



# Positive Advocate

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### World AIDS Day

December 1st, 2023, is World AIDS Day. According to HIV.gov "Every year on December 1st, the world unites to commemorate World AIDS Day. This annual event serves as a reminder of the global struggle to end HIV-related stigma, an opportunity to honor those we have lost, and a rallying cry to continue working toward a day when HIV is no longer a public health threat. In 2023, we mark the 35th commemoration of this important day with the theme "World AIDS Day 35: Remember and Commit".

The first World AIDS Day took place in 1988, providing a platform to raise awareness about HIV/AIDS and honor the lives affected by the epidemic. Over the past 35 years, we have witnessed significant progress in addressing HIV/AIDS thanks to advancements in medical research, increased access to treatment and prevention, and a broader understanding of the virus. We have also seen a tremendous global advocacy community unite to take on challenges and hold institutions accountable for ensuring access to these advancements.

"The 35th commemoration of World AIDS Day is an opportunity to reflect on our journey, acknowledge and celebrate the progress we've made, and recognize the challenges remaining," said Admiral Rachel L. Levine, MD, Assistant Secretary for Health at the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services. "However, many people with HIV still lack access to essential healthcare and support services. We must strive to increase equitable access and outcomes for HIV testing, prevention, treatment, and care services. The battle is far from over."

This year's theme, "World AIDS Day 35: Remember and Commit," pays tribute to those we have lost to HIV/AIDS. The impact of this epidemic has been profound, affecting individuals, families, and entire communities across the globe. Remembering the lives lost not only honors their memory but also emphasizes the urgency of our commitment to end the HIV epidemic.

Through remembrance, we draw strength and determination to redouble our efforts in fighting the disease and providing support to those with HIV. It's time to remind ourselves of the importance of compassion, empathy, and solidarity in the face of adversity.

The other aspect of this year's theme, "Commit," emphasizes our collective responsibility to act. Each one of us can make a difference, whether through working to improve health equity and ending the disparities in access to prevention, care, and treatment; promoting scientific education and awareness; or supporting organizations that work tirelessly to serve those at risk and living with HIV—we need a whole of society response to win.

"The progress we have made in the HIV/AIDS response required governments, the community, civil society, advocates, activists, the faith-based community, and public and private organizations to come together for the shared goal to save lives and change the course of the HIV/AIDS pandemic. It will require continued engagement, commitment, and will to end HIV/AIDS as a public health threat by 2030," said Ambassador Dr. John Nkengasong, U.S. Global AIDS Coordinator and Senior Bureau Official for Global Health Security and Diplomacy.

The 35th commemoration of World AIDS Day reminds us of the journey we have taken and the road that lies ahead. Together, through remembrance and unwavering commitment, we can look forward to a brighter, healthier future for us all. " (hiv.gov, 2023)

Reference:

[World AIDS Day 35: Remember and Commit](#)

### World AIDS Day Events in Sacramento

Golden Rule Services The 35th Commemorative World AIDS Day "Remember and Commit"

Friday, December 1, 2023, 9 a.m.—10 a.m.  
4433 Florin Rd., Ste. 860, Sacramento, CA 95823  
For more information call 916-427-4653

World AIDS Day Press Conference  
Friday, December 1, 2023, Starts at 12 p.m.  
Sacramento County Headquarters  
700 H St, Media Room, Sacramento, CA 95814

World AIDS Day 35, Friday, December 1, 2023  
Remember and Commit  
[University Union Ballroom at Sacramento State](#)  
Doors At 6 PM | Program At 7PM



For more event information,  
**SCAN** the QR code



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For directions, scan the QR code



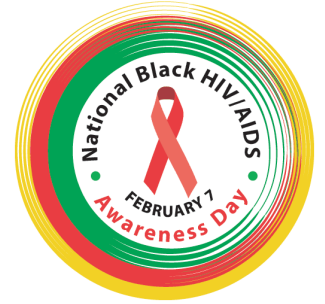
**WORLD AIDS DAY 35**  
Remember and Commit

## National Black HIV/AIDS Awareness Day

February 7th is National Black HIV/AIDS Awareness Day. According to a dear colleague letter from the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) "February 7 is National Black HIV/AIDS Awareness Day (NBHAAD), a day to highlight the progress of HIV testing, prevention, and treatment efforts and consider our ongoing challenges to reducing HIV among Black or African American people (hereafter referred to as African American people) in the United States. We have made strides in reducing the disproportionate impact of HIV on African American communities. Despite this progress, racism, poverty, and stigma continue to drive health disparities and make it more difficult for African American people to access HIV testing, prevention, and care services.

This NBHAAD, we invite our colleagues in HIV care and advocacy, health care, and public health to join us in challenging these systemic root causes of HIV disparities in African American communities in the United States. HIV surveillance data show us that African American people are disproportionately affected by HIV, making up 12% of the population, but accounting for 42% (12,827) of the 30,635 new HIV diagnoses in the United States and dependent areas in 2020. African American gay and bisexual men are the group most affected by HIV, making up 65% (8,294) of new HIV diagnoses among African American people in 2020.\*

Intersecting racial and economic factors create structural barriers to HIV prevention and treatment in African American communities. Our nation's troubled history of medical racism and experiences with discrimination from health care providers have contributed to high levels of mistrust in the health care system among African American people. These same factors increase disparities for other illnesses, including mpox, other sexually transmitted diseases, and viral hepatitis. We can all work to address stigma and racism within our institutions and look for ways to connect African American people with HIV testing and prevention services, as well as compassionate, patient-centered, stigma-free HIV care." (cdc.gov, 2023)



Reference:

[National Black HIV/AIDS Awareness Day \(NBHAAD\)](#)

## HIV Is Not A Crime Awareness Day

According to hiv.gov "February 28 is HIV is Not a Crime Awareness Day, which was first observed in 2022 by the Sero Project in collaboration with the Elizabeth Taylor AIDS Foundation. This awareness day is an opportunity to amplify the voices of those who have been criminalized based on their HIV status.

Living with HIV is not a crime, but in more than 30 U.S. states, people are being imprisoned due to their HIV status. HIV criminalization laws consist of using a person's positive HIV status in a criminal prosecution, increasing charges or punishments because the person has HIV." (hiv.gov, 2023)

Reference:

[HIV Is Not A Crime Awareness Day](#)



### Awareness Days

- December 1st is World AIDS Day
- February 6th is National Black HIV/AIDS Awareness Day
- February 28th is HIV Is Not A Crime Awareness Day

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

**Upcoming Events: Dates for 2024 have not yet been finalized, please visit [www.sacramento-tga.com/community-hiv-related-events.html](http://www.sacramento-tga.com/community-hiv-related-events.html) for the most updated information.**

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

**Free or Low-Cost STD/HIV/HCV Testing;**

Contact the agency 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](http://www.sacramento-tga.com) for the most updated meeting schedule.**

1st Monday of Even Months:  
February 5th, April 1st, June 5th,  
August 7th, October 2nd, and  
December 4th

**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 5th, June 6th, Sept. 5th,  
and Dec. 5th

**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 5th, June 6th, Sept. 5th,  
and Dec. 5th

**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 6th, May 1st, June 7th,  
Sept. 6th, and January 3rd

**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 14th, May 9th, June 8th,  
Sept. 14th, and January 11th

**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 12/13/2023**

**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: Danielle Caravella at 916-875-6021  
[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 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.

## RYAN WHITE CARE ACT SERVICE PROVIDERS

### CommuniCare+OLE

\*\*\*\* Yolo County Residents only \*\*\*\*  
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