

## Asian & Pacific Islander Wellness Center



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The mission of the Asian & Pacific Islander Wellness Center (A&PI Wellness Center) is to educate, support, empower and advocate for Asian and Pacific Islander communities – particularly A&PIs living with, or at-risk for, HIV/AIDS.

A&PI Wellness Center is the oldest non-profit HIV/AIDS services organization in North America targeting Asian & Pacific Islander (A&PI) communities. To meet the needs of our clients who are often immigrants or refugees, A&PI Wellness Center's staff speak many Asian languages including: Cantonese, Hawaiian, Hindi, Ilokano, Japanese, Malay, Mandarin, Tagalog, Vietnamese and Visayan.

A&PI Wellness Center's HIV Care Services provides free and confidential HIV treatment case management, mental health and substance abuse counseling, on-site primary medical and psychiatric care, client and treatment advocacy, and group and individual support to A&PIs living with HIV/AIDS.

Our HIV/STD Prevention Services reaches youth (straight, queer and questioning) , gay and bisexual men, transgender persons through community organizing and outreach, workshops and support groups, peer counseling, and prevention case management.

We offer HIV/STD/Hepatitis testing, support groups, social marketing and health promotion campaigns, community events, internships, and volunteer opportunities.

The Community Development & External Affairs (CDEA) builds HIV prevention capacity in A&PI organizations and communities throughout the United States and its Pacific Territories; conducts community-based research; and trains non-medical service providers in HIV treatment throughout California.

## BIENESTAR



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Bienestar Human Services, Inc. (**BIENESTAR**) is the US' leading voice on Latino LGBT health and civil rights, as well as Southern California's premiere Latino HIV services provider. As a community-based organization providing social services, health prevention and education targeting Latino men, women, and children living with HIV/AIDS, BIENESTAR serves those most at risk of HIV, STD's and other infections. BIENESTAR is committed to enhancing the health and well being of the Latino community and other underserved communities, and provides direct services in Los Angeles, San Bernardino, Riverside, and San Diego counties.

Founded in 1989 as a grassroots organization based in Los Angeles, BIENESTAR has grown tremendously both in geography and scope of work. BIENESTAR's early focus on the HIV/AIDS education needs of gay and bisexual men has broadened to address a myriad of health and social issues facing southern California's Latino community. These issues include, but are not limited to: sexually transmitted diseases, alcohol and substance abuse, gang violence, domestic violence, women's health, immigration, civil rights and social justice advocacy.

BIENESTAR's approach is not solely about dealing with sexually transmitted diseases, but rather about empowering individuals and entire communities towards a state of wellbeing through self-love, self-acceptance and self-determination. BIENESTAR firmly believes that social justice is the key to solving the myriad of problems our community faces including the disproportionate HIV and STD rates currently impacting the quality of life of so many Latinos. The organization simultaneously addresses issues of homophobia, immigration, health care access, domestic violence and poverty among other inequalities in order to fully address the HIV/AIDS epidemic.

Since its establishment, BIENESTAR has evolved into a multi-service and multi-center agency, with annual expenditures in the range of \$5.9 million. Major programs supported by these funds include education and prevention, youth services, emotional support services, Client Services, LGBT projects, community mobilization and public policy advocacy.

A board of directors representing the constituency served governs BIENESTAR. An Advisory Committee provides for expanded community involvement and support. Local representatives, medical and technical experts, serve this twenty-seven member committee and beneficiaries of BIENESTAR services.

The majority of the clients served by BIENESTAR are underserved and indigent Latinos. The staff and peer volunteers of BIENESTAR are bilingual, bicultural, and share a genuine concern for providing its clientele with competent and appropriate information and services. There are no cultural or language barriers that the clients need to overcome before accessing services at BIENESTAR. More than 30,000 people are served yearly from all of BIENESTAR services, programs and community centers.

## The Balm in Gilead



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The Balm In Gilead, Inc.<sup>TM</sup> is a not-for-profit, non-governmental organization whose mission is to improve the health status of people of the African Diaspora by building the capacity of faith communities to address life-threatening diseases, especially HIV/AIDS.

