2007 HIV/AIDS Report



As we mark the twenty sixth anniversary of the discovery of the HIV and AIDS viruses, and with the new technologies of the twenty first century, there still is no cure for this deadly disease. Now, AIDS has risen to the world's number one killer and we are desperately searching for a cure to this pandemic. Statistics show that AIDS, which was once considered as only a "gay white male" disease, is spreading at an incredible rate and has penetrated deep into the minority community.

The Indiana Commission on the Social Status of Black Males requested data and statistics from the Indiana State Department of Health on HIV and AIDS in Indiana, and research shows that minorities, Black males in particular, are being exposed at alarming rates in Indiana. The data and statistics also revealed that Black males are being infected with HIV and dying from AIDS complications in disproportionate numbers compared to the majority population statistics.

If Indiana is to fight this disease and reduce the number of new cases; it will take a broader strategy that includes state and local governments and private sectors. Appropriate funding will have to be applied to prevention, intervention and treatment components throughout Indiana starting at a grade school level.

Local communities, along with the support of state government, will have to ban together with one voice and teach the truth about AIDS. The idea of AIDS has to be transformed into a community issue and not only viewed solely as a worldwide other community problem. Families will have to lift the taboo sentiment applied to HIV and open a long awaited dialogue based on truth and facts.

Involvement from all citizens will generate positive results in lowering the number of HIV and AIDS cases in Indiana, which will create a healthier and more prosperous Indiana. All of this is another strategic step in positively uplifting Black male Hoosiers.

Dear Citizens,

As outgoing Chairman of the Indiana Commission on the Social Status of Black Males, I would like to speak to a growing epidemic facing our Black Male population – HIV/AIDS.

Year by year, the number of infected males continues to rise. The proper preventions are not being taken into account. We held a statewide HIV awareness program at the Madame C.J. Walker Theater in October, 2007. Sheryl Lee Ralph did a one-woman show to climax the HIV/AIDS problem. The presentation was engaging and provoking – the show, "Sometimes I Cry", did just that! What a profound program! Many students from IPS came to bear witness to the wealth of information, and invaluable programs showcased that day. My hope is that all attendees were touched by this presentation and will share this information with their respective communities.

Please take time to read the information provided in the following pages. We must come together to fight this increasing, yet preventable disease.

Respectfully,

Wayne R. Wellington

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Chairman

Indiana Commission on the Social Status of Black Males

Dear Friends,

The Indiana Commission on the Social Status of Black Males is dedicated to the continued facilitation of information to the citizens of Indiana concerning the societal condition of Black males. To this end, we have prepared this booklet addressing the issue of HIV and AIDS upon Black males.

The Black community can no longer continue to allow the manifestation of lies, misinformation, stereotypes, and ignorance to plague our families. Black males are more disproportionately impacted by HIV and AIDS than other ethnic groups. The survival of the Black community and Indiana as a whole is dependent upon correct information being disseminated to the masses, so that informed decisions prevail and misinformation is destroyed.

Black males face serious challenges in the prevention of HIV and AIDS due to late diagnosis and limited use of prevention measures. The fact remains, Black males must get tested and embrace HIV/AIDS information to avoid high risks associated with the disease. Given the impact of Aids, we must mobilize a massive health intervention strategy for the Black community. The effort will take participation from the grassroots level to top levels of government and the health care field. The work before us is great and the challenge begins immediately. This booklet hopefully will serve as a catalyst in the battle to save Black males and our community.

Sincerely,

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Definition of HIV and AIDS

What is HIV?

HIV (human immunodeficiency virus) is the virus that causes AIDS. This virus may be passed from one person to another when infected blood, semen, or vaginal secretions come in contact with an uninfected person's broken skin or mucous membranes. *In addition, infected pregnant women can pass HIV to their baby during pregnancy or delivery, as well as through breast-feeding. People with HIV have what is called HIV infection. Some of these people will develop AIDS as a result of their HIV infection.

What is AIDS? What causes AIDS?

AIDS stands for Acquired Immunodeficiency Syndrome.

Acquired – means that the disease is not hereditary, but develops after birth from contact with a disease causing agent (in this case, HIV).

