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National Women and Girls HIV/AIDS Awareness Day



March 10th, 2025 is National Women and Girls HIV/AIDS Awareness Day.

This year marks the 20th annual observance of National Women and Girls HIV/AIDS Awareness Day. According to HIV.gov "The [Office on Women's Health](#) (OWH) in the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services leads National Women and Girls HIV/AIDS Awareness Day (#NWGHAAD).

In the United States, about 23% of people living with HIV are women and, in 2021, women made up [20 percent](#) of new diagnoses, according to [CDC data](#). The highest number of new diagnoses were among women ages [25 to 44](#). Advances in testing, treatment, and prevention have resulted in progress toward the nation's goal to end the HIV epidemic by 2030.

This year's theme, "**Hope, Health, and Healing: Overcoming Barriers to HIV/AIDS Treatment for Women and Girls**," focuses on addressing the challenges women and girls face in accessing HIV/AIDS treatment and eliminating barriers to health care access for women and girls with HIV/AIDS, such as lack of insurance, geographical location, or stigma. NWGHAAD focuses efforts on priority populations outlined in the NHAS including Black women and youth aged 13-24 years.

As we observe the 20th annual National Women and Girls HIV/AIDS Awareness Day, this theme

reminds us of how far we've come and the work still ahead. By working together, we can help end HIV and improve the quality of treatment and care for women and girls currently living with HIV." (HIV.gov & womenshealth.gov, 2025)

Reference: [National Women and Girls HIV/AIDS Awareness Day #NWGHAAD | HIV.gov](#)
[National Women and Girls HIV/AIDS Awareness Day 2025 | Office on Women's Health](#)

National Native HIV/AIDS Awareness Day

March 20th, 2025 is National Native HIV/AIDS Awareness Day. According to HIV.gov "National Native HIV/AIDS Awareness Day was first observed in 2007. This day is observed on the first day of Spring each year. The 2025 observance is recognized on March 20th.



The theme for 2025 is "**Walking in Tradition, Anchored in Culture** ." This theme acknowledges the invaluable contribution of Native communities in ending the HIV epidemic, underscoring the significance of Native visibility in national HIV strategies and funding opportunities.

The National [Native HIV Network](#) plans the observance each year. The observance is a national mobilization effort designed to encourage American Indians, Alaska Natives, and Native Hawaiians across the United States and Territorial Areas to become educated, get tested, engage in prevention, and seek treatment for HIV.” (HIV.gov, 2025)

Reference: [National Native HIV/AIDS Awareness Day #NNHAAD2025 | HIV.gov](#)

National Youth HIV & AIDS Awareness Day



April 10th, 2025, is National Youth HIV & AIDS Awareness Day. [Advocates for Youth](#) and its partners direct this observance. According to Advocates for Youth “National Youth HIV &

AIDS Awareness Day (NYHAAD), is commemorated annually on April 10th to urge policymakers and the public to take action regarding the impact of HIV and AIDS on young people. The day also highlights the HIV prevention, treatment, and care campaigns of young people in the U.S.

Today’s young people are the first generation who have never known a world without HIV and AIDS. The CDC reports that in 2020, youth aged 13 to 24 made up 21% of the new HIV diagnoses in the United States. Young people living with HIV are the least likely of any age group to be retained in care and have a suppressed viral load. Addressing the impact of HIV on young people requires they have access to affirming, culturally-competent, and medically accurate resources and tools.” (advocatesforyouth.org, 2025)

Their campaign focuses on:

- Increasing empathy and reducing stigma about HIV and its impact on young people on campus and in communities
- Affirming policies around HIV care, treatment,

and prevention on campus and in communities

- Decriminalizing HIV
- Accessing HIV services, including pre-exposure prophylaxis (PrEP) and post-exposure prophylaxis (PEP), on-campus and in communities without parental consent
- Updating sex education curricula, which includes medically accurate information about HIV.

Reference: [NYHAAD - Advocates for Youth](#)

HIV Vaccine Awareness Day

May 18th, 2025, is HIV Vaccine Awareness Day. According to HIV.gov it is “Led by the National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases, HIV Vaccine Awareness Day (HVAD) is observed on May 18. This event is an opportunity to recognize the many volunteers, community members, health professionals, and scientists who are working together to find a safe and effective vaccine to prevent HIV. It is also a day to educate communities about the importance of HIV vaccine research.” (HIV.gov, 2025)



Reference: [HIV Vaccine Awareness Day #HVAD | HIV.gov](#)

National Asian & Pacific Islander HIV/AIDS Awareness Day



May 19th, 2025, is National Asian & Pacific Islander HIV/AIDS Awareness Day. According to HIV.gov it was “First observed in 2005 and falls within Asian Pacific American Heritage Month. National Asian & Pacific Islander HIV/AIDS Awareness Day raises awareness of the impact of HIV, risk, and stigma surrounding HIV in the Asian Pacific Islander (API) community. It also emphasizes the importance of education, quality care, and addressing stigma and related health conditions.

[America's HIV Epidemic Analysis Dashboard \(AHEAD\)](#) shows national HIV data for the broader API community across six EHE indicators, HIV diagnosis, linkage to HIV medical care, incidence, knowledge of status, PrEP coverage, and viral suppression.

NAPIHAAD is an important reminder of the ongoing efforts to promote HIV prevention, testing, and treatment among Asian, Native Hawaiian, and Pacific Islander people and an opportunity to share important resources that can help combat

the HIV epidemic.

