Ethnic Disparities in Health, and *Healthy People 2010*.

OMH coordinates HHS efforts to implement selected White House initiatives, including the White House Initiative on Historically Black Colleges and Universities, the Executive Order on Educational Excellence for Hispanic Americans, and the White House Initiative on Tribal Colleges and Universities, as well as HHS= Hispanic Agenda for Action and its Asian American and Pacific Islander Action Agenda. It staffs the Departmental Minority Initiatives Steering Committee and the Departmental Minority Initiatives Coordinating Committee. Additionally, OMH participates in and serves as the contact point for information on the department's Minority HIV/AIDS Initiative.

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. The Resource Center offers customized database searches (including funding, media, and research information), publications, mailing lists, and referrals relevant to U.S. minority populations. Due to Congressional funding through the Minority HIV/AIDS Initiative, the Resource Center significantly expanded its activities related to HIV/AIDS. New technical assistance services are being offered. News, selected publications and databases are available on the Internet at: <http://www.omhrc.gov>. All publications and services are free of charge and can be obtained by calling 1-800-444-6472. Spanish-speaking information specialists are available. Business hours are 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Eastern Time.

Minority HIV/AIDS Programs and Initiatives: OMH operates several programs related to minorities and HIV/AIDS. Examples of some of these programs include the following:

- C The Minority Community Health Coalition Demonstration Program has the goal of reducing the level of HIV/AIDS among minority populations through health promotion and education activities. The program has six projects that focus on HIV/AIDS as a result of the Minority HIV/AIDS Initiative.
- ◆ For example, OMH funds Bienestar Human Services, Inc. in Los Angeles, CA, to conduct the *Life Preserver/Salvavida*, a program to reduce AIDS incidence and AIDS death rates among Latino, Asian American and Pacific Islander (AAPI), and African American men in Los Angeles who are gay, bisexual, or who have sex with other men but do not identify themselves as gay or bisexual. The project is conducted by the Gay Men of Color Consortium which consists of four member agencies: Bienestar Human Services, Inc.; Asian Pacific AIDS Intervention Team; AIDS Prevention Team of the National Black Gay and Lesbian Leadership Forum; and the Minority AIDS Project. Each of these agencies provide outreach and referral activities; promotion of treatment; and treatment education to the populations they serve.
 - ◆ The Family Health Centers of San Diego, conducts the *Steps to Change: An HIV Prevention Case Management Model for Minority Injection Drug Users* program, which increases Latinos=, AAPIs=, African Americans=, and American Indians=

knowledge about HIV/STD prevention services, and provides intensive prevention case management services to minorities at high risk for HIV and STDs in the San Diego area. Three clinic partners—C Family Health Center of San Diego, East County Community Clinic, and Vista Community Clinic—each employ outreach workers who make initial contact with members of the target group on the street, in parks, and at social service sites.

In addition, the Minority Community Health Coalition Demonstration Program, HIV/AIDS supports 11 other projects related to HIV/AIDS.

- C The Technical Assistance and Capacity Development Demonstration Program for HIV/AIDS-Related Services in Highly Impacted Minority Communities stimulates and fosters the development of effective and durable service delivery capacity for HIV prevention and treatment among organizations closely interfaced with the minority populations highly impacted by HIV/AIDS;
- C The State and Territorial Minority HIV/AIDS Demonstration Grant Program assists in identifying the needs within different States for HIV/AIDS prevention and services among minority populations; to facilitate linkages between minority community-based organizations and other State and local recipients of Federal funds for HIV/AIDS; and to assist in coordinating Federal resources;
- \$ OMH supports AIDS-related projects under 18 umbrella Cooperative Agreements, such as holding meetings with minority leaders to provide technical assistance and summarizing HIV/AIDS minority-related research and providing technical assistance to communities that are severely impacted by the AIDS epidemic.

Publications: OMH publications include a monthly newsletter, *Closing the Gap*, which addresses health issues concerning minority populations; and a *Pocket Guide to Minority Health Resources*. In 2000, OMH launched a quarterly newsletter, *HIV Impact*, and created new Web pages that focus exclusively on HIV/AIDS issues among minority populations. OMH also distributes the *Guide to Resources Available Through the Congressional Black Caucus/HHS Initiative to Address HIV/AIDS in Racial and Ethnic Minority Communities*. OMH publications are available through the Resource Center free of charge. *For more information contact: 1-800-444-6472 (English and Spanish); or view the Web page at: <http://www.omhrc.gov>.*

Technical Assistance/Training: As a participant in the Department's Minority HIV/AIDS Initiative, OMH uses the Resource Center to provide information on the initiative and to provide technical assistance to community organizations working on HIV/AIDS. Such technical assistance activities cover outreach; resource development; board development and training; networking and collaboration; information dissemination, message development and public awareness campaigns; volunteer recruitment and training; program development and service delivery; and evaluation. In addition, the Resource Center makes available the Resource Persons Network (RPN), which consists of a network of health professionals from a wide variety of

organizations (e.g. community organizations, academia, research organizations and medical centers) who have volunteered to provide technical assistance to community-based organizations and to other health professionals.

Data Sources: OMH maintains information on federal and state data sources related to minority health topics but does not conduct health surveys.

AGENCY INFORMATION

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PROGRAM INFORMATION

Description: 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:

- C The Title X Family Planning Program supports grants to provide comprehensive family planning and reproductive health services (e.g., contraceptive services and supplies, basic gynecological care, cancer and general medical screening, infertility services, education, counseling and referrals) to all persons. The program gives priority to persons from low-income families, provides free services to those individuals living at or below 100 percent of the poverty level, and assesses a sliding fee scale for those individuals between 100 percent and 250 percent of the Federal poverty level. 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 improvements.