Immunodeficiency – means that the disease is characterized by a weakening of the immune system. *Syndrome* – refers to a group of symptoms that collectively indicate or characterize a disease. In the case of AIDS this can include the development of certain infections and/or cancers, as well as a decrease in the number of certain cells in a person's immune system.

HIV destroys a certain kind of blood cell (CD4+ T cells) which is crucial to the normal function of the human immune system. In fact, loss of these cells in people with HIV is an extremely powerful predictor of the development of AIDS. Studies of thousands of people have revealed that most people infected with HIV carry the virus for years before enough damage is done to the immune system for AIDS to develop. However, sensitive tests have shown a strong connection between the amount of HIV in the blood and the decline in CD4+ T cells and the development of AIDS. Reducing the amount of virus in the body with anti-retroviral therapies can dramatically slow the destruction of a person's immune system.

An HIV-infected person receives a diagnosis of AIDS after developing one of the CDC-defined AIDS indicator illnesses, (opportunistic infection). An HIV-positive person who has not had any serious illnesses also can receive an AIDS diagnosis on the basis of certain blood tests (CD4+ counts). A CD4+ count of less than 200 indicates a severely damaged immune system and an AIDS diagnosis.

A positive HIV test result does not mean that a person has AIDS. A diagnosis of AIDS is made by a physician using certain clinical criteria.

Infection with HIV can weaken the immune system to the point that it has difficulty fighting off certain infections. These types of infections are known as "opportunistic" infections because they take the opportunity a weakened immune system gives to cause illness.

Many of the infections that cause problems or may be life threatening for people with AIDS, are usually controlled by a healthy immune system. The immune system of a person with AIDS is weakened to the point that medical intervention may be necessary to prevent or treat serous illness.

Today there are medical treatments that can slow down the rate at which HIV weakens the immune system. There are other treatments that can prevent or cure some of the illnesses associated with AIDS. As with other diseases, early detection offers more options for treatment and preventative care.

Also, once a person is diagnosed with AIDS, they will always be considered to have AIDS, regardless of clinical changes later on. For example, if a person has HIV and a CD4 count below 200, they are considered to have AIDS. If their CD4 count later goes back to above 200, they are still considered to have AIDS.

How can I tell if I'm infected with HIV? What are the symptoms?

The only way to determine for sure whether you are infected is to be tested for HIV infection. You cannot rely on symptoms to know whether or not you are infected with HIV. Many people who are infected with HIV do not have any symptoms at all for many years. An HIV antibody test has been available since 1985. This test was originally licensed for the purpose of screening blood donations, but is now available at various sites for testing persons concerned they may have been exposed to HIV.

The Difference Between HIV and AIDS*

HIV is the term for the virus that damages the immune system and may eventually cripple the body's ability to fight disease. AIDS is the result of HIV infection. People who are infected with HIV are diagnosed as having AIDS if they develop certain serious diseases or conditions such as Pneumocystis carinii pneumonia (PCP), Kaposi's sarcoma (a rare cancer), HIV dementia, pulmonary tuberculosis, invasive cervical cancer, recurrent pneumonia, and others. Another indicator of AIDS is a positive HIV antibody test and severe damage of the immune system (a low count or low percentage of CD4 cells, which are important to the body's immune system).

Some misunderstood phrases related to HIV:			
<u>Misleading</u>	More Accurate		
Infected with AIDS	HIV infection		
AIDS virus	HIV (human immunodeficiency virus)		
HIV virus	HIV		
AIDS test	HIV antibody test		
AIDS antibodies	HIV antibodies		
Positive AIDS test	Positive test for HIV antibodies		
AIDS transmission	HIV transmission		
AIDS victim	PWA (person with AIDS) or PLWA (person living with AIDS)		
High-risk groups	High-risk behaviors		

^{*}Source: National Conference of State Legislatures

Total & Black Population by City				
	Total Population*	Total Black Population***	Total Black Population %**	
Anderson	59,734	8,886	14.9%	
Evansville	121,582	13,275	10.9%	
Fort Wayne	205,727	35,752	17.3%	
Gary	102,746	86,340	84.3%	
Indianapolis	781,870	199,412	25.5%	
Jeffersonville	27,362	3,742	13.6%	
Michigan City	32,900	8,657	26.3%	
Muncie	67,430	7,397	10.9%	
South Bend	107,789	26,522	24.6%	
Totals	1,507,140	389,983	25.8%	

