

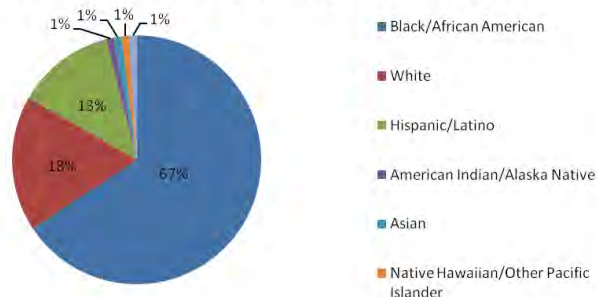
HIV/AIDS Trends Among Adult and Adolescent Females



How HIV/AIDS Affects Women

- In 2008, roughly 88% of women aged 13-22 newly diagnosed with HIV were infected through heterosexual sex; 12% were infected through injection drug use.ⁱ
- Rates of AIDS diagnoses among teenaged and adult women was highest in the northeast, followed by the south and the west in 2008. Rates among black women was 2 to 9 times greater than that of Hispanic women.ⁱ
- Perinatal infections occur in less than 2% of HIV positive women in the U.S., but disproportionately occurs among black women.ⁱⁱ
- In 2009, women accounted for 25% of newly reported HIV infections.ⁱⁱ
- Today, there are approximately 1.1 million people living with HIV/AIDS in the U.S., including nearly 280,000 women.ⁱⁱ
- According to a recent CDC study of more than 19,500 patients with HIV in 10 U.S. cities, women were slightly less likely than men to receive prescriptions for the most effective treatments for HIV infection.ⁱⁱⁱ

Diagnoses of HIV Infection among Adult and Adolescent Females by Race/Ethnicity, 2008ⁱ



How Community Members Can Get Involved

- Attend the annual VOICES Conference.
- Participate in Advocacy Day.
- Support peer based education and support services as a means to engage, retain, and support women and adolescent females living with HIV into comprehensive medical care.
- Volunteer at your local community based organization to help promote HIV/AIDS prevention education among populations most affected by the epidemic.
- Support HIV/AIDS Vaccine Research.
 - Tell others HIV vaccine research does not transmit HIV and that each trial brings us closer to a vaccine.
 - Express it is essential that women – especially women of color – participate in vaccine clinical trials because their bodies work differently than the bodies of men. Thus, there is a clear need to develop a vaccine we know will work for women.
 - Show your support for vaccine trial volunteers and/or become a vaccine trial volunteer yourself.

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