- C 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 (males and females), and their families to delay the onset of adolescent sexual activity and thus reduce the incidence of pregnancy, sexually transmitted diseases (STD) infection, and HIV/AIDS. The program also supports research grants in the areas of adolescent sexuality, pregnancy and parenting C investigating the factors that influence 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 Department of Health and Human Services Regional Offices which administer the Family Planning Programs. Grants are available to States, not-for-profit 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 school, 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 and AIDS. Inquiries should be made to: *Office of Population Affairs Clearinghouse, P.O. Box 30686, Bethesda, MD 20824-0686; phone: 301-654-6190; fax: 301-215-7731.*

AGENCY INFORMATION

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PROGRAM INFORMATION

Description: The Office of Public Health and Science (OPHS), Office on Women's Health (OWH) is dedicated to improving the health of women across the lifespan by developing, directing and coordinating initiatives in women's health research, health care services, and public and health professional education and training across agencies, regions and offices of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS). These efforts are aided by public private partnerships.

- C The Women and HIV/AIDS Collaborative Group consists of representatives from Federal agencies and national and local women's organizations. The group was formed to explore issues critical to women with HIV/AIDS and to propose potential collaborations and partnerships to address the ongoing epidemic of HIV/AIDS in the lives of women in the United States.
- C The Secretary's Workgroup on Women and HIV/AIDS provides leadership for the development of the DHHS's Women and HIV/AIDS strategy. In addition, the Workgroup provides a forum for review and discussion of the DHHS's agenda on women and HIV/AIDS and is responsible for coordinating activities, creating initiatives when appropriate, and providing recommendations to the Secretary regarding women and HIV/AIDS.
- C 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 minority women's health panel of experts, whose mission is: to provide input to and serve as a resource for OWH in the development of minority women's health initiatives; provide input on Departmental/Secretarial initiatives; and to provide input on recommendations that address OWH or DHHS initiatives from the 1997 conference.

RESOURCES

Publications: The National Women's Health Information Center (NWHIC), sponsored by the OWH, makes available information in English and Spanish by means of phone information specialists, publications, and a Web page. Information specialists can address information needs and identify the appropriate Federal and private sector referral organizations, and can contact federal organizations to order selected materials. NWHIC provides callers with access to thousands of Federal and non-Federal organizations and publications. Inquiries should be made to the NWHIC Information Specialists by calling: *1-800-994-WOMAN (1-800-994-9662); TDD: 1-888-220-5446 from 9 am to 6 pm Monday through Friday (excluding Federal holidays).* Publications are also available online through NWHIC's Web page:
<http://www.4women.gov/phoneinfo.htm>.

Technical Assistance/Training: The National Centers of Excellence in Women's Health program was developed and is being supported by the OWH to provide state-of-the-art comprehensive and integrated health care services, multidisciplinary research, and public and health care professional education targeted toward the special needs of women, including underserved and minority women. These Centers serve as active forces in their communities and across the nation in addressing and providing for the health care needs of women. There are currently eighteen Centers of Excellence, located at academic institutions in different areas of the country, will serve as demonstrations models for the Nation. The Centers will integrate health care services, research programs, public education and health care professional training, and will forge links with health care services in the community.

AGENCY INFORMATION

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PROGRAM INFORMATION

Description: A national project that fosters capacity-building of small, community-based organizations to provide HIV/AIDS prevention and early intervention services to poor, minority communities disproportionately impacted by HIV/AIDS, STDs, and unwanted pregnancies. The project focuses on improving the coordination, comprehensiveness, and quality of HIV/AIDS service provision by bringing together community-based organizations, primarily those providing support services to communities of color, into federal regional planning, and networking efforts. Funding for this project comes from the Congressional Black Caucus (CBC) Minority HIV/AIDS Initiative.

RESOURCES

Funding: Limited funds (\$2,5000 maximum) are available to support capacity building activities within smaller agencies and organizations. Organizations are eligible for these funds if they:

- have an operating budget under \$750,000;
- have been in existence for more than one year; and
- provide HIV/AIDS services to poor, minority populations.

In addition, organizations selected will be those serving racial and ethnic minorities in high incidence communities. For more information contact the Regional Resource Network consultant in the respective regional office.

Publications: Regionally-based resource handbooks for HIV/AIDS services which reference community-based organizations that provide support and ancillary services to individuals and families affected and infected by HIV/AIDS.

Technical Assistance/Training: Some technical assistance, training and/or referrals for same available. Please contact the RRN Coordinator in your region for more information.

AGENCY INFORMATION

Name: Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA)
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PROGRAM INFORMATION

Description: The Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) was established by Congress (Public Law 102-321) on October 1, 1992, to strengthen the Nation's health care delivery system for prevention and treatment services for substance abuse and mental illnesses. SAMHSA builds on Federal-State partnerships with communities and private organizations to address the needs of individuals with substance abuse and mental illnesses as well as the community risk factors that contribute to these illnesses.

With respect to substance abuse, SAMHSA-sponsored activities are intended to reduce its incidence and prevalence, improve access to prevention and treatment programs, enhance effectiveness of services, and reduce personal and community risks for substance abuse. With respect to mental health, SAMHSA-sponsored activities are intended to promote recovery and improve the quality of life of adults with serious mental illnesses and children with serious emotional disturbances. These activities can improve the overall mental health of the Nation's people by promoting access to and increasing the development of systems of integrated, comprehensive, community-based services for adults with serious mental illnesses and children with serious emotional disturbances.

