



# Positive Advocate

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### Stay Informed— HIV/AIDS Awareness Days

There are various HIV/AIDS Awareness Days throughout the year targeting general HIV/AIDS awareness as well as for specific communities/groups. Diverse groups have different cultural needs which can be more easily addressed during specific cultural events.

Mark your calendar for the days that interest you:

February 7th—National Black HIV/AIDS Awareness Day

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

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

May 18th—HIV Vaccine Awareness Day

May 19th—National Asian and Pacific Islander HIV/AIDS Awareness Day

June 8th—Caribbean American HIV/AIDS Awareness Day

June 27th—National HIV Testing Day

September 18th—National HIV/AIDS and Aging Awareness Day

September 27th—National Gay Men's HIV/AIDS Awareness Day

October 15th—National Latino AIDS Awareness Day

December 1st—World AIDS Day



National HIV Testing Day: June 27th Testing locations:

Anonymous Testing: Call 916-874-7720

Lavender Heights, 20th and K Streets, 12 p.m. to 10 p.m.

Loaves and Fishes: 10 a.m.—2 p.m.

## 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.



### Diagnoses of HIV Infection and AIDS in the United States and Dependent Areas, 2010

(Site: [http://www.cdc.gov/hiv/surveillance/resources/reports/2010report/index.htm?utm\\_source=At-a-Glance&utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_campaign=2010%2BSurveillance%2BReport](http://www.cdc.gov/hiv/surveillance/resources/reports/2010report/index.htm?utm_source=At-a-Glance&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=2010%2BSurveillance%2BReport))

The March 14, 2012, the Center for Disease Control's 2010 HIV Surveillance Report was released. The report presents data for diagnoses of HIV infection and AIDS through December 31, 2010, and reported to the Center for Disease Control through June 2011.

The report shows, from 2007 through 2010,

- The annual estimated number and rate of diagnoses of HIV infection remained stable in the 46 states (i.e., there was less than a 5% increase or decrease from 2007 through 2010), even though estimated numbers and rates of diagnoses of HIV infection increased in some subgroups and decreased in others. CDC estimates that there were 47,129 diagnoses of HIV infection in the 46 states in 2010. The estimated rate of diagnoses of HIV infection the 46 states in 2010 was 16.1 per 100,000 persons.
- The annual estimated number of AIDS diagnoses in the United States remained stable, and the rate of annual AIDS diagnoses decreased (based on data from the 50 states, and the District of Columbia). CDC estimates there were 33,015 AIDS diagnoses in 2010. The estimated rate of AIDS diagnoses in the United States the same year was 10.8 per 100,000 persons.
- From the beginning of the epidemic through 2010, there have been 1,129,127 persons diagnosed with AIDS in the United States.
- The majority of diagnoses of HIV infection were among blacks/African Americans (46% of all diagnoses of HIV infection), whites (29%), and Hispanics/Latinos (20%). The only racial/ethnic group to have an increase in the rate of HIV diagnoses was American Indians/Alaska Natives.
- By transmission category, the only increase seen in the number of HIV diagnoses was among adult and adolescent males with infection attributed to male-to-male sexual contact.

The 2010 HIV Surveillance Report shows a 10% increase in the number of HIV diagnoses among persons aged 15-19 years and a 33% increase among persons aged 20-24 years.

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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**

For any further questions, please contact Jon Benorden at 916-914-6246 or [jbenorden@caresclinic.org](mailto:jbenorden@caresclinic.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

[www.sacramento-tga.com](http://www.sacramento-tga.com)

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.

## RYAN WHITE CARE ACT SERVICE PROVIDERS

**AIDS Housing Alliance/Colonia San Martin**- housing  
PO Box 161908, Sacramento, CA 95816  
916.579.0896

**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  
1025 19th Street, Suite 1A, Sacramento, CA 95811  
916.440.0889

**The Effort** - mental health services, substance abuse  
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