The Balm In Gilead's pioneering achievements have enabled thousands of churches to become leaders in preventing the transmission of HIV by providing comprehensive educational programs and offering compassionate support to encourage those infected to seek and maintain treatment. The Balm In Gilead spearheads a dynamic response to the HIV/AIDS crisis in the faith community.

For 19 years, The Balm In Gilead has mobilized The Black Church Week of Prayer for the Healing of AIDS, which engages Black churches to become centers for education, compassion and care in the fight against HIV/AIDS.

The Balm In Gilead has established, and continues to develop, educational and training programs specifically to meet the needs of faith communities that strive to become centers for HIV/AIDS ministries, education and compassion. While continuing to broaden its work within African American communities, The Balm In Gilead is working in partnership with faith communities in Côte d'Ivoire, Kenya, Nigeria, Tanzania and Zimbabwe to effectively address the horrendous challenges of HIV/AIDS.

In the United States and abroad, the organization strives to:

- § Develop and disseminate culturally appropriate educational materials to the African American Christian community
- § Provide training, organizational, and technical assistance to churches, church groups, AIDS service organizations and health departments through The Balm In Gilead's HIV/AIDS Technical Assistance Center, which is supported through a cooperative agreement with the US Centers for Disease Control and Prevention
- § Assist AIDS service organizations and health departments in deepening their understanding of the African and African American community in order to engage the church in HIV/AIDS prevention and treatment through culturally appropriate programs
- § Provide the media industry with information about how the church meets the HIV/AIDS education needs of congregations and communities

## The Black AIDS Institute



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The Black AIDS Institute, founded in 1999, is the only national HIV/AIDS think tank in the United States focused exclusively on Black people. The Institute's mission is to stop the AIDS pandemic in Black communities by engaging and mobilizing Black leaders, institutions and individuals in efforts to confront HIV. The Institute conducts HIV policy research, interprets public and private sector HIV policies, conducts trainings, builds capacity, disseminates information, and provides advocacy and mobilization from a uniquely and unapologetically Black point of view.

### What We Do

- The Institute develops and disseminates information on HIV/AIDS policy. Our first major publication was the NIA Plan, which launched a national campaign to stop HIV/AIDS in African American communities by formulating and disseminating policy proposals developed through collaboration with federal, state and local government agencies, universities, community-based organizations, healthcare providers, opinion shapers and “gatekeepers.”
- The African American HIV University, the Institute's flagship training program, is a fellowship program designed to increase the quantity and quality of HIV education in Black communities by training and supporting peer educators of African descent. AAHU's treatment and science college trains Black people in the science of HIV/AIDS. We believe when people understand the science of AIDS, they are better equipped to protect themselves from the virus, less likely to stigmatize those living with the disease or at risk of infection, better able to adhere to treatment and advocate for care, and better positioned to influence public and private HIV/AIDS policies. The Prevention and Mobilization College prepares Black AIDS workers to engage and mobilize traditional Black institutions in efforts to confront HIV/AIDS and increase utilization of HIV prevention services in their communities.
- The International Community Treatment and Science Workshop is a training and mentoring program to help people who are living with HIV/AIDS or who are working with community-based and non-governmental AIDS organizations to meaningfully access information presented at scientific meetings.
- The Drum Beat is the Institute's Black media project designed to train Black media on how to report accurately on HIV/AIDS and tell the stories of those infected and affected. The Black Media Task Force on AIDS, a component of the Drum Beat Project, currently has over 1500 Black media members.
- The Institute publishes original editorial materials on the Black AIDS epidemic. Our flagship publication is our “State of AIDS in Black America” series. In the past few years, the institute has published reports on Black women, Black youth, Black gay and bisexual men and treatment in Black America. Our website [www.BlackAIDS.org](http://www.BlackAIDS.org) attracts nearly 100,000 hits a month. And our weekly AIDS updates currently have over 35,000 subscribers. The Drum Beat newspaper is a semi-annual tabloid with a distribution of 300,000. It is distributed to Black conventions, barbershops, beauty parlors, bookstores and doctors' offices. The Institute's newest publication is Ledge, a magazine produced by and for Black college students and distributed on the campuses of historically Black colleges and universities around the country.
- Heroes in the Struggle is a photographic tribute to the work of Black warriors in the fight against AIDS. Featuring elected officials and other policy makers, leading Black clergy, celebrities and entertainers, journalists, caregivers, advocates and people living with HIV/AIDS, HITS travels to Black universities, museums and community-based organizations throughout the United States, providing information on

