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The Face of HIV/AIDS in Rural Minority and Multicultural Communities— The Federal Landscape

The following notes highlight and summarize reference information concerning HIV/AIDS prevention and outreach to rural communities of color within the United States. This information was given during the National Rural Health Association's (NRHA) Teleconference coordinated in conjunction with The Department of Health and Human Services, Office of HIV/AIDS Policy (OHAP). The teleconference took place on Wednesday, January 28th, 2004 with over 67 participants from across the nation.

The Department of Health and Human Services' (DHHS) Approach to Fighting the HIV/AIDS Epidemic in Rural Communities of Color

As stated by DHHS, Office of HIV/AIDS Policy (OHAP) Director, Christopher Bates:

1. The Department is committed to ensuring that the resources follow the disease. This means that rural America, which is disproportionately affected by HIV/AIDS.
2. To help us better understand the assets we have and the challenges we face, HHS is working to improve communications both inside and outside the Department. A top priority is spreading the word about successful rural HIV/AIDS prevention, care and treatment programs so that those programs can be replicated.
3. We are committed to fiscal accountability and accountability on outcome measurements.
4. We are using the ABC approach as part of our comprehensive response to the HIV/AIDS epidemic. We are encouraging young people to delay sexual activity. We are reminding sexually active individuals of the importance of faithfulness and monogamy. And we are encouraging those who engage in high-risk behavior to use condoms consistently and correctly.
5. We must emphasize the importance of routine HIV testing and alert the public to the availability and benefits of rapid testing. This is especially important for rural residents—who often face difficulty in finding testing sites, or who avoid being tested for confidentiality reasons.
6. We look at HIV in the context of other health disparities. Given the limited access to health care in many rural areas, this approach is critical if we hope to halt the epidemic.
7. Vaccines are part of a comprehensive HIV/AIDS approach that includes prevention, care, and treatment. If we are to produce an effective HIV vaccine, we need to increase the number of women, minorities, and rural residents participating in clinical trials.



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The Department of Health and Human Services' (DHHS) Approach to Fighting the HIV/AIDS Epidemic in Rural Communities of Color: *(Continued)*

In summary, the Department of Health and Human Services' new HIV initiative is lending new momentum to prevention efforts in the United States by:

- emphasizing HIV testing as a routine part of care
- encouraging greater access to HIV testing
- increasing attention on prevention among HIV-positive persons

The Department is committed to working with the NRHA, our grantees, and other rural health care professionals to stem the tide of the epidemic and protect the lives and health of our rural residents.

- *It is estimated that there are at least 40,000 new HIV infections in the U.S. each year and 50% occur among people of color.*
- *One-half of all new infections are among people under 25 years of age.*
- *Women account for 32% of HIV cases reported in the year 2000 and*
- *There are over 250,000 persons living with HIV in the U.S. who don't know their status.*

Additional Federal Resource Information:

HRSA Rural Assistance Web Site: www.raonline.com

HRSA Rural Health Policy Office: www.ruralhelath.hrsa.gov

DHHS, Center for Faith-based and Community Initiatives: www.hhs.gov/faith



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