

STOP THE AIDS CRISIS IN BLACK AMERICA

Since the start of the HIV/AIDS epidemic 25 years ago, African Americans have been overrepresented among those living with and dying from AIDS.

The disease continues to affect African Americans more than any other racial/ethnic group in the United States.

Today, African Americans comprise only 13% of the U.S. population but account for over half of all new HIV/AIDS diagnoses.

Over 200,000 African Americans have died of AIDS, half a million are now living with HIV and blacks are 10 times more likely than whites to have AIDS.

We unite for public and private action to end these disparities and stop the AIDS crisis in Black America.

This year's federal budget must include new resources to stop the AIDS crisis in African American communities.

Call Congress toll-free on February 7 at **888-802-1207** and tell your Senator and Representative:

"We need your help to stop the AIDS crisis in Black America. This year's federal budget must include new funding for AIDS housing, prevention and treatment to implement the five-point action plan recommended by the National Minority AIDS Council."

Share this message with your friends, family and neighbors—it will take all of us together to get the action we need to save lives.

TAKE ACTION ON **BLACK AIDS AWARENESS DAY: FEBRUARY 7, 2007**

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Find out more at www.blackaidsday.org

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EXPAND ACCESS TO SAFE, STABLE HOUSING

Build strong, stable African American communities with more affordable housing.

- Expand HOPWA (Housing Opportunities for Persons with AIDS) funding and capital construction programs nationwide.



REDUCE THE IMPACT OF INCARCERATION

Reduce the impact of incarceration as a driver of new HIV infections within the African American community by:

- Providing voluntary, routine HIV testing of prisoners upon entry and release.
- Making HIV prevention education, substance abuse programs and condoms available in prison facilities.
- Expanding re-entry programs to help formerly incarcerated persons successfully transition back into society.



STOP STIGMA AND EXPAND SUPPORTS FOR BLACK MEN WHO HAVE SEX WITH MEN

End marginalization, reduce stigma and stop discrimination against black gay and other men who have sex with men (MSM).

- Expand HIV prevention and leadership development initiatives for Black MSM.
- Address and end homophobia that fuels stigma.



EXPAND KNOWLEDGE AND ENCOURAGE VOLUNTARY HIV TESTING

- Expand basic HIV prevention education programs.
- Promote early identification of HIV through voluntary, routine testing.
- Connect those in need to treatment and care as early as possible.



REDUCE HIV INFECTIONS AMONG INJECTION DRUG USERS

Reduce the number of HIV infections in the African American community caused by injection drug use.

- Expand substance abuse prevention programs.
- Expand drug treatment and recovery services.
- Expand clean needle exchange programs for active injection drug users to minimize the risk of infection through needle sharing.

Visit www.nmac.org for full details on this five-point plan to stop the AIDS crisis in African American communities.

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