

AIDS ADVISORY COUNCIL CITY OF CAMDEN



World AIDS Day: December 1st



December 1st is **World AIDS Day**. Established by the World Health Organization in 1988, World AIDS Day serves to focus global attention on the devastating impact of the HIV/AIDS epidemic. Observance of this day provides an opportunity for governments, national AIDS programs, churches, community organizations and individuals to demonstrate the importance of the fight against HIV/AIDS.

With an estimated **38.6 million** people worldwide living with HIV at the end of 2005, and more than 25 million people having died of AIDS since 1981, December 1st serves to remind everyone that action makes a difference in the fight against HIV/AIDS.

The City Hall Family shall be walking in Parade Fashion at your lunch hour from City Hall Camden to 422 Market Street St. Pauls. Please join us you may take your morning break to observe some of the program celebrating World AIDS Day with the HIV/AIDS Advisory Council of Camden City today.

Americans should be reminded that HIV/AIDS does not discriminate. With an estimated 1,039,000 to 1,185,000 HIV- positive individuals living in the U.S., and approximately 40,000 new infections occurring every year, the U.S., like other nations around the world is deeply affected by HIV/AIDS.

We encourage you to visit this web site and download materials, such as [fact sheets](#) that provide HIV/AIDS statistics and the new [World AIDS Day poster](#), to assist in your efforts to educate, motivate and mobilize your local community in the fight against HIV/AIDS!

Please also visit [AIDS.gov](#) launched on **World AIDS Day, December 1, 2007**. [AIDS.gov](#) is the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services' Internet portal that will provide users easy access to information on Federal HIV/AIDS prevention, testing, treatment, and research programs, policies, and resources.

You may also visit [www.worldaidsday2008.org](#) to find out about the Tri-State Region World AIDS Day 2008 Event. To view the President's Emergency Plan for AIDS Relief (PEPFAR), please visit [www.pepfar.gov](#). For international events, go to [www.worldaidscampaign.info](#).

National Black HIV/AIDS Awareness and Information Day: February 7



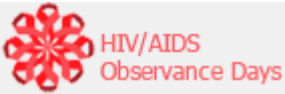
"A hopeful society acts boldly to fight diseases like HIV/AIDS, which can be prevented, and treated, and defeated ... We will also lead a nationwide effort, working closely with African American churches and faith-based groups, to deliver rapid HIV tests to millions, end the stigma of AIDS, and come closer to the day when there are no new infections in America."

-- President George W. Bush
State of the Union Address, 2006

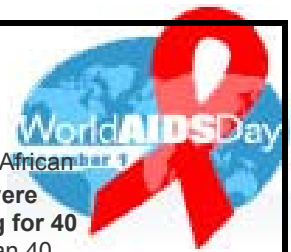
February 7 is National Black HIV/AIDS Awareness and Information Day (NBHAAD). This annual observance day was created to raise awareness among African Americans about HIV/AIDS and its devastating impact on African American communities. The day is part of a national mobilization effort to get African Americans to learn more about the threat posed by the disease, get tested, get treated and make a commitment to fight HIV/AIDS.

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NBHAAD is a day to remember those infected and affected by the HIV/AIDS pandemic-especially African Americans who are disproportionately affected by HIV/AIDS. Since **1981 when the first cases were diagnosed, AIDS has killed more than 20 million people, with African Americans accounting for 40 percent of those deaths.** In addition, in the United States African Americans account for more than 40 percent of the estimated 944,306 AIDS cases that have been diagnosed, though they make up only 12.2 percent of the population.

In recognition of National Black HIV/AIDS Awareness and Information Day, the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services has launched this NBHAAD Web site. We encourage you to visit this Web site and download materials, such as [fact sheets](#), [posters](#) or [public service announcements](#) to assist in your efforts to educate, motivate and mobilize your local community in the fight against HIV/AIDS!

National Latino AIDS Awareness Day: October 15

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Latinos account for 18 percent of all of the AIDS cases reported since the beginning of the epidemic, but only make up 17 percent of the population. Latinos also make up 20 percent of all new AIDS cases reported in 2003, and for people ages 35–44, it is the third leading cause of death.