Reference: [National Asian & Pacific Islander HIV/AIDS Awareness Day #APIMay19 | HIV.gov](#)

Awareness Days

March 10 is National Women and Girls HIV/AIDS Awareness Day

March 20 is National Native HIV/AIDS Awareness Day

April 10 is National Youth HIV & AIDS Awareness Day

May 18 is HIV Vaccine Awareness Day

May 19 is National Asian & Pacific Islander HIV/AIDS Awareness Day

Upcoming Events

May 15 — 18: NorCal AIDS Cycle—For more information visit [NorCal AIDS Cycle](#)

ACC Community Conversations

The Affected Communities Committee, ACC, a Committee of the HIV Health Services Planning Council, is once again, hosting Community Conversations related to the most current information on HIV. We look forward to seeing you there. All sessions will be held at the LGBT Center from 6 to 7pm with dinner provided. Please reach out to Zachary Basler at 415-299-7027 if you have questions. To register for an event please visit www.sacramento-tga.com

Upcoming Events:

September 17th—HIV & Aging

October 15th—Latinx & HIV

Free or Low-Cost STD/HIV/HCV Testing:

One Community Health offers low cost & confidential walk-in and appointments for HIV, Hepatitis C & STD testing at its Midtown Campus.
Call 916-443-3299 to make an appointment or for more information.
No one will be turned away if they are unable to pay.

Sunburst Clinic: 916-299-6810, SunburstClinic.org
Free confidential walk-in HIV/HCV/STD testing
Monday – Friday, 8 am – 6 pm in Arden Area.
PrEP Starter Pack issued same-day. PrEP-AP and ADAP enrollment or recertification

Contact the agencies below directly for dates, times and costs of testing
Golden Rule Services 916-427-4653
Harm Reduction Services 916-456-4849
Sacramento Sexual Health Clinic 916-875-1551

Partner Services:

County of Sacramento - 916-875-1100
One Community Health - 916-443-3299
Sunburst Projects - 916-440-0889
Yolo County - 530-666-8670
El Dorado and Placer Counties:
Sierra Foothills AIDS Foundation 530-889-2437

The Sacramento TGA's HIV Health Services Planning Council and Committee Meeting Schedules
Committees may be canceled if there is no pressing business to conduct.
Go to www.sacramento-tga.com for the most updated meeting schedule.

1st Monday of Even Months: February 3rd, April 7th, June 2nd, August 4th, October 6th, and December 1st	Affected Communities Committee: 3:00—4:00 p.m. at Sacramento County Health Center, 4600 Broadway, Sacramento, CA. Community Room 2020
Quarterly on the 1st Tuesday of: March 4th, June 3rd, Sept. 2nd, and Dec. 2nd	Quality Advisory Committee: 2:00—3:00 p.m. at the Sacramento County Health Center, 4600 Broadway, Sacramento, CA. Community Room 2020
Quarterly on the 1st Tuesday of March 4th, June 3rd, Sept. 2nd, and Dec. 2nd	Needs Assessment Committee: 3:00—4:30 p.m. at the Sacramento County Health Center, 4600 Broadway, Sacramento, CA. Community Room 2020
1st Wednesday of the Months of: March 5th, May 7th June 4th, and Sept. 3rd., and Jan. 7th	Priorities and Allocations Committee: 9:00—11:00 a.m. at the Sacramento County Health Center, 4600 Broadway, Sacramento, CA. Community Room 2020
2nd Thursday of the Months of: March 13th, May 8th, June 12th, Sept. 11th, and January 8th	Executive Committee: 3:00—5:00 p.m. at the County of Sacramento Sacramento County Health Center, 4600 Broadway, Sacramento, CA. Community Room 2020
4th Wednesday of Every Month: Combined Nov/Dec on 12/10/2025	HIV Health Services Planning Council: 10:00 a.m.—12:00 p.m. at the Sacramento County Health Center, 4600 Broadway, Sacramento, CA. Community Room 2020

Primary Care Parking: There is free parking on the LOWER LEVEL in the parking structure. Entrance off Broadway only. The Stockton Blvd entrance is closed.



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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: HIV-HSPC@saccounty.gov
www.sacramento-tga.com

The **Affected Communities Committee** addresses issues facing the HIV/AIDS community and advises the Planning Council on community affairs. 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.

The Committee meets the first Monday of the Even Months of the year, 3—4 p.m., at Sacramento County Health Center, 4600 Broadway, Community Room 2020, Sacramento, 95820.

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916-403-2910 x1077

Golden Rule Services 916-427-4653

Harm Reduction Services 916-456-4849

One Community Health 916-443-3299
Direct HIV Service Line: 916-842-5185

Sacramento Sexual Health Clinic
916-875-1551

Sierra Foothills AIDS Foundation
**** El Dorado and Placer Counties only ****
Main number: 530-889-2437

Sunburst Projects 916-440-0889

UC Davis Medical Center Pediatric Infectious Disease 916-734-1873

In the box to the right, is a list of Ryan White Part A and B funded Services.

Services may vary per provider and additional services may be available through other funding sources.

Please contact a provider above for additional information.

- ⇒ Ambulatory Outpatient Care
- ⇒ Medical Case Management
- ⇒ Child Care
- ⇒ Emergency Financial Assistance
- ⇒ Food Bank/Home Delivered Meals
- ⇒ Health Insurance Assistance
- ⇒ Housing
- ⇒ Medical Nutritional Therapy
- ⇒ Medical Transportation
- ⇒ Mental Health
- ⇒ Non-Medical Case Management
- ⇒ Oral Health
- ⇒ Outreach Services
- ⇒ Substance Abuse—Outpatient
- ⇒ Substance Abuse—Residential