^{*}Source: United States Census 2000, 2006 Population Estimate

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Total Black Population*** = Total Population* multiplied by Total Black Population %**

Total & Black Population With HIV Disease [†] , by City						
	Total # Living	# Blacks Living	% Blacks Living	Total # Died	# Blacks Died	% Blacks Died
Anderson	138	27	19.6%	77	11	14.3%
Evansville	273	61	22.3%	168	21	12.5%
Fort Wayne	411	132	32.1%	272	68	25.0%
Gary	437	376	86.0%	294	257	87.4%
Indianapolis	3,534	1,441	40.8%	1,957	667	34.1%
Jeffersonville	85	35	41.2%	30	6	20.0%
Michigan City	98	51	52.0%	35	13	37.1%
Muncie	95	21	22.1%	67	10	14.9%
South Bend	341	200	58.7%	166	53	31.9%
Totals	5,412	2,344	43.3%	3,066	1,106	36.1%

Source: Indiana State Department of Health, data as of December 31, 2006 † "HIV Disease" refers to a combined total of persons with either HIV or AIDS.

Anderson

Male Population		
	Total # Living	Total # Died
Black Males	23	10
White Males	87	61
Other Males ^a	*	*
Total Males	110	71
Percentage of Total Male Population that are Black	20.9%	14.1%

Female Population		
	Total # Living	Total # Died
Black Females	*	*
White Females	19	*
Other Females	*	*
Total Females	19	*
Percentage of Total Female Population that are Black	N/A	N/A

Black Population		
	Total # Living	Total # Died
Black Males	23	10
Black Females	*	*
Total Blacks	23	10
Percentage of Total Black Population that are Males	100.0%	100.0%

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^{*}Denotes numbers <5

 $[\]Delta$ "Other" includes Asian/Pacific Islander, American Indian/Alaska Native, Hispanic/Latino, and multiracial

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Evansville

Male Population		
	Total # Living	Total # Died
Black Males	45	16
White Males	182	138
Other Males $^{\Delta}$	*	*
Total Males	227	154
Percentage of Total Male Population that are Black	19.8%	10.4%

Female Population		
	Total # Living	Total # Died
Black Females	16	5
White Females	24	8
Other Females	*	*
Total Females	40	13
Percentage of Total Female Population that are Black	40.0%	38.5%

Black Population		
-	Total # Living	Total # Died
Black Males	45	16
Black Females	16	5
Total Blacks	61	21
Percentage of Total Black Population that are Males	73.8%	76.2%

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Fort Wayne

Male Population		
	Total # Living	Total # Died
Black Males	87	55
White Males	216	179
Other Males ^Δ	34	12
Total Males	337	246
Percentage of Total Male Population that are Black	25.8%	22.4%

Female Population		
	Total # Living	Total # Died
Black Females	45	13
White Females	21	10
Other Females ^Δ	8	*
Total Females	74	23
Percentage of Total Female Population that are Black	60.8%	56.5%

Black Population		
	Total # Living	Total # Died
Black Males	87	55
Black Females	45	13
Total Blacks	132	68
Percentage of Total Black Population that are Males	65.9%	80.9%

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Gary

Male Population		
	Total # Living	Total # Died
Black Males	272	229
White Males	37	13
Other Males $^{\Delta}$	13	16
Total Males	322	258
Percentage of Total Male Population that are Black	84.5%	88.8%

Female Population		
	Total # Living	Total # Died
Black Females	104	28
White Females	9	5
Other Females ^Δ	*	*
Total Females	113	33
Percentage of Total Female Population that are Black	92.0%	84.8%

Black Population		
	Total # Living	Total # Died
Black Males	272	229
Black Females	104	28
Total Blacks	376	257
Percentage of Total Black Population that are Males	72.3%	89.1%

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Indianapolis

Male Population		
	Total # Living	Total # Died
Black Males	1,042	563
White Males	1,626	1,178
Other Males ^Δ	238	43
Total Males	2,906	1,784
Percentage of Total Male	35.9%	31.6%
Population that are Black		

Female Population		
	Total # Living	Total # Died
Black Females	399	104
White Females	174	63
Other Females ^Δ	55	6
Total Females	628	173
Percentage of Total Female	63.5%	60.1%
Population that are Black		

Black Population		
	Total # Living	Total # Died
Black Males	1,042	563
Black Females	399	104
Total Blacks	1,441	667
Percentage of Total Black Population that are Males	72.3%	84.4%

Source: Indiana State Department of Health, data as of December 31, 2006 † "HIV Disease" refers to a combined total of persons with either HIV or AIDS.