There is a need for continuous Federal leadership in substance abuse prevention and treatment and in mental health services. As a long-term partner with States and counties, communities and employers, consumers and families, and health professionals, SAMHSA is uniquely positioned to meet these challenges and continue to advance these fields on behalf of all Americans.

SAMHSA is an Operating Division within the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS). SAMHSA consists of three Centers – the Center for Mental Health Services (CMHS), the Center for Substance Abuse Treatment (CSAT), and the Center for Substance Abuse Prevention (CSAP) – as well as the Office of the Administrator, the Office of Applied Studies, and the Office of Program Services.

The Office of the Administrator provides agency-level policy development, program coordination, communications, and public affairs support. The Office includes special-focus Offices that coordinate agency efforts in Managed Care and Women's Services. SAMHSA also has Associate Administrators for Alcohol Policy, Minority Concerns, and HIV/AIDS. The Associate Administrator for HIV/AIDS coordinates and monitors SAMHSA activities that address the critical public health problems posed by HIV disease among substance abusers and persons with mental illnesses.

Minority HIV/AIDS Programs and Initiatives: The Associate Administrator for Minority Concerns ensures that activities initiated by SAMHSA are relevant to and, where appropriate, targeted to minority population groups. For specific programs and initiatives, refer to the information sheets in the directory on SAMHSA's three Centers, as well as the National Clearinghouse for Alcohol and Drug Information (NCADI).

RESOURCES

Funding: Funding opportunities for SAMHSA's programs are announced each year in the Federal Register.

Publications: Information on materials available can be accessed through the Center for Mental Health Services Knowledge Exchange Network (KEN) and the National Clearinghouse for Alcohol and Drug Information.

Technical Assistance/Training: Technical assistance and training are provided through each of SAMHSA's Centers, as described in the directory.

AGENCY INFORMATION

Name: Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA)
Sub-Agency: Center for Mental Health Services (CMHS)
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PROGRAM INFORMATION

Description: The Center for Mental Health Services leads Federal efforts to treat mental illnesses by promoting mental health and by preventing the development or worsening of mental illness when possible. Congress created CMHS to bring new hope to adults who have serious mental illness and to children with serious emotional disorders.

The CMHS strategic response to HIV/AIDS is directed in three areas. Since prevention remains the most critical element in reducing the incidence and prevalence of HIV/AIDS, CMHS has a High Risk Prevention/Intervention Program directed at adolescents and young adults at high risk for infection and at women at risk. The education of mental health care providers is also a critical response to the epidemic; as HIV/AIDS has become more of a chronic illness than a fatal illness, mental health care providers have become critical in the health care of that population. CMHS has an education program designed also to yield data on more effective dissemination methods. Finally, the delivery of appropriate high quality mental health services to people living with HIV/AIDS is a very high priority. CMHS has completed a mental health services demonstration program in collaboration with other agencies and has started a new collaborative effort with five other centers/bureaus/institutes. This new program (CMHS) is examining treatment adherence, health outcomes and costs associated with the delivery of mental health services to people who have a mental disorder, HIV, and a substance use disorder. In all of the CMHS HIV/AIDS programs, collaboration with other agencies of the Department of Health and Human Services is considered very important.

Minority HIV/AIDS Programs and Initiatives: CMHS= Division of Program Development, Special Populations and Projects identifies gaps in prevention and service delivery and designs, develops, and implements programs for underserved and at-risk populations. Among its constituencies are people involved with the criminal justice system, minorities, women, older people, and rural Americans.

RESOURCES

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

Publications: *Mental Health Care for People Living With or Affected by HIV/AIDS: A Practical Guide*

Technical Assistance/Training: Technical assistance is offered as an integral part of the development and implementation of CMHS programs, and includes a network of Technical Assistance Centers located strategically throughout the country.

AGENCY INFORMATION

Name: Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA)
Sub-Agency: Center for Substance Abuse Treatment (CSAT)
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PROGRAM INFORMATION

Description: 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:

- C The Substance Abuse Prevention and Treatment Block Grant, a formula grant that is made available to the States on an annual basis, is the cornerstone of public funding for substance abuse treatment programs, accounting for approximately 40 percent of all public funds expended for prevention activities and treatment services at the State-level. Funding policy for this block grant includes a set-aside of 2-5 percent of a State's allocation that must be spent to establish one or more projects to provide early intervention services for HIV disease to individuals undergoing substance abuse treatment.
- C Targeted Capacity Expansion, a discretionary (competitive) grant program, is designed to provide rapid and strategic responses to the demand for substance abuse treatment services that are more local and regional in nature.
- C Knowledge Development and Application Program, a discretionary (competitive) program, is designed to identify and fill knowledge gaps in substance abuse treatment services; to support development and application of new knowledge; and to provide for the orderly transfer of best practice information to substance abuse treatment organizations and providers.

