



Positive Advocate

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World AIDS Day Planning Sessions

Anyone interested in joining the Sacramento World AIDS Day Organizing committee is welcomed to come participate in planning sessions. We meet the first Wednesday of every month at the Sacramento County Primary Care Center, 4600 Broadway, Sacramento, from 2 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. For more information contact Paula at 916-876-5548.



World AIDS Day is held annually on December 1st

Here are some of the local events being held in recognition of World AIDS Day

- November 25 — Antioch Progressive Church, Gospel Performances, 7950 Amherst, Sacramento
- November 30 - “Educate” Speaker Panel at the UC Davis Health School
- December 1 - “Celebrate” Oak Park Community Center includes entertainment, education, Prevention.
- December 1 - “I CARE!” World AIDS Day Gala hosted by Breaking Barriers at the Civic Center Galleria, in west Sacramento. For More Information: <http://wadgalasacramento.com>
- December 2 - “Commemorate” Faith-based events at various area local churches

Camp Sunburst 2012!

Since 1988 Camp Sunburst has been offering therapeutic programming to children and teens living with HIV/AIDS at no cost to the families. Campers between the ages of 6-18 and living with HIV, or live in a household with HIV to be eligible to attend Camp Sunburst. They must also be aware of the HIV diagnosis in order to attend camp.

This year Sunburst Projects was blessed to host 3 outstanding youth programs. We kicked off the summer in June with the very first annual *One Love Conference: West Coast* for young adults living with HIV. This four-day event was designed by and for 17-25 years olds living with the virus. Thirteen young people and five staff spent 4 days in workshops led by experts in the community. They spoke about legal rights, finance, nutrition, yoga, transitioning to adult care and so much more. Our young people found a safe place to discuss their hopes and fears for the future, relationships and disclosure, and the challenges they face living with the virus. The excitement generated at the conference continues as many of the participants are reaching some important goals as a result of the motivation and information provided at *One Love*. In October, for example, a small group of participants will be presenting a workshop on "Combating HIV-stigma in the Classroom" at the Teachers 4 Social Justice Conference in San Francisco!

Thirty campers between the ages of 6 and 12 and thirty volunteers celebrated the Fourth of July at Kids Camp this summer with a Carnival and night hike to view the fireworks over Livermore. At Camp Arroyo, our campers enjoyed pool time in the warmth of the rolling East Bay hills. Our programming also included horseback riding, basketball, music, improv, art, capture the flag, campfires and so much more! As always, the week ended with our famous show, Messengers of the Heart, where every camper gets a chance to express themselves through song, story, poem or dance. As usual, its was a fantastic show!

Our Teen Camp returned to Camp Cazadero this summer, where 37 teens between 13-18 years spent a whole week exploring the redwoods, gazing at the stars, and trying to stay cool in the pool! We were grateful for visiting graduate students that brought a therapeutic art activity and a specially designed sex education program for our campers. Teens got to explore their questions about healthy relationships, rock out at a totally awesome 80s dance, learn a new game called Ga-ga, perform a quilt ceremony and learn the history of HIV, do improv, learn to play the ukulele, and much, much more!

Thank you to all the volunteer, staff, funders, and community supporters-- and of course our incredible campers- for making this another great summer at Camp Sunburst!



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Why free condoms? Studies show condoms to be 95% effective in reducing the risk of HIV infection. Condoms are also effective in preventing the transmission of Sexually Transmitted Diseases (STDs). Through **CondomFinder.org**, CARES aims to increase condom availability and education in the Sacramento area. The goal is to reach one million free condoms given out every year.

CondomFinder.org was also developed so that organizations can register to receive free condoms and lube for free distribution. Organizations can choose to receive condoms on a monthly, quarterly, bi-annual, or annual basis. The condoms are shipped directly from the manufacturer to the organization within 5 business days. The organizations can also be listed on **CondomFinder.org**'s customized map which will let the Sacramento community know where they can stop by to pick up free condoms and lube.

If you would like to find free condoms/lube at a location near you -or- become a distributor, visit: **CondomFinder.org**

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The **POSITIVE ADVOCATE** Newsletter is a quarterly information and outreach project. We welcome submissions from the affected community. For additional information about the Affected Communities Committee (ACC), HIV Health Services Planning Council (HHSPC), or this newsletter, contact: Paula Gammell at 916-876-5548

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The **Affected Communities Committee** addresses issues facing the HIV/AIDS community and advises the Planning Council on affairs of the community. The mission of the committee is to recruit, empower, and involve people living with HIV/AIDS in the strategic planning and advocacy of HIV/AIDS care and services. These goals will be accomplished with the assistance of the Council support staff toward the fulfillment of its mission. The committee encourages an environment of trust and safety in achieving its mission.

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CARES - all-in-one HIV medical care and support services
1500 21st Street, Sacramento, CA 95811
916.443.3299

CommuniCare - HIV medical care and support services
500-B Jefferson Blvd, Suite 195,
West Sacramento, CA 95605
916.403-2970 ****Yolo County Residents only ****

Harm Reduction Services - Medical case management,
Outreach and Testing
4001 12th Avenue, Sacramento, CA 95817
916.456.4849

Sierra Foothills AIDS Foundation - HIV/AIDS services
serving both El Dorado and Placer Counties
12183 Locksley Lane, Suite 205, Auburn, CA 95602
530.889.2437

Strategies for Change - Medical case management and
substance abuse outpatient services.
4441 Auburn Blvd, Suite 3, Sacramento, CA 95841
916.473.5764

Sunburst Projects - childcare, mental health, and medi-
cal case management
1025 19th Street, Suite 1A, Sacramento, CA 95811
916.440.0889

The Effort - Medical case management, mental health
services, and substance abuse—detox services
8233 E. Stockton Blvd, Suite D, Sacramento, CA 95828
916.368.3080

UCDMC Pediatric Infectious Disease - HIV+ children
2516 Stockton Blvd., Ticon II, Sacramento, CA 95817
916.734.7618