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Jeffersonville

Male Population		
	Total # Living	Total # Died
Black Males	21	*
White Males	40	20
Other Males ^Δ	*	*
Total Males	61	20
Percentage of Total Male Population that are Black	34.4%	N/A

Female Population		
	Total # Living	Total # Died
Black Females	14	*
White Females	8	*
Other Females ^Δ	*	*
Total Females	22	*
Percentage of Total Female Population that are Black	63.6%	N/A
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Black Population		
	Total # Living	Total # Died
Black Males	21	*
Black Females	14	*
Total Blacks	35	*
Percentage of Total Black Population that are Males	60.0%	N/A

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Michigan City

Male Population		
	Total # Living	Total # Died
Black Males	37	8
White Males	38	22
Other Males ^Δ	*	*
Total Males	75	30
Percentage of Total Male Population that are Black	49.3%	26.7%

Female Population		
	Total # Living	Total # Died
Black Females	14	5
White Females	6	*
Other Females ^Δ	*	*
Total Females	20	5
Percentage of Total Female Population that are Black	70.0%	100.0%

Black Population		
	Total # Living	Total # Died
Black Males	37	8
Black Females	14	5
Total Blacks	51	13
Percentage of Total Black Population that are Males	72.5%	61.5%

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Muncie

Male Population		
	Total # Living	Total # Died
Black Males	14	9
White Males	63	46
Other Males ^Δ	*	*
Total Males	77	55
Percentage of Total Male Population that are Black	18.2%	16.4%

Female Population		
	Total # Living	Total # Died
Black Females	7	*
White Females	8	7
Other Females ^Δ	*	*
Total Females	15	7
Percentage of Total Female Population that are Black	46.7%	N/A

Black Population		
	Total # Living	Total # Died
Black Males	14	9
Black Females	7	*
Total Blacks	21	9
Percentage of Total Black Population that are Males	66.7%	100.0%

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South Bend

Male Population		
	Total # Living	Total # Died
Black Males	128	47
White Males	106	96
Other Males ^Δ	12	7
Total Males	246	150
Percentage of Total Male Population that are Black	52.0%	31.3%

Female Population		
	Total # Living	Total # Died
Black Females	72	6
White Females	19	9
Other Females ^Δ	*	*
Total Females	91	15
Percentage of Total Female Population that are Black	79.1%	40.0%

Black Population		
	Total # Living	Total # Died
Black Males	128	47
Black Females	72	6
Total Blacks	200	53
Percentage of Total Black Population that are Males	64.0%	88.7%

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Black Population Living with HIV Disease[†], by City & Exposure

-	Hetero	IDU	MSM	MSM & IDU	Other
Anderson	7 (29.2%)	*	8 (33.3%)	*	9 (37.5%)
Evansville	16 (26.7%)	*	27 (45.0%)	8 (13.3%)	9 (15.0%)
Fort Wayne	41 (31.5%)	11 (8.5%)	46 (35.4%)	*	32 (24.6%)
Gary	76 (20.2%)	24 (6.4%)	111 (29.5%)	17 (4.5%)	148 (39.4%)
Indianapolis	349 (24.2%)	97 (6.7%)	543 (37.7%)	65 (4.5%)	387 (26.9%)
Jeffersonville	10 (33.3%)	*	10 (33.3%)	*	10 (33.3%)
Michigan City	9 (18.8%)	8 (16.7%)	9 (18.8%)	*	22 (45.8%)
Muncie	6 (33.3%)	*	6 (33.3%)	*	6 (33.3%)
South Bend	58 (29.0%)	14 (7.0%)	59 (29.5%)	5 (2.5%)	64 (32.0%)
Totals	572 (24.6%)	154 (6.6%)	819 (35.2%)	95 (4.1%)	687 (29.5%)

Source: Indiana State Department of Health, data as of December 31, 2006

Hetero = Heterosexual contact, IDU = Intravenous Drug Use, MSM = Men who have sexual contact with men