HIV/AIDS, raising awareness and generating community dialogues about what Black people are doing and what we need to do to end the AIDS epidemic in our communities.

- The Black AIDS Institute and BET, in association with the Kaiser Family Foundation, also sponsors the Rap-It-Up Black AIDS Short-Subject Film Competition to highlight the issue of AIDS and HIV infection within the African American community. By showcasing examples of heroism from within Black communities, we can galvanize African Americans to refocus and recommit to overcoming this epidemic.

- The Institute provides technical assistance to traditional African American institutions, elected officials and churches who are interested in developing effective HIV/AIDS programs, and to AIDS organizations that would like to work more effectively with traditional African American institutions.

Finally, nearly 30,000 people participated in AIDS updates, town hall meetings or community organizing forums sponsored by the Institute annually.

- Leaders in the Fight to Eradicate AIDS (LifeAIDS) is a national Black student membership organization created to mobilize Black college students around HIV/AIDS. LifeAIDS sponsors a national Black Student Teach-In and publishes Ledge, the only national AIDS magazine written, edited and published by Black students. Founded in 2004, LifeAIDS is the nation's only AIDS organization created by Black college students to mobilize Black college students to end the AIDS epidemic in Black communities. LifeAIDS has a presence on more than 70 college campuses nationwide.

- The National Black AIDS Mobilization is an unprecedented five year multi-sector collaboration between all three national Black AIDS organizations in the United States (The Balm in Gilead, the National Black Leadership Commission on AIDS and the Black AIDS Institute) with a goal of ending the AIDS epidemic in Black America by 2012.

BAM seeks to build a new sense of urgency in Black America, so that no one accepts the idea that the presence of HIV and AIDS is inevitable. The campaign calls on traditional Black institutions, leaders and individuals to actions toward ending the AIDS epidemic in Black America. The project has four key objectives: cut HIV rates in Black America, increase the percentage of Black Americans who know their HIV status, increase Black utilization of HIV treatment and care, and decrease HIV/AIDS stigma in Black communities. BAM does this in two ways: identifying and recruiting traditional Black institutions and leaders, and providing Black leaders and institutions with the skills and capacity to develop strategic action plans for themselves and/or their organizations.

- The Test 1 Million campaign is a two-year effort to screen one million people for HIV by December 1, 2008. The campaign began with a celebrity-studded press conference in collaboration with SAG and AFTRA at the Screen Actors Guild. Other events include an Oakland-to-Los Angeles run where people will be tested along the California coast run route and a national "get free concert tickets in return for taking an HIV test" program in partnership with leading R&B and hip-hop artists.

## Latino Commission on AIDS



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The Latino Commission on AIDS is a nonprofit membership organization dedicated to fighting the spread of HIV/AIDS in the Latino community.

In response to the critical, unmet need for HIV prevention and care for Latinos, a coalition of Latino leaders founded the agency in 1990. The Commission realizes its mission by spearheading health advocacy for Latinos, promoting HIV education, developing model prevention programs for high-risk communities, and by building capacity in community organizations. Through its extensive network of member organizations and community leaders, the Commission works to mobilize an effective Latino community response to the health crisis created by HIV/AIDS. Since 1995, the Commission has steadily expanded its services outside New York to meet the emerging needs of Latino communities in more than 40 States and Puerto Rico.

The Commission is dedicated to resolving the HIV crisis in the Latino community, where social stigma, poverty, language barriers, immigration status fears, and access to care deter testing and increase the infection rate. Over 200,000 Latinos in the U.S. and Puerto Rico are living with HIV/AIDS. The fastest growing ethnic group in the U.S., Latinos constitute 14% of the U.S. population but account for over 20% of the AIDS cases.

