

Talking Points HIV/AIDS

The Florida Department of Health

AIDS Cases in Florida – (according to The Florida Department of Health, Bureau of HIV/AIDS)

- **Florida ranks third in the nation in the number of reported AIDS cases.**
- In 2008, 7,503 Floridians became infected with HIV.
- One in five people with HIV **don't even know they're infected.**
- 92,738 adults in Florida are currently living with HIV/AIDS.

Minority AIDS Epidemic – (according to The Florida Department of Health, Bureau of HIV/AIDS)

- In 2006, blacks accounted for 48% of 39,002 AIDS cases reported in the U.S., more than any other racial/ethnic group.
- For over 16 years, HIV/AIDS has been the leading cause of death among black women aged 25-44 years in Florida.
- HIV/AIDS is now the 3rd leading cause of death for black men aged 25-44 years in Florida.
- In 2006, HIV/AIDS was the 5th leading cause of death among Hispanic men and the 3rd leading cause of death women aged 25 to 44.
- In 2006, Hispanics accounted for 20% of AIDS cases in men and 15% of those in women.

How is Florida Working to Raise Awareness and Prevent New HIV Infections?

- The Bureau of HIV/AIDS is committed to reducing the disproportionate impact HIV continues to have on racial/ethnic minorities and Men Who Have Sex with Men.
- We Make the Change Program – www.WeMaketheChange.com - Statewide campaign launched in 1999 and designed to increase the awareness of HIV/AIDS and its impact in Florida's minority communities.
- Text Messaging Initiative – “Text for Testing” – Floridians can text their zip code, from any location in the state, to “477493” to receive a text reply directing them to their nearest testing center. All text messages are anonymous and confidential.
- Sistas Organizing to Survive (S.O.S) is a grassroots mobilization of black women in the fight against HIV and AIDS.
- Community outreach at upcoming events can be found at <http://www.wemakethechange.com/english/local-events.htm>

Who is the most at Risk for contracting HIV/AIDS?

- EVERYONE who practices unsafe/unprotected sex, has a pre-existing STD, or uses IV drugs is at HIGH RISK for contracting HIV/AIDS.

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- Worldwide, more than 90% of all adolescent and adult HIV infections have resulted from heterosexual intercourse.
- Females are at as much risk as males.

HIV/AIDS Info & Resources

For more information please call the Florida AIDS Hotline at 1-800-FLA-AIDS (1-800-352-2437).

www.WeMakeTheChange.com

StopTheSpread

www.StopTheSpread.com (in areas that include an AATI county)

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<http://www.floridaaids.org>