Minority HIV/AIDS Programs and Initiatives: CSAT programs that target minority communities for treatment and prevention services include:

- Targeted Capacity Expansion Program for Substance Abuse Treatment and HIV/AIDS Services is designed to enhance and expand substance abuse treatment and services related to HIV/AIDS in African American, Hispanic/Latino, and other minority communities highly affected by the twin epidemics of substance abuse and HIV/AIDS. This program seeks to address gaps in substance abuse treatment capacity, and to increase the accessibility and availability of substance abuse treatment and related HIV/AIDS services (including other sexually transmitted diseases, tuberculosis, and hepatitis B and C) to African American, Hispanic/Latino, and other racial/ethnic minority substance abusers.
- Community-Based Substance Abuse and HIV/AIDS Outreach Program is designed to develop community-based outreach projects to provide HIV counseling and testing services, health education and risk reduction information, access and referrals to sexually transmitted disease and tuberculosis testing, substance abuse treatment, primary care, mental health and medical services for those who are HIV positive or have AIDS, living in African American, Hispanic/Latino, and other racial/ethnic minority communities. Grantees are expected to provide outreach program strategies that can effectively target women who are injection drug users (IDUs), the sexual partners of IDUs, sex workers or women who exchange sex for drugs, men who are IDUs and their needle sharing partners, men who have sex with men (MSM) and MSM who inject drugs, and adolescents.

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 Publications (TAPs). TIPs are the products of a systematic and innovative process which brings together clinicians, researchers, program managers, policy makers and other Federal and non-Federal experts to reach consensus on state-of-the-art treatment practices. TAPs are a compilation of written materials gathered from various Federal, State, programmatic, and clinical sources, which 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).

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 (TIE), a resource that provides information exchange between CSAT staff and State and local alcohol and substance abuse agencies. CSAT also supports fourteen regionally dispersed Addiction Technology Transfer Centers (ATTCs), the primary mission of which is to provide for the transfer of best practice information to administrators and staff of substance abuse treatment organizations and to improve knowledge and skills of substance abuse treatment providers.

AGENCY INFORMATION

Name: Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA)
Sub-Agency: Center for Substance Abuse Prevention (CSAP)
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PROGRAM INFORMATION

Description: The Center for Substance Abuse Prevention (CSAP) provides national leadership in the Federal effort to prevent alcohol, tobacco, and illicit drug problems. CSAP assists in the development of comprehensive, culturally appropriate prevention policies and systems that are based on scientifically defensible principles and target both individuals and the environments in which they live. CSAP's work on prevention is concentrated in the areas of development, dissemination, and application of knowledge in settings where it is likely to assist in the prevention or reduction of substance abuse. CSAP administers the following programs:

- C The High Risk Youth Demonstration Grant Program which serves works to identify effective models in preventing alcohol and drug use among youth in high risk environments.
- C The Pregnant/Post Partum Women/Infants Demonstration Program which develops community-based models for coordinating services for substance abusing women and their small children.
- C The State Incentive Grant Program provides financial incentive for State Governors to coordinate or redirect Federal and State prevention resources, develop a comprehensive strategy aimed at reducing illicit drug and alcohol use by youth, and implement science-based prevention programs in selected communities.
- C The Community Partnerships/Community Coalitions Demonstration Program builds capacity at the local and community levels and fosters collaboration among the major sectors of the community to reduce the incidence of substance abuse.
- C The Communications Cooperative Agreement Demonstration Program which has produced nationally recognized substance abuse prevention campaigns that target specific populations with health messages about alcohol and illicit drugs.

Minority HIV/AIDS Programs and Initiatives: CSAP programs that target minority communities for treatment and prevention services include:

- Substance Abuse Prevention and HIV Prevention Initiative for Youth and Women of Color is specifically designed to address the disproportionate impact that HIV disease is having on African Americans, Latinos, American Indians and other racial and ethnic minority populations. The program's approach to reducing drug-related HIV infection involves incorporating the following components: ethnographic research, coalition building, policy development, and education and awareness.
- Targeted Capacity Expansion Cooperative Agreements for Substance Abuse and HIV/AIDS Prevention are aimed at increasing community capacity to provide integrated/cross-trained substance abuse and HIV/AIDS prevention services. These grants are targeted to at-risk African American, Hispanics/Latinos(as) and other racial/ethnic minority youth, women, and women with children. The program promotes the selection, adoption/adaptation, implementation, and evaluation of the effectiveness of integrated substance abuse and HIV/AIDS prevention interventions that are age, language and culturally appropriate, and gender and sexual orientation-specific.
- The Family Strengthening Program aims to reduce the incidence of substance abuse among youth age 12-17 by strengthening family relationships and encouraging parental investment in their children. The program increases the capacity of local communities to deliver best practices in effective parenting.
- Community-Initiated Prevention Interventions/Field Studies Program supports field-initiated projects that test, replicate, or extend to other populations substance abuse prevention interventions. In this program, grantees will be able to refine, adapt, and implement effective research-based interventions for vulnerable populations in their local community settings and/or with diverse populations.
- Faculty Development Program works to develop a cadre of health care professionals skilled in teaching the most effective substance abuse prevention strategies to physicians, nurses, social workers, public health officials and clergy while in their primary training, ensuring that these professionals are culturally competent in the delivery of these strategies.

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), 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 State and Community Systems Development provides technical assistance to States and communities. Also, the Regional Centers for the Application of Prevention Technologies (CAPTs) provide training and technical assistance to States and communities on science-based substance abuse prevention strategies.

AGENCY INFORMATION

Name: The National Clearinghouse for Alcohol and Drug Information (NCADI)
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Rockville, Maryland
Telephone: 800-729-6686 (English and Spanish)
Fax: 301-468-6433
Web page: <http://www.health.org>

PROGRAM INFORMATION

Sponsoring Agency: The National Clearinghouse for Alcohol and Drug Information (NCADI) is sponsored by the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA).

