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## World AIDS Day

According to HIV.gov “The first World AIDS Day took place in 1988, providing a platform to raise awareness about HIV and AIDS and honor the lives affected by the epidemic. There has been significant progress in addressing HIV and AIDS thanks to advancements in medical research, increased access to treatment and prevention, and a broader understanding of the virus.

World AIDS Day serves as an important reminder that we must remain steadfast in our commitment to prevent new HIV infections and provide essential services to all people living with HIV globally. In 2024, we will commemorate the 37th World AIDS Day with the theme, “Collective Action: Sustain and Accelerate HIV Progress.” (HIV.gov, 2024)

Reference: [World AIDS Day #WorldAIDSDay | HIV.gov](#)

In Sacramento, World AIDS Day was celebrated on the Steps of the Capital and at the Sacramento LGBT Center.

Organized by Capital City AIDS Fund, The Capitol Dome shone RED in honor of this day and the lives impacted by HIV/AIDS. The event featured a candlelight ceremony, powerful music by the Gay Men’s Chorus, and the presence of the Sisters of Perpetual Indulgence.

The Sacramento LGBT Community Center hosted an 80’s themed World Aids Day brunch & tribute.

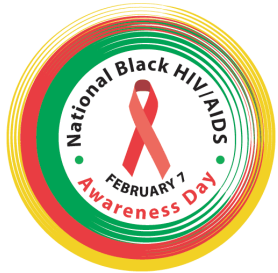


## National Black HIV/AIDS Awareness Day

February 7 is National Black HIV/AIDS Awareness Day (NBHAAD), according to HIV.gov “It was first observed in 1999. This observance is a day to acknowledge how HIV disproportionately affects Black people.

Black communities have made great progress in reducing HIV. Yet racism, discrimination, and mistrust in the healthcare system may affect whether Black people seek or receive HIV prevention services. These issues may also reduce the likelihood of engaging in HIV treatment and care. NBHAAD is an opportunity to increase HIV education, testing, community involvement, and treatment among Black communities.” (HIV.gov, 2025)

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



## 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. (HIV.gov, 2025)

Reference: [HIV Is Not A Crime Awareness Day | HIV.gov](#)

[According to the Sero Project](#), HIV criminalization laws consist of wrongfully using a person’s positive HIV status in a criminal prosecution and heightening charges or punishments simply because the person charged is living with HIV. Additionally, an HIV-specific law specifically aims to target PLWH for engaging in conduct that is only deemed illegal because of their HIV status. Many of these laws can lead to PLWH being sentenced because they did not disclose their status, even if HIV is not transmitted. HIV criminalization laws are present in almost [30 states and disproportionately impacts](#) Black and Latine communities; sex workers; and LGBT+ individuals.



## Awareness Days

December 1 is World AIDS Day

February 7 is National Black HIV/AIDS Awareness Day

February 28 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:

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**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](http://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. 3rd, and Dec. 3rd  
**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, May 7th, June 4th, 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](mailto:HIV-HSPC@saccounty.gov)  
[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