


National Native HIV/AIDS Awareness Day

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National Native HIV/AIDS Awareness Day is a national mobilization & education effort designed to inform Native communities about the presence of HIV/AIDS in Native populations (American Indians, Alaska Natives, and Native Hawaiians). It was launched to encourage these populations across the United States and Territorial Areas to get educated, get tested and get involved in HIV prevention.

EDUCATE YOURSELF!

Historically, Native communities have suffered higher rates of numerous health disparities, including HIV/AIDS. For example, though American Indians and Alaska Natives (AI/ANs) account for only 1.5 percent of the U.S. population, in 2006 they had the 3rd highest rate of HIV/AIDS diagnoses at 14.6 per 100,000 persons*. Similar increases of HIV/AIDS infections have also been seen among Native Hawaiians. As of December 31, 2007, in the state of Hawaii, Native Hawaiians/Other Pacific Islanders represented 8.5 percent** of the total population yet they accounted for 13 percent of the total reported AIDS cases.



For more information about our services or to request awareness day products such as posters, buttons, and “save the date” cards, please visit any of the following web sites:

NNAAPC at www.nnaapc.org
CA7AE: HAPP at www.happ.colostate.edu
ITCA at www.itcaonline.com

*Statistics are based on new released estimates on HIV/AIDS data for ethnic groups, however, not all categories have been updated in this 2008 release. The new estimates are based only on 22 states with confidential name-based HIV reporting.

**Statistics are based on United States Census Bureau for 2007 American Community Survey – “One Race” under “Total Population.”

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