Description: NCADI is a centralized source of information on alcohol and other drug issues. Information is available to the general public, drug and alcohol prevention specialists, drug and alcohol treatment specialists, educators, schools, community centers, hospitals, and students. The Resource Library (located in Rockville, Maryland) is open Monday through Friday, from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. EST. NCADI makes available the following services:

- C The Information Services Department which provides information on alcohol and substance abuse via telephone, e-mail, voice mail, postal mail, TDD, and fax;
- C The Regional Alcohol and Drug Awareness Resource (RADAR) Network which facilitates access to information on current regulations, alcohol and drug use, scientific findings, campaigns and materials, and other resources at the state and local levels. The RADAR Network consists of state clearinghouses, specialized information centers of national organizations, the Department of Education Regional Training Centers, and other organizations. For more information contact: 800-729-6686 ext. 5111.
- C A web page which enables individuals and groups to access 11 different online databases to allow for research in the different fields of drug, alcohol, and tobacco use, information on publications, fact sheets, conference listings, and current research; and 9 online forums available to the public;
- C An online database with information on available federal grants and contracts dealing with substance abuse;
- C An inventory contains over 500 items, including pamphlets, books, conference reports, posters, flyers, videos, fact sheets, and resource lists. Information specialists provide referrals, suggest publication, and research requests, and customized searches on many alcohol and drug-related topics; and
- C A bimonthly publication developed by SAMHSA's Center for Substance Abuse Prevention (CSAP), *Prevention Pipeline*, offering current, comprehensive information about preventing substance abuse problems.

Minority HIV/AIDS Programs and Initiatives: The Clearinghouse provides bilingual (English/Spanish) telephone assistance and can provide information on minority programs. File,

aids206.wpd

AGENCY INFORMATION

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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 the Nation's communities, and enforce fair housing laws. In December 1996, HUD developed the National AIDS Strategy with the proposed goal of ensuring 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 (CPD)** 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/AIDS (PLWAs) and their families. The program administers two grants formula and competitive that are 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 PWLAs and their families.

Grantees may use HOPWA funds for a broad range of housing services; for example:

- 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 can be accessed by contacting the Office of HIV/AIDS Housing.

Minority HIV/AIDS Programs and Initiatives: HOPWA is part of the Consolidated Plan administered by the Community Development and Planning Office, which provides the framework for a planning 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 those entities applying for the grant must show a plan for citizen participation, including minority and non-English speaking individuals/groups.

RESOURCES

Funding: HUD makes available funding for HOPWA through two grants:

Formula Grants

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

Competitive Grants

- States and local governments that do not qualify for formula grants; and
- Nonprofit organizations.

Technical Assistance Grants

- States and Units of local government
- Nonprofit organizations.

Inquiries on 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: 1-800-998-9999; fax: 301-519-5027; TDD: 1-800-483-2209; Web page: <http://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 can also be accessed by contacting: *the AIDS Housing of Washington National Technical Assistance Project*; phone: 206-448-5242; and e-mail: info@aidshousing.org.

Data Sources: Contact program person.

AGENCY INFORMATION

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Sub-Agency: HIV/AIDS Service
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Washington, DC 20420
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PROGRAM INFORMATION

Description: The mission of the VA HIV/AIDS Service is to provide the highest quality comprehensive care to veterans infected with HIV and to have that care recognized as the standard by which all HIV/AIDS care in the United States is measured. This includes all patient care activities, clinician and patient education, prevention activities and research directed at continuous improvement of medical and preventive services and delivery of care to veterans living with HIV infection.

The major activities of the HIV/AIDS Service include the following:

- Comprehensive HIV/AIDS Care and Services VA is the largest single provider of HIV services in the United States. In 1998 over 17,000 veterans received HIV care from the VA healthcare system which includes 172 hospitals, over 500 clinics, domiciliary programs and long-term care facilities. VA HIV care integrates all needed services for veterans with HIV infection including acute and chronic care, substance abuse treatment, mental health treatment and homeless programs.
- AIDS Information Center The Center utilizes computer technologies, particularly email and the Internet, to disseminate comprehensive scientific, medical, and psychosocial information about HIV disease throughout the VA medical system to ensure that staff have access to timely, authoritative, information required for HIV/AIDS patient care, education, and research programs. The Center is responsible for coordinating and disseminating information about AIDS Service initiatives and programs both internal and external to VA and is significantly involved in AIDS Service communications' activities.
- Center for Quality Management in HIV Care The Center is a recently established national working laboratory located in Palo Alto, California. The Center's mission is to promote innovation and improvement in the care of HIV infected patients. This is accomplished

through the use of the VA's HIV Registry which provides information on health service utilization and patient outcomes. The Center facilitates communication between AIDS Service and a wide spectrum of field staff who provide care, including primary care providers, HIV specialists, nurses, case managers, and pharmacists. The Center also works with private industry to assess the effectiveness of new technologies, such as drug therapies, diagnostic tests and information systems.

