




HIV Crisis Among Gay Men

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Road Map

- Crisis Among Gay and Bisexual men of all Races and Ethnicities
- HIV Incidence Estimates among Gay men
- The Shifting Landscape of HIV Prevention
- Recommendations for Health Departments and Community Based Organizations
- The Way Forward




OAC's Mission and Vision

Ohio AIDS Coalition (OAC) is a division of the AIDS Resource Center Ohio (ARC Ohio) providing education, leadership training, advocacy, and support for Ohio's HIV/AIDS community.

Mission
The Coalition functions as a statewide network, carrying on activities that local groups are unable to perform and are best served on a statewide level, including but not limited to Healing Events, Publications, Leadership Training, and Advocacy. The Coalition shall consult with policy makers to prevent discrimination against persons with HIV/AIDS disease and to obtain support for HIV/AIDS disease education, research and quality services.


Vision
To provide hope, healing, and empowerment to all persons affected by HIV/AIDS disease within the state of Ohio.



OAC's Core Objectives


Objectives


- To advance consumer understanding of the standard of HIV care;
- To increase consumer ability to self-assess their current level of care;
- To develop consumer capacity to self-advocate for improved healthcare;
- To promote wellness through empowerment, education and advocacy; &
- To strengthen Ohio's community response to HIV/AIDS.




OAC's Public Policy and Advocacy Priorities

- **Budget Levels and Funding**
- **Emerging Needs**
 - **Monitoring Changes to OHDAP**
 - **Monitoring Standards of Care**
 - **Monitoring Program Enrollment and Retention**
 - **Monitoring Co-infection Rates**
 - **HIV-related Stigma and Criminalization Issues**
- **The Road to 2014**
 - **Implementation of the National HIV/AIDS Strategy**
 - **Ryan White Reauthorization**
 - **Implementation of the Affordable Care Act**
- **Voter Empowerment and Engagement**







NASTAD and the National Coalition of STD Directors (NCSd) released a *Statement of Urgency* in June 2010 expressing concern about the stronghold that HIV and STD infections continue to have on gay and bisexual men.

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National HIV/AIDS Strategy



- Reducing HIV incidence;
- Increasing access to care and optimizing health outcomes;
- Reducing HIV-related health disparities; and
- Achieving a more coordinated national response.

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The National HIV/AIDS Strategy

"The United States will become a place where new HIV infections are rare and when they do occur, every person, regardless of age, gender, race/ethnicity, sexual orientation, gender identity or socio-economic circumstance, will have unfettered access to high quality, life-extending care, free from stigma and discrimination."

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NHAS: 25 months later

- NHAS and Implementation Plan;
- Operational Plans from Health and Human Services (HHS);
- Reinvigorated Response to the Domestic Epidemic;
- Continued Fight for Funding and Strategic New Investments; &
- True Government-wide Effort and Collaboration.

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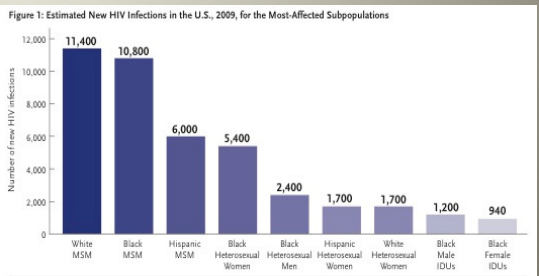


Since the beginning of the US epidemic, gay and bisexual men have consistently represented the largest percentage of persons diagnosed with new HIV infections in the United States, with further disparity among communities of color.


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HIV Incidence 2006 - 2009

Figure 1: Estimated New HIV Infections in the U.S., 2009, for the Most-Affected Subpopulations



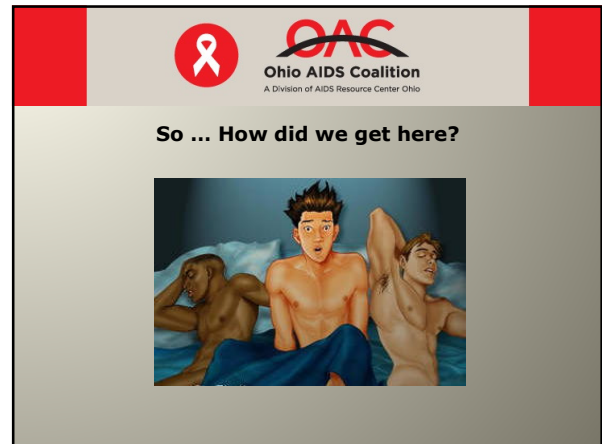
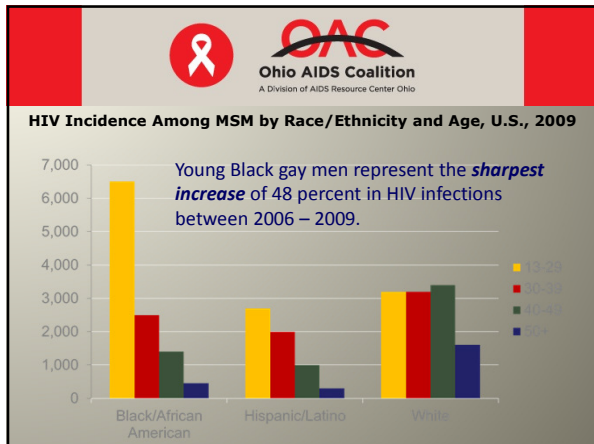
Subpopulation	Estimated New HIV Infections (2009)
White MSM	11,400
Black MSM	10,800
Hispanic MSM	6,000
Black Heterosexual Women	5,400
Black Heterosexual Men	2,400
Hispanic Heterosexual Women	1,700
White Heterosexual Women	1,700
Black Male IDUs	1,200
Black Female IDUs	940

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HIV/AIDS Epidemic and Gay Men

Snapshot from 2009

- In 2009, there were 48,100 new incidences of HIV infection reported in 16 states and 2 cities in the U.S.
- Despite making up 2 percent of the population, gay men comprised 61 percent of new infections in 2009. 64 percent when you include Injection Drug Using MSM.
- Forty-four percent of new infections occurred among Black Americans, who represent only 14 percent of the U.S. population.
- Thirty-nine percent of new infections occurred among those ages 13-29, a 21 percent increase. Driven by a 34 percent increase among young gay men.




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- Stressors to Core Public Health and the Impact on Gay Men**
- Millions of dollars in cuts from program budgets across the country;
 - Twenty five jurisdictions (55% of respondents) reported cuts to HIV prevention programs;
 - 200 open or unfilled positions, 1-36 day(s) of mandatory staff furlough
 - Additional funding cuts are anticipated from HIV and viral hepatitis budgets as we move forward ...

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- Consequences on Prevention Programs**
- States report programmatic reductions to:*
- Prevention program trainings;
 - The number of CBOs funded to provide prevention services;
 - The number of individuals receiving testing services, condoms, and behavioral interventions;
 - Syringe exchange programs;
 - Partner services; and HCV testing;
 - Surveillance activities



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- Recommendations for Health Departments & Community Based Organizations**
- Capacity
 - Integration and Coordination
 - Data Collection
 - Comprehensive Strategies

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The Way Forward ...

Fully embrace the National HIV/AIDS Strategy at the state and local levels as an opportunity to recalibrate and examine from a systems-level.

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Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act




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All about health reform

1. Medicaid
2. Essential Health Benefits
3. Ryan White Program
4. Health Insurance Exchange




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The Road Ahead ...

"The question is not whether we know what to do, but whether we will do it"

-President Barack Obama -
-July 13, 2010

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Questions?

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