The Commission's public health model encompasses four core and complementary services provided to Latino communities: health education, HIV prevention, capacity building, and advocacy. All services are offered in Spanish by a culturally diverse bilingual staff of health, education and business professionals.

### **Health Education**

Knowledge of HIV risk and treatment options remains a significant barrier to preventing the spread of the disease among Latinos and helping Latinos with HIV/AIDS to stay healthy. The Commission is strongly committed to ongoing Spanish language health education and strategic media campaigns that educate the general public about HIV treatment and prevention, as well as other health disparities affecting Latino communities. For over a decade the Commission has provided the only Spanish language HIV treatment education available in the U.S. and continues to provide this training to frontline healthcare professionals, peer educators and public health officials. Our training professionals continue providing workshops, institutes and national conferences on many HIV/AIDS treatment and prevention topics to Latino immigrants, community leaders, healthcare workers, and people living with HIV/AIDS.

### **HIV Prevention**

All programs at the Commission are guided by our mission to prevent disease and promote health in Latino communities. The agency has a long history of developing and implementing model prevention and risk reduction interventions in low-income Latino communities, including the only initiative in the U.S. to mobilize communities of faith for HIV interventions. The Commission has worked with more than 75 churches of many denominations to build ministries of health in high risk communities and to initiate prevention programs for women and adolescents. Another thrust of the prevention program has been working with grassroots lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender organizations to develop and implement innovative prevention interventions. For the past decade, the Commission has reached the wider Latino community with HIV testing, counseling and referrals to healthcare and housing through pioneering programs based on social networking models that reach Latinos at highest risk of HIV.

**Capacity Building Assistance**

Finding solutions to the health disparities impacting Latinos can best come from within Latino communities. The Commission has always been committed to building the capacity of local institutions – community organizations, health departments, healthcare providers, churches, and LGBT groups – to provide local disease prevention, healthcare and health education services in Latino communities. In conjunction with the Centers for Disease Control & Prevention and other government agencies, the Commission is strengthening community organizations and health departments from Maine to New Jersey (and Puerto Rico and the Virgin Islands) that provide HIV prevention interventions to Latinos. Another ongoing effort has been helping LGBT groups to effectively operate as non-profit organizations offering social support and prevention services in high-risk Latino communities.

**Advocacy & Awareness**

The HIV crisis can only be resolved with awareness at every level of society and through organizing communities to advocate for increased resources and access to healthcare. The Commission's hallmark awareness initiative is National Latino AIDS Awareness Day ([www.NLAAD.org](http://www.NLAAD.org)). Annually on October 15, the Commission mobilizes more than 350 community organizations in over 250 cities across the country to host HIV testing, education and prevention initiatives. Advocacy has long been a core competency of the agency. The Commission is dedicated to mobilizing Latino groups and community leaders, building broad based consensus, and advocating at all levels of government. In addition, advocacy training is provided to grassroots organizations throughout the U.S.

## National Association of People with AIDS



# NAPWA

## FEDERAL GOVERNMENT AFFAIRS

### NAPWA

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Founded in 1983, the National Association of People with AIDS (NAPWA) is the oldest national AIDS organization in the United States. It is also the oldest national network of people living with HIV/AIDS in the world. NAPWA has an essential voice in matters related to HIV/AIDS. NAPWA advocates for access to care and treatment, encourages awareness and education about HIV/AIDS, and mobilizes diverse communities through training and capacity building. NAPWA amplifies the voices of the greater than one million persons living with HIV and AIDS in the United States to inform administration of HIV/AIDS programs, allocation of resources, and applicable legislation.

NAPWA uses the following criteria to determine where to focus human and financial resources to inform policy priorities:

- <sup>3</sup> The real or perceived impact for people living with HIV/AIDS.
- <sup>3</sup> Policy areas which offer an opportunity for NAPWA to strategically and effectively fill a gap.
- <sup>3</sup> Policy activities and recommendations that respond to the diverse needs of the national community of people living with HIV and AIDS.