- Quality Enhancement Research Initiative (QUERI) QUERI is a new VA program in eight clinical areas, including care for HIV-infected veterans. The overall goal of this program is to foster collaboration between researchers and clinical and administrative staff so that research may be applied quickly to improve the quality of care for veterans. The HIV-QUERI has three goals: 1) to validate the VA HIV Registry and to create a research database from it; 2) to enhance that database by collecting data via surveys and chart reviews for a national sample of HIV-infected veterans; and 3) using this database to assess the quality of care provided to HIV-infected veterans and feedback information to facilities for their use in improving care.
- VA HIV Prevention This initiative provides consultation on the design and implementation of prevention initiatives and research throughout the VA health care system. A wide variety of HIV prevention programs are currently in place in VA hospital-based settings and community clinics across the nation, each designed to meet the needs of a diverse veteran population. Current efforts include HIV prevention programs and research in Substance Abuse Centers, Homeless Health Care Centers, Mental Health Programs, the Women Veterans Health Program, as well as additional programs in primary care and tertiary hospital settings. Previous research of VA researchers has examined issues such as risk for HIV among multiply diagnosed populations and evaluations of peer HIV prevention counseling programs in homeless veteran populations.
- VA HIV Registry The Registry, also known as the Immunology Case Registry (ICR), includes information on all veterans with HIV infection who visit a VA facility for medical care. It is the largest clinical HIV database in the world. The HIV Registry provides local and national tracking of veterans by severity of the disease into four separate but distinct categories based on the immune status and presence of opportunistic infections. The Registry contains access to complete medical records including demographics, diagnoses, resource utilization, pharmacy and laboratory data on over 45,000 HIV patients in the VA system. In accordance with the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's requirements of reporting of AIDS cases, VA clinicians send the AIDS case reports generated from the HIV registry to their respective Health departments. The ICR protects patients' identity by encryption of any patient identifiers.

Minority HIV/AIDS Programs And Initiatives:

Today's HIV/AIDS patient population in the VA is rapidly shifting to HIV disease at presentation and is solidly represented by minority patients. Based on HIV Registry data since 1992, patients are classified into CDC-defined risk categories. These include: homosexual activity (36.9%); IV drugs (36.9%); heterosexual activity (16.7%); IV drugs and homosexual activity (5.2%);

transfusion (2.2%); and health care/clinical related (1.5%). The demographic information obtained from the HIV Registry indicate that nearly 60 % of the 17,000 veterans treated during fiscal year 1998 were Black or Hispanic.

RESOURCES

Publications: The AIDS Information Center makes available news releases and fact sheets on AIDS Service initiatives and programs. The Center also edits a biweekly, electronic AIDS Information Newsletter which provides HIV-related material to staff throughout the VA medical system. These documents are available on the Center's and AIDS Service's Web sites.

AGENCY INFORMATION

Program Name: AIDS Clinical Trials Information Service (ACTIS)
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Rockville, MD 20849-6421
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International 301-519-0459
TTY: 888-480-3739
Fax: 301-519-6616
Web page: <http://www.actis.org>
E-mail: actis@actis.org

PROGRAM INFORMATION

Sponsoring Agencies: The AIDS Clinical Trials Information Service (ACTIS) is sponsored by the following Federal agencies: Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, the National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases, National Library of Medicine, and the Food and Drug Administration.

Description: ACTIS provides free and confidential information about HIV/AIDS clinical trials to persons with HIV disease and AIDS, their families and friends, health care providers, and federal, state and local agencies using the following services:

- Health Information Specialists answer questions about specific clinical trials including purpose of the clinical trial, location of the trial, eligibility and exclusion criteria, and names and telephone numbers of contact persons in English, Spanish, and Portuguese by telephone or email.
- Health Information Specialists are available to speak to the community in English, Spanish, and Portuguese (when possible).
- Free copies of clinical trials data base searches and other clinical trial related information are sent to the caller on request.
- Ability to search from home, via the Internet (actis.org), the clinical trial and drug databases.
- Online access (actis.org) to general information about clinical trials, vaccine information and trials, press releases, and other HIV/AIDS clinical trial resources.

Minority HIV/AIDS Programs and Initiatives

ACTIS is committed to meeting the needs of minority communities by offering written materials in layman's terms. Spanish translations of many educational materials are available. Health Information Specialists, speaking English, Spanish, and Portuguese, are available to answer questions by telephone or email, and speak directly to groups, organizations or the community when possible.

AGENCY INFORMATION

Program Name: CDC National Prevention Information Network (NPIN)
Sub-Agency: National AIDS Clearinghouse
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Rockville, MD 20849-6003
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Fax: 888-282-7681
Web page: <http://www.cdcpin.org>

Libraries and Resource Centers:

CDC National Prevention Information Network (NPIN) Resource and Training Center in Silver Spring, Maryland

Open Monday through Friday, 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., EST
Phone: 800-458-5231; Fax: 888-282-7681; TTY: 800-243-7012
NPIN Silver Spring Resource and Training Center, 8401 Colesville Road, Suite 200, Silver Spring, MD 20910

NPIN Resource and Training Center on the CDC Campus in Atlanta, Georgia

Open Monday through Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., EST
Phone: 404-982-0353; Fax: 404-982-0346
Atlanta Resource and Training Center, 18 Executive Park, Suite 1804, MS E-21, Atlanta, Georgia 30329

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

Open Monday through Friday, 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., EST
Phone: 410-659-6300; Fax: 410-659-6266
E-mail: mmc@jhucpp.org
Web Site: <http://www.jhucpp.org/mmc/mmc.stm>
NPIN Resource and Training Center
JHU Center for Communication Programs, 111 Market Place, Suite 310, Baltimore, MD 21202

PROGRAM INFORMATION

Sponsoring Agency: The National Prevention Information Network is sponsored by the National Center for HIV, STD, and TB Prevention, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

Description: 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 services.

