

# HIV/AIDS Trends in Communities of Color: Hispanics/Latinos









## How HIV/AIDS Affects Hispanics/Latinos

- According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), 42% of Hispanics/Latinos were tested for HIV late in their illness (i.e., diagnosed with AIDS within one year of testing positive) by comparison, 38% of Blacks and 35% of whites were tested late.<sup>i</sup>
- By the end of 2006, an estimated 80,690 Hispanics/Latinos with AIDS in the 50 states and the District of Columbia had died.<sup>ii</sup>
- In 2006, Hispanics/Latinos accounted for 19% of new AIDS diagnoses and 19% of all people living with AIDS in the 50 states and the District of Columbia.<sup>ii</sup>
- In 2005, HIV/AIDS was the fourth leading cause of death among Hispanic/Latino men and women aged 35–44.<sup>ii</sup>

## More Disproportionate Impacts

The rate of reported AIDS Cases in Hispanics/Latinos<sup>ii</sup>.

	Whites	Hispanics/Latinos
<b>Men:</b>		
3 times higher than white men		
<b>Women:</b>		
6 times higher than white women		
<b>Overall Population:</b>		
Nearly 4 times higher than the white population		

## How Community Members Can Get Involved

- Attend the annual Voices Conference
- Participate in Advocacy Day
- Become empowered