Pursuant to the proposed criteria, NAPWA's Department of Federal Government Affairs will focus on the following key areas:

#### **STIGMA/CIVIL/HUMAN RIGHTS**

Deserving of primary placement, NAPWA will address legislation, administration, and interpretation of HIV related or non-HIV related policy that would cause undue stress on the lives of people living with HIV/AIDS whether perceived or confirmed. Through removal of structural, systemic, or interpretive barriers, this area will expand access to prevention, healthcare and treatment, and support services. NAPWA's work serves to demand an end to law and policy initiatives that stigmatize people living with HIV and those in their networks.

**Current initiative:** Currently, there are 32 states in the U.S. that possess criminal statutes on HIV transmission. Many of these statutes are related to disclosure, not transmission, and do not require infection. There are wide concerns about burden of proof for disclosure, how the requirement for disclosure is accomplished, and unintended consequences related to the existence and knowledge of these laws. NAPWA is currently working in partnership with The Center for HIV Law & Policy and other partners to develop appropriate responses and resources for community members in an effort to respond to and avoid additional adverse actions to people living with HIV and those they are involved with.

#### **QUALITY SERVICE/QUALITY OF LIFE**

Certainly there is substantial evidence to support that the advancement of early diagnosis, connection to quality and comprehensive care and treatment, and essential support services greatly improve health outcomes for people living with HIV/AIDS, their communities, and loved ones. The focus of this key area would be the promotion of standards of care that increase patient outcomes, retain individuals in service, and return individual ability for productivity.

**Current initiative:** Healthcare and prescription treatment are a priority for people living with HIV/AIDS to maintain healthy and productive lives. Successful care and treatment depends on effective application of standards which directly correlate with improved health outcomes. Early diagnosis, quality and informed medical care, and accessible and appropriate treatment are "best practices" or requisite components for a model of care that best meets the needs of individuals living with HIV/AIDS.

#### **ACCESS TO HEALTHCARE AND TREATMENT**

Healthcare and treatment drastically improve health outcomes for people living with HIV/AIDS, early access helps individuals avoid high-cost and physically taxing medical interventions caused by late diagnosis and care. Far too many individuals living with this disease remain outside of access to the care and treatment they need and deserve. For NAPWA, the expansion of access to early and comprehensive healthcare and treatment remains priority to ensure that persons diagnosed with an HIV infection have the best available prognosis.

**Current initiative:** Access to quality and comprehensive healthcare and treatment should be a guaranteed right for American people, not an earned privilege. This becomes particularly critical for persons living with HIV/AIDS. Increasing investments and programs targeting populations for routine testing and early diagnosis underscore the need for an available care and treatment solution to direct the newly diagnosed toward. As efforts continue toward the discovery of a vaccine, microbicide, and hopefully one day a cure, care and treatment remain our most promising opportunity to reduce HIV infectivity, prevent future infections, and assist persons living with the virus in restoring their health and their ability to care for themselves and their community.

Notwithstanding our understanding of how access to quality and comprehensive care and treatment is sound public health, 45% - 55% of persons living with HIV go without it each year. Negative stigma associated with the disease, unaffordable or inadequate transportation and housing, and administrative restrictions remain the largest impediments to care and treatment. In many places in the country persons are still required to become disabled to qualify for care. Yet efforts to pass the Early Treatment for HIV Act (ETHA) (S.860; H.R.3326) have remained deadlocked in Congress for more than a decade. While facing the effects of an economic downturn, we must redouble our efforts to push toward a coordinated national strategy that includes accessible healthcare and treatment for all persons in the United States living with HIV.

#### **PREVENTION FOR POSITIVES**

Managing healthcare and treatment is only a portion of the responsibilities someone diagnosed with HIV must be concerned with. Negative HIV-related stigma and limited or contradictory information often makes discussions related to negotiating sex challenging. However, secondary prevention strategies are important to continue favorable health outcomes for persons living with HIV as well as empower PLWHAs to protect their friends, families, loved ones, and community. With between 40,000 and 60,000 new infections taking place in the United States each year, it is imperative to invest in interventions and social marketing campaigns that share evidence-based safer strategies for persons with HIV/AIDS and their needle-sharing and sexual partners.