NPIN services include the following:

- C NPIN FAX reports, fact sheets, and other publications related to HIV, STD, and TB prevention;
- C LISTSERV-subscription to daily CDC HIV/STD/TB Prevention News Update by e-mail. Send blank message to: preventionews-subscribe@cdcpin.org.
- C References/Referral- provision of up-to-date information about organizations that provide

- HIV/AIDS- , STD- and TB-related services, educational materials, and funding resources;
- C Resources/Trainings-various publications available for research/reference on prevention and education, training is available on how to use library and resources. Three sites are available for visitors: Silver Spring, Maryland; Atlanta, Georgia; and Baltimore, Maryland; and
 - C Online database enabling consumers to access information on publications, federal offices and private organizations, and conferences.

Minority HIV/AIDS Programs and Initiatives Spanish language publications and information specialists are available to the public. Information about minority programs can be accessed through the resource centers or by calling NPIN.

AGENCY INFORMATION

Name: HIV/AIDS Treatment Information Service (ATIS)
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Rockville, MD 20849-6303
Telephone: 800-HIV-0440 or 800-448-0440 (English, Spanish, and Portuguese)
International: 301-519-0459
TTY: 888-480-3739
Fax: 301-519-6616
Web page: <http://www.hivatis.org>
E-mail: atis@hivatis.org

PROGRAM INFORMATION

Sponsoring Agency: The HIV/AIDS Treatment Information Service (ATIS) is sponsored by the following Federal agencies: Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, National Institutes of Health, Health Care Financing Administration, and the Health Resources and Services Administration.

Description: ATIS provides current treatment information on HIV disease and AIDS and referrals to resources via the following services:

- Health Information Specialists provide free and confidential answers to questions and concerns, for people with HIV disease and AIDS, their families and friends, healthcare providers. Referrals to national, state, and local organizations are also provided. Responses are provided in English, Spanish, or Portuguese by telephone or email.
- Health Information Specialists are available to speak to the community in English, Spanish, and Portuguese when possible.
- One free copy of educational materials, PHS treatment guidelines, and press releases are mailed on request. Bulk copies of many items are available if the requestor pays shipping handling costs.
- Online access via our web site (hivatis.org) to current treatment information, educational materials, the adult and adolescent, perinatal, pediatric, PEP and OI PHS treatment guidelines, links to additional HIV/AIDS related sites, and press releases.
- Spanish translations of many publications are available.

Minority HIV/AIDS Programs and Initiatives

ATIS is committed to meeting needs of minority communities by providing written materials in layman's terms. Spanish translations of many educational materials and the adult and adolescent PHS treatment guidelines are available. Health Information Specialists, speaking English, Spanish, and Portuguese, are available to answer questions by telephone or email, and speak directly to groups, organizations or the community when possible.

AGENCY INFORMATION

Name: CDC National AIDS Hotline and National STD Hotline
Telephone: 800-342-AIDS(2437) (HIV information in English)
800-800-227-8922 (STD information in English)
800-344-SIDA(7432) (HIV and STD information in Spanish)
TTY: 800-AIDS-TTY (243-7889) (HIV and STD information)
Web page: <http://www.ashastd.org>

PROGRAM INFORMATION

Sponsoring Agency: The National AIDS and the National STD Hotlines are sponsored by the National Center for HIV, STD, and TB Prevention, and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC).

Description: The CDC National AIDS and the National STD 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 makes available the following services:

- C Information specialists who 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 can also send free publications through the mail;
- C Educational materials on HIV/AIDS, women's health, and sexually transmitted diseases, as well as, resources for youth, parents, and health professionals. Materials are available by calling: 800-783-9877, 8am - 4pm EST, (24 Hour Voice Mail);
- C A free confidential service (Group Calls) which enables groups to call the CDC National AIDS Hotline and ask questions about HIV/AIDS. Participants have the opportunity to ask AIDS-related questions during the call. Participants can also call back, in private, and talk about any aspect of HIV and AIDS. The service is free and calls can be scheduled day or night.

Minority HIV/AIDS Programs and Initiatives The Hotlines operate a Spanish information line and a TTY line (Deaf and hard of hearing) 24 hours a day 7 days a week. The Hotlines= web page and publications can also be accessed in Spanish.

AGENCY INFORMATION

Name: The National Clearinghouse for Alcohol and Drug Information (NCADI)
Address: 11426 Rockville Pike, Suite 200
Rockville, Maryland
Telephone: 800-729-6686 (English and Spanish)
Web page: <http://www.health.org>

PROGRAM INFORMATION

Sponsoring Agency: The National Clearinghouse for Alcohol and Drug Information (NCADI) is sponsored by the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration.

Description: NCADI is a centralized source of information on alcohol and other drug issues. Information is available to the general public, drug and alcohol prevention specialists, drug and alcohol treatment specialists, educators, schools, community centers, hospitals, and students. The Resource Library (located in Rockville, Maryland) is open Monday through Friday, from 9:00a.m to 5:00p.m. EST. NCADI makes available the following services:

- C The Information Services Department which provides information on alcohol and substance abuse via telephone, e-mail, voice mail, postal mail, TDD, and fax;
- C The Regional Alcohol and Drug Awareness Resource (RADAR) Network, which facilitates access to information on current regulations, alcohol and drug use, scientific findings, campaigns and materials, and other resources at the State and local levels. The RADAR Network consists of State clearinghouses, specialized information centers of national organizations, the Department of Education Regional Training Centers, and other organizations. For more information contact: 800-729-6686 ext. 5111.
- C A Web page which enables individuals and groups to access 11 different online databases to allow for research in the different fields of drug, alcohol, and tobacco use; information on publications, fact sheets, conference listings, and current research; and nine online forums available to the public;
- C An online database with information on available Federal grants and contracts dealing with substance abuse;
- C An inventory containing over 500 items, including pamphlets, books, conference reports, posters, flyers, videos, fact sheets, and resource lists. Information specialists provide referrals, suggest publication, and research requests, and provide customized searches on many alcohol and drug-related topics; and
- C A bimonthly publication developed by the Center for Substance Abuse Prevention, *Prevention Pipeline*, offering current, comprehensive information about preventing substance abuse problems.

