

National Native HIV/AIDS Awareness Day

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National Native HIV/AIDS Awareness Day is a national mobilization and education effort to inform Native communities about the presence and impact 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 1.8 percent in the United States population, in 2007 they had the 3rd highest rate of new HIV infections at a rate of 14.6 per 100,000 persons. In recent surveillance data released by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), Native Hawaiians have climbed the charts in estimated rates of AIDS at a rate of 18.3 per 100,000 in 2007, making this population 3rd, following only African Americans and Hispanics.

It is important to note that accurate data is often difficult to obtain for all Native populations. This can lead to underreporting, with potential actual numbers being higher than current estimations.



To find an event near you, please visit the National Community Events Map at www.happ.colostate.edu/nnhaad/n_index.html

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

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

*Statistics are based on Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's HIV/AIDS Surveillance Report, 2007. Vol. 19. Atlanta: U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention; 2009:
<http://www.cdc.gov/hiv/topics/surveillance/resources/reports/>.

** Statistics are based on United States Census Bureau New, Fact for Features, November 2009"

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