October 15 is National Latino AIDS Awareness Day (NLAAD). The observance marks an opportunity to spread awareness of the devastating and disproportionate effects AIDS is having in the Latino community.

In support of NLAAD, the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services is hosting this Awareness Day Web site, which offers information on prevention, testing, treatment, and vaccine research.

If you are looking for a testing location, planning a local event, trying to create public-awareness messages, want to work with your local media, or need educational materials such as posters, public service announcements, or fact sheets, you will find resources and answers to many of your questions here.

NLAAD is sponsored by the Latino Commission on AIDS and the Hispanic Federation in partnership with a variety of local faith and community groups. For more information, visit www.nlaad.org. For additional information, visit this federal resource from AIDS info: <http://aidsinfo.nih.gov/other/specialityPage.aspx?pageID=4>.

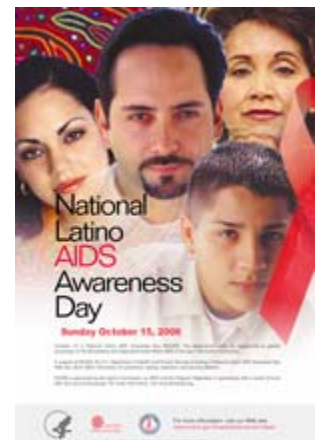
Please visit us often in the weeks leading up to this observance day for more information.

National Asian and Pacific Islander HIV/AIDS Awareness Day: May 19

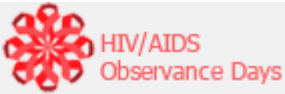
May 19, 2006 was the second annual National Asian and Pacific Islander (API) HIV/AIDS Awareness Day. This observance day intends to raise awareness among Asians and Pacific Islanders in the U.S. about the devastating impact of HIV/AIDS.

According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), today there are an estimated 1.039 million to 1.185 million HIV-positive individuals living in the U.S. AIDS has killed more than 20 million people since the first cases were diagnosed in 1981. For APIs, one of the fastest-growing ethnic/racial populations in the U.S., HIV/AIDS is on the rise. According to the CDC, the number of APIs living with AIDS has climbed by more than 10 percent in each of the last 5 years. The number of adult and adolescent APIs diagnosed with AIDS through 2004 was 7,317.

In recognition of National API HIV/AIDS Awareness Day, the U.S. Department of Health



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and Human Services has created this Web site, which provides information on prevention, testing, treatment, and vaccine research.

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This awareness day is part of the Banyan Tree Project. For more information, please visit www.banyantreeproject.org. To find an HIV Testing location near you, please visit www.hivtest.org. For additional information, visit this federal resource from AIDS info: <http://aidsinfo.nih.gov/other/APIHivAwarenessDay.aspx>.

National HIV Testing Day: June 27, 2006

An estimated 250,000 people in the United States are HIV/AIDS positive and do not even know it.

The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services is pleased to support National HIV Testing Day on June 27. National HIV Testing Day is critical to the fight against HIV/AIDS because it presents an opportunity for people nationwide to learn their HIV status, and to gain the knowledge they need to take control of their health and their lives. National HIV Testing Day also provides an invaluable opportunity to dispel the myths and stigma associated with HIV testing, and to reach those who have never been tested or who have engaged in high-risk behavior since their last test.

Too many Americans with HIV are diagnosed late in the course of their infection, when they may not be able to fully benefit from life-prolonging treatments. HIV testing can reduce new infections when HIV-positive persons become aware of their status and take the necessary precautions to stop spreading the disease. HIV testing is easier, more accessible, and less invasive than ever. [HTTP://AIDSINFO.NIH.GOV/OTHER/HIVTESTINGDAY.ASPX](http://AIDSINFO.NIH.GOV/OTHER/HIVTESTINGDAY.ASPX).