Minority HIV/AIDS Programs and Initiatives: Provides bilingual (English/Spanish) telephone assistance and can provide information on minority programs.

QUICK REFERENCE FOR AGENCY WEB PAGES

Federal Agencies		Web pages
ACF	Administration for Children and Families	http://www.acf.dhhs.gov
AOA	Administration on Aging	http://www.aoa.gov
AHRQ	Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality	http://www.ahrq.gov
CDC	Centers for Disease Control and Prevention	http://www.cdc.gov
	National Center for Chronic Disease Prevention and Health Promotion	http://www.cdc.gov/nccdphp
	National Center for HIV, STD, and TB Prevention	http://www.cdc.gov/nchstp/od/nchstp.html
DHHS	Department of Health and Human Services	http://www.dhhs.gov
FDA	Food and Drug Administration	http://www.fda.gov
HCFA	Health Care Financing Administration	http://www.hcfa.gov
HRSA	Health Resources and Services Administration	http://www.hrsa.gov
	Bureau of Primary Health Care (BPHC)	http://www.bphc.hrsa.dhhs.gov
	HIV/AIDS Bureau (HAB)	http://www.hrsa.dhhs.gov/hab
	Maternal and Child Health Bureau (MCHB)	http://www.mchb.hrsa.gov
	Office of Minority Health	http://www.hrsa.gov
HUD	Department of Housing and Urban Development Office of HIV/AIDS Housing	http://www.hud.gov/cpd/howahom.html
IHS	Indian Health Service	http://www.ihs.gov
NIH	National Institutes of Health	http://www.nih.gov
	National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Disease (NIAID)	http://www.niaid.nih.gov
	National Institute of Child Health and Human Development (NICHD)	http://www.nih.gov/nichd

Federal Agencies		Web pages
	National Institute on Drug Abuse (NIDA)	http://www.nida.nih.gov
	National Institutes of Mental Health (NIMH)	http://www.nimh.gov
	Office of AIDS Research (OAR)	http://www.nih.gov/od/oar
OPHS	Office of HIV/AIDS Policy (OHAP)	http://www.surgeongeneral.gov/ophs/hivaids
	Office of Minority Health (OMH)	http://www.omhrc.gov
	Office of Population Affairs (OPA)	http://www.hhs.gov/progorg/opa
	Office of Women's Health (OWH)	http://www.4woman.gov
SAMHSA	Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA)	http://www.samhsa.gov
	Center for Mental Health Services (CMHS)	
	Center for Substance Abuse Treatment (CSAT) Center for Substance Abuse Prevention (CSAP)	
VA	Department of Veterans Affairs HIV/AIDS Service (VA)	http://vhaaidsinfo.cio.med. va.gov

QUICK REFERENCES FOR HEALTH INFORMATION AND CLEARINGHOUSES

HIV/AIDS/STD INFORMATION

AIDS Clinical Trials Information Service (ACTIS)

- C 800-TRIALS-A (English, Spanish, and French)
- C 888-480-3739 (Hearing Impaired)
- C <http://www.actis.org>

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

- C 800-458-5231
- C <http://www.cdcnpin.org>

HIV/AIDS Treatment Information Service (ATIS)

- C 800-HIV-0440 (800-448-0440) (English and Spanish)
- C 888-480-3739 (Hearing Impaired)
- C <http://www.hivatis.org>

National AIDS Hotline and National STD Hotline

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

DRUG ABUSE

National Clearinghouse for Alcohol and Drug Information (NCADI)

- C 800-729-6686 (Information in English and Spanish)
- C <http://www.health.org>

GENERAL HEALTH

Office of Disease Prevention and Health Promotion (ODPHP)

- C 800-336-4797 (General Health Information)
- C <http://www.healthfinder.gov>
- C 800-367-4725 (Healthy People 2010)
- C <http://www.health.gov/healthypeople>

Office of Minority Health Resource Center (OMHRC)

- C 800-444-6472 (English and Spanish)
- C <http://www.omhrc.gov>

**QUICK REFERENCES FOR HEALTH INFORMATION
AND CLEARINGHOUSES**

Type of Information	Clearinghouse	Contact Information
Minority Health	Office of Minority Health Resource Center (OMHRC)	C 800-444-6472 (English and Spanish) C http://www.omhrc.gov
HIV/AIDS/STD Information	AIDS Clinical Trials Information Service (ACTIS)	C 800-TRIALS-A (English, Spanish, and French) C 888-480-3739 (Hearing Impaired) C http://www.actis.org
	CDC National Prevention Information Network (NPIN) National AIDS Clearinghouse	C 800-458-5231 C http://www.cdcnpin.org
	HIV/AIDS Treatment Information Service (ATIS)	C 800-HIV-0440 (800-448-0440) (English and Spanish) C 888-480-3739 (Hearing Impaired) C http://www.hivatis.org
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Drug Abuse	National Clearinghouse for Alcohol and Drug Information (NCADI)	C 800-729-6686 (English and Spanish) C http://www.health.org
General Health	Office of Disease Prevention and Health Promotion	C 800-336-4797 (General health information) C http://www.healthfinder.gov C 800-367-4725 (Healthy People 2010) C http://www.health.gov/healthypeople