2017 World AIDS Day Forecast

World AIDS Day on December 1 is an opportunity for people worldwide to unite in the fight against HIV. It is a chance to show support for people living with HIV and to commemorate those who have died from AIDS-related illnesses. It also is a time to continue to take action and improve the conditions of those living with and affected by HIV.

One federal program, the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) Secretary’s Minority AIDS Initiative Fund (SMAIF), improves prevention, care, and treatment for racial and ethnic minorities through innovation, systems change, and strategic partnerships and collaboration. SMAIF supports 33 projects in 40 states, D.C., Puerto Rico, and Guam that are conducted by 200+ health departments, health centers, and community organizations. Among the SMAIF-supported projects is the Regional Resource Network Program (RRNP). RRNP works directly with community, state, and federal partners across all 10 HHS regions, and staffs one Regional Resource Consultant (RRC) in each region to support a coordinated national response to the HIV epidemic.

In addition to reaching the right people at the right places with the right practices, RRNP also focuses on improving access to testing, knowledge, and care for high-risk populations through awareness days and other events and collaborations. Below is a snapshot of some 2017 RRNP community partner World AIDS Day activities planned for a few regions. Please check with your region’s RRC for more information about what is happening specifically in your area.
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