



# Positive Advocate

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### National HIV/AIDS Strategy

Released July 13, 2010

Get your copy at:

<http://www.aids.gov/federal-resources/policies/national-hiv-aids-strategy/nhas.pdf>

### Strategies for Older People Living with HIV/AIDS

Clinical treatment strategies for managing older HIV patients have been released in a new report, *The HIV and Aging Consensus Project: Recommended Treatment Strategies for Clinicians Managing Older Patients with HIV*. The treatment strategies were developed by the American Academy of HIV Medicine (AAHIVM), the American Geriatrics Society (AGS), and the AIDS Community Research Initiative of America (ACRIA).

The report is part of the organizations' HIV and Aging Consensus Project, developed to assess how the presence of both HIV and common age-associated diseases alter the optimal treatment of HIV as well as other co-morbidities. The purpose of the report, developed by a panel of experts with experience both in the fields of HIV and Geriatrics, is to provide best practice guidance for HIV practitioners and other health care providers who treat, diagnose, and refer older patients with HIV disease.

To view the report, go to: <http://www.aahivm.org/hivandagingforum>



**Office of AIDS, Center for Infectious Diseases,  
California Department of Public Health  
2011 Signed Legislation (revised 12/22/11)**

<http://www.cdph.ca.gov/programs/aids/Documents/LAWS2011SignedLegislation.pdf>

Governor Brown signed six bills that are HIV-related. All are effective Jan 1, 2012. For the full text of each bill, click on the name of the bill and author.

**HIV Prevention:**

- [SB 41 \(Yee\)](#) allows nonprescription sale of syringes (NPSS) by pharmacies in California. The bill eliminates the need for local government and pharmacies to opt into a program in order to sell syringes over the counter, and eliminates the need for county health departments to manage a program. It also raises the number of syringes that an individual may purchase and possess to 30, and allows syringe possession statewide when syringes have been obtained from a physician, pharmacist or authorized syringe exchange program. The provisions of the bill sunset on January 1, 2015.
- [AB 604 \(Skinner\)](#) permits the California Department of Public Health to authorize syringe exchange programs in locations where the conditions exist for the rapid spread of viral hepatitis, HIV or other potentially deadly diseases. A signing message can be found [here](#).
- [AB 1382 \(Hernandez\)](#) allows HIV test counselors who are currently authorized to perform HIV tests waived under the Clinical Laboratory Improvement Act (CLIA) to also perform two additional Food and Drug Administration-approved tests: one for hepatitis C virus (HCV), and another which combines tests for both HIV and HCV. This legislation will enable HIV counseling and testing sites to use the new oral rapid HCV and combination HIV/HCV tests when they become available in 2012.
- [SB 422 \(Wright\)](#) permits physicians to notify local health department Partner Services (PS) staff of an HIV-positive patient and with the patient's written consent provides patient contact information for follow up. This law also allows PS staff to make partner notifications to persons believed to be a spouse, sexual or needle sharing partner without disclosing any identifying information about the HIV-positive person or the physician.

**HIV Surveillance:**

- Revised. [SB 946 \(Steinberg and Evans\)](#) beginning July Effective January 1, 2012, OA can make changes to the HIV/AIDS case report form without amending the California Code of Regulations. This law will enable OA to more readily comply with Centers for Disease Control and Prevention HIV/AIDS reporting guidance and facilitate efficient and accurate HIV/AIDS case reporting.
- [AB1088 \(Eng\)](#) requires Office of AIDS to add major Asian and Pacific Islander categories to HIV/AIDS reporting data, HIV care data and HIV prevention data reports.

## COUNSELING AND TESTING

The following report, HIV Counseling and Testing at CDC-Funded Sites, United States, Puerto Rico and the US Virgin Islands, 2006-2007, provides a summary of HIV counseling and testing (CT) data and is intended to be used by HIV program managers and policy makers, HIV CT service providers, evaluators, researchers, and others at the local, state, and national levels who are interested in the public health implications of HIV prevention program data. The report can be found at:

[http://www.cdc.gov/hiv/resources/reports/pdf/hiv\\_Testing\\_Report\\_2006\\_2007.pdf](http://www.cdc.gov/hiv/resources/reports/pdf/hiv_Testing_Report_2006_2007.pdf)

## UPCOMING EVENTS:



March 10th: National Women and Girls HIV/AIDS Awareness Day

March 20th: National Native American HIV/AIDS Awareness Day

May 2012: NorCal AIDS Cycle - a four-day, 330 mile charity bicycle ride.

May 18th: National HIV Vaccine Awareness Day

May 19th: National Asian and Pacific Islanders HIV/AIDS Awareness Day



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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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**AIDS Housing Alliance/Avalón** - housing & hospice  
PO Box 161908, Sacramento, CA 95816  
916.579.0896

**Breaking Barriers** - advocacy, homeless, transportation  
2210 21st Street, Sacramento, CA 95818  
916.447.2437

**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

**Sunburst Projects** - childcare, respite, and support  
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**Sutter "We CARE"** - women's services & support  
5151 F Street, 2 South, Sacramento, CA 95819  
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8233 E. Stockton Blvd, Suite D, Sacramento, CA 95828  
916.368.3080

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