 $MSM \Leftrightarrow IDU = Men \ who \ have \ sexual \ contact \ with \ men \ and \ are \ intravenous \ drug \ users$

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 $^{*\,}Denotes\,numbers<\!5$

[&]quot;Other" may reflect other modes of exposure not represented by the table

Indiana Cumulative Statistics for Black Males with HIV Disease† in Surveyed Cities

	Total # Living	Total # Died
Total Black Males [‡]	1,669	937
Total Surveyed Cities‡	5,412	3,066
Percentage of the Total Surveyed Cities that are Black Males	30.8%	30.6%
Total Black Males‡	1,669	937
Total Black Population‡	2,344	1,106
Percentage of the Total Black Population that are Black Males	71.2%	84.7%

Source: Indiana State Department of Health, data as of December 31, 2006

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 $[\]ddagger$ Includes ONLY the total population with HIV disease for the surveyed cities, NOT the total population with HIV disease for ALL cities in Indiana

HIV / AIDS Centers (Statewide)

ALLEN COUNTY

Allen County Health Department 260-449-7504

AIDS Task Force 260-744-1144 Matthew 25 Clinic 260-426-3250 Women's Bureau 260-424-7977

Neighborhood Health Services 260-458-2641

Project Ben 260-449-7504

Up the Stairs Community Center 260-422-2450

CLARK COUNTY

Clark County Health Department 812-288-2706 or 1-800-828-5624

DELAWARE COUNTY

Delaware County Health Department 765-747-7723

Ball State University 765-285-1067

Open Door Community Services 1-800-413-2113 or 765-281-7710

ELKHART COUNTY

Elkhart County Health Department 574-523-2128

AIDS Ministries/AIDS Assist 574-293-9743

Heart City Health Center 574-293-0052

LAKE COUNTY

Aliveness Project-Gary Office 219-880-2425

Aliveness Project-Merrillville Office 219-985-6170

Brothers Uplifting Brothers 219-985-2008

East Chicago Community Health Center 219-397-1196

East Chicago Health Department 219-391-8467

Gary City Health Department 219-882-5565

House of Job 219-852-4016

Lake County Health Department 219-755-3655

Maternal and Child Health Clinic 291-887-5146

Tri-City Mental Health Center 219-398-7050

LAPORTE COUNTY

Aliveness Project - Michigan City 219-873-1250

Open Door Health Center 219-872-6766

MADISON COUNTY

Madison County Health Department 765-646-9205

VANDERBURGH COUNTY

Drug Crisis Referral Center 812-464-7710 Matthew 25 AIDS Services 1-877-428-1231

Vanderburgh County Health Department 812-435-5683

Planned Parenthood 812-473-4990

MARION COUNTY

Barrington Health Center 317-781-4994

Martindale-Brightwood Health Center 317-920-5760

Bell Flower HIV Testing Clinic 317-221-8307

Blackburn Health Center 317-931-4300

Brothers United 317-931-0292

Concord Center 317-637-4376

Citizen's Health Center 317-924-6351

Damien Center 317-632-0123

Indy Core Care 317-630-8728

Salvation Army Harbor Light 317-972-1450

Southwest Health Center 317-488-2020

Nora Counseling Center 317-925-1881

Outreach Project – Martin Center 317-927-5151

People's Health Center 317-633-7360 Extension 151

Planned Parenthood Castleton 317-849-9304

Life Care Program of Clarion Health 317-962-2700

Planned Parenthood Southside 317-788-0396

Planned Parenthood Eastside 317-899-4731

Planned Parenthood Midtown 317-925-6747

Planned Parenthood Northwest 317-876-1774

Southeast Health Center 317-488-2040

ST. JOSEPH COUNTY

AIDS Ministries/AIDS Assist 574-234-2870

Center for the Homeless 574-282-8700

Hope Rescue Mission 574-288-4842

Indiana Health Center 574-234-9033

Martin Luther King Recreation Center 574-235-9445

Memorial Southeast Neighborhood Health Clinic 574-237-6640

Project Homecoming 574-235-7990

St. Joseph County Health Department 574-235-9750

St. Joseph Family Practice 574-237-7338

St. Joseph's Health Center 574-232-4070

Truman's 574-256-1501



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