**Current initiative:** HIV is acquired through bodily fluid exchange only when at least one individual engaging in the behavior is living with HIV/AIDS, regardless of whether they know it or not. NAPWA started National HIV Testing Day (NHTD) fourteen years ago to encourage individuals to learn their status and improve their health outcome opportunities. Currently, one-third of people living with HIV are unaware they have the virus and the majority of prevention education focuses on individuals at-risk for acquiring the disease. NAPWA believes that when educated appropriately persons living with HIV play a significant role in averting future HIV infections.

#### **MEANINGFUL ENGAGEMENT**

People with AIDS must be involved at every level of decision making and be included in all AIDS forums with equal credibility as other participants, to share their own experiences and knowledge. HIV/AIDS has social and physical implications; this means that attention must be given to a person's individual ability to reasonably adapt any developed recommendation into their lives. Stigma continues to effect healthcare access, treatment adherence, and prevention efforts. To increase efficacy in these areas, people living with HIV and AIDS must be invited equally to the table. Positive visibility is a necessity, PLWHA inclusion is an imperative.

**Current initiative:** NAPWA started AIDSWatch sixteen years ago to encourage people living with AIDS to share their stories and experiences to inform Congress of the most pertinent needs of the community. In 2008, NAPWA again partnered with the Treatment Access Expansion Project (TAEP), and welcomed approximately 400 individuals from 28 states and conducted 197 visits with congressional offices to request urgent attention to the domestic epidemic. The Denver Principles, on which NAPWA was founded states the importance of PLWHA involvement in every level of decision making that affects their lives. NAPWA believes that PLWHAs should be given an equal and guaranteed voice in the community planning process to inform program development, resource allocation, and proper administration of services.

NAPWA uses the following mechanisms to communicate and engage its constituents in advocacy initiatives.

- **AIDSWatch**, formed in 1992, is NAPWA's grassroots advocacy program that brings HIV positive people and their supporters to Washington, DC from all 50 states, the Virgin Islands and the Caribbean to meet with their elected members of Congress. AIDSWatch participants help to educate Legislators on the need for improved access to HIV care, effective HIV public policy and increased appropriations for effective HIV/AIDS services such as ADAP, HOPWA and the Ryan White Medical Modernization Act.
- **National HIV Testing Day**, was launched by NAPWA in 1995. Every year, on June 27th, local organizations across the nation engage with communities to promote early diagnosis and HIV-testing. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) estimates that 250,000 of the one million people living with HIV/AIDS in the United States are unaware of their status. NAPWA realizes that lack of access to treatment and care along with social stigma can make living with HIV difficult. With early diagnosis, uncertain individuals will know their HIV-status and should be placed into appropriate treatment and care. During NHTD, we work with our partners, which include thousands of community-based organizations, businesses, health departments, elected officials, media, and individuals to encourage routine HIV-testing and to promote culturally-apt messages for those affected by and living with HIV/AIDS.
- **Positive Voice Alerts**, our E-action advisories, provide current information on how to participate in our programs and services as well as the latest HIV advocacy issues. NAPWA disseminates actionable and educational alerts on pertinent HIV matters at least twice a month and increases them as necessary. PVAs act as NAPWA's principle mechanism to amplify the voices of the greater than one million American's living with HIV/AIDS.

As long as the cure for AIDS remains undiscovered and there are people living with and at risk for HIV there will be a National Association of People with AIDS. Please join the collective voice of the one million Americans living with HIV/AIDS and become an active NAPWA member.

## National Black Leadership Commission on AIDS



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The National Black Leadership Commission on AIDS (NBLCA) was founded in November 1987. The NBLCA conducts policy, research and advocacy on HIV and AIDS to ensure effective participation of our leadership in all policy and resource allocation decisions at the national, state and local levels of communities of African descent nationwide.