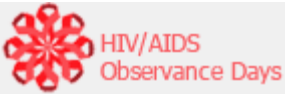
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AIDS POLICY: SINCE ITS EARLIEST YEARS, THE CAMDEN CITY HIV / AIDS ADVISORY COUNCIL HAS PLAYED A LEADING ROLE IN THE DEVELOPMENT OF SOUND HIV/AIDS POLICIES AT THE FEDERAL, STATE AND LOCAL LEVELS AND ENSURING THAT ELECTED OFFICIALS DEVELOP AN APPROPRIATE RESPONSE TO THIS KNOWN EPIDEMIC. THE HIV /AIDS ADVISORY COUNCIL HAS FOUGHT TO PROTECT THE HUMAN RIGHTS OF PEOPLE LIVING WITH HIV AND TO PROMOTE THE DEVELOPMENT OF EFFECTIVE HIV TREATMENT AND PREVENTION STRATEGIES.

FOR MORE INFORMATION OR CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION AS TO SERVICES PLEASE CONTACT ANTHONY D. LINGO 856.757.7687; ANLINGO@CI.CAMDEN.NJ.US OR MR. EMORY TROY, CHAIRPERSON OR JOSE QUANN @ AHEC, VICE CHAIR OF THE CAMDEN CITY AIDS ADVISORY COUNCIL AT 856.541.1154 AND FAX 856.365.8838; 517 COOPER STREET, CAMDEN NJ 08102

FEB. 7, NTL. BLACK AWARENESS; MAY 19 NTL. A/P/I AWARENESS; OCT. 15 NTL. LATINO AWARENESS & JUNE 27TH NATIONAL TESTING DAY





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National Native (American Indian, Alaska Native, and Native Hawaiian) HIV/AIDS Awareness Day: March 21

"A Celebration of Life...Protecting Our Future, Protecting Our People!"

March 21, 2007 marked the first annual National Native (American Indian, Alaska Native, and Native Hawaiian) HIV/AIDS Awareness Day. This day is an opportunity to increase awareness of the impact of HIV/AIDS on American Indians, Alaska Natives, and Native Hawaiians.

HIV/AIDS continues to increase among Native people. Per population, American Indians/Alaska Natives have the third highest rates of HIV/AIDS behind Blacks and Hispanics. Native people are more likely to live in rural areas and many rural areas have limited HIV testing services. Stigma about HIV and fear of seeing people they know from their close communities at local health care facilities may also stop people from getting tested.

National Native HIV/AIDS Awareness Day is an opportunity for Native people and others to create a greater awareness of the risks of HIV/AIDS to their communities; to remember those who have passed; to acknowledge those who are infected and affected by HIV/AIDS; to call for increased resources for testing; and to seek support for increasing treatment and care options.

Native communities selected March 21st to commemorate National Native HIV/AIDS Awareness Day because it marks the start of spring, a time of beginnings and change. In Native cultures, seasons define the cycle and celebration of life. Ceremonies are usually held at the start and end of each season. For more information on how the spring holds special meaning to Native people please click here.

Resources are available to help Native and Native-serving organizations with designing HIV prevention programs, adapting Native culture to evidence-based behavioral interventions, mobilizing communities to become involved in HIV prevention through a community readiness model, and involving Native people and agendas in the community planning process.

For more information about HIV/AIDS and American Indians, Alaska Natives, and Native Hawaiians please visit this fact sheet. For additional information about The National Native HIV/AIDS Awareness Day, please visit: www.itcaonline.com/nshapp, www.colostate.edu/Depts/CASAE/happ/index.html, or www.nnaapc.org.

National Women and Girls HIV/AIDS Awareness Day: March 10



March 10, 2006 marked the first annual National Women and Girls HIV/AIDS Awareness Day. This day is set to raise awareness on the increasing impact of HIV/AIDS transmission on women and girls.

In support of this observance day, the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services is hosting a National Women and Girls Awareness Day Web site that offers materials to assist in your efforts to educate, motivate, and mobilize your local community in the fight against HIV/AIDS!

Women and Girls Day is sponsored by the [Office on Women's Health](http://www.hhs.gov/officeofwomenandgirls/). For additional information, visit this federal resource from AIDS info: <http://aidsinfo.nih.gov/other/WomenGirlsHIV.aspx>.

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