Since its inception, the NBLCA has served thousands of organizations and institutions through community development, technical assistance, and formulation of public policy; helped to raise over \$1 billion in new federal funding for HIV/AIDS and public health-related direct service organizations serving communities of African descent; created the first programs for the Black clergy to develop strategies to address the complexity of problems caused by HIV and AIDS.

The NBLCA serves as chief consultant on HIV/AIDS and public health-related issues to numerous national organizations. Among them are its partnerships with the Congressional Black Caucus and its official partnerships with the National Association of Black Social Workers, the National Caucus of Black State Legislators, representing over 500 Black state elected officials, and the National Baptist Ministers' Convention with a membership of 8.2 million. The NBLCA has served as an advisor on HIV/AIDS-related issues to the United Nations and to the nations of Gabon, Central African Republic, Uganda, and the Bahamas, among others.

The work of the NBLCA is financially supported by contributions and grants from a range of sources – philanthropic foundations, corporations, government, individual donors, and proceeds from special fund-raising events such as the annual Choose Life Awards Benefit Gala. These funds are allocated across the nation to support the organization's volunteer leadership efforts.

## National Minority AIDS Council



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The National Minority AIDS Council has helped develop leadership in communities of color to address the challenges of HIV/AIDS since 1987.

NMAC represents a coalition of 3,000 F/CBOs and AIDS service organizations (ASOs) delivering HIV/AIDS services in communities of color nationwide, providing a variety programs and services conducted through the work of each of its divisions:

- **Government Relations and Public Policy:** The Division informs and promotes sound national, state, and local HIV/AIDS, health and social policies and increases participation of people of color in policy debates and policy-making bodies. An HIV/AIDS vaccine advocacy component will be developed and included in NMAC's policy agenda. (These advocacy efforts are funded through private funders and donors only. )
- **Conferences & Meeting Services:** NMAC currently convenes the largest annual AIDS-related gathering in the country, the *United States Conference on AIDS (USCA)*, which attracts more than 3,000 attendees annually. It provides critical training opportunities for those working on the frontlines of the HIV/AIDS epidemic in the United States and abroad, reaching thousands of attendees through plenary sessions, workshops, roundtables and posters.
- **Communications:** The division supports all NMAC programs, activities and events by providing and/or maintaining: publications, its external and internal website: [www.nmac.org](http://www.nmac.org), database services and media relations.
- **Technical Assistance, Training and Treatment (TATT):** NMAC works with minority faith- and community-based organizations, health departments and HIV Community Planning Groups to strengthen and expand their ability to fight the HIV/AIDS epidemic. Held throughout the year, these trainings are optimal venues to reach targeted audiences with HIV/AIDS vaccine research updates/awareness messages and materials. Some of the programs provided through TATT include:
  - *HIV Stigma and Access to Care*, which seeks to reduce the health disparities of people living with HIV/AIDS;
  - *Prison Initiative*, which seeks to increase access to and utilization of HIV prevention and care by persons living with HIV because of a history of incarceration; and
  - *Supporting Networks of HIV Care by Enhancing Primary Care*, which seeks to build the capacity of primary clinicians and clinics to offer HIV primary care.

## National Native American AIDS Prevention Center



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Founded in 1987 by American Indian and Alaska Native activists, social workers and public health professionals, the National Native American AIDS Prevention Center (NNAAPC) is the national leader in addressing HIV/AIDS issues that impact Native communities, such as stigma, discrimination, homophobia, complacency, incomplete or absent educational information, lack of political and social support for preventive approaches to health problems, limited technology and media access, and conflicting messages and attitudes across reservation and urban communities.

NNAAPC seeks to address these issues through its work in the areas of public health, community advocacy and mobilization, training and technical assistance, and communications/media.

The NNAAPC helps organizations that serve Native communities to plan, develop and manage HIV/AIDS prevention, intervention, care and treatment programs.

### **Our Vision**

To stop the devastation of HIV/AIDS and related diseases.

### **Our Mission**

To address the impact of HIV/AIDS on American Indians, Alaska Natives, and Native Hawaiians through culturally appropriate advocacy, research, education, and policy development in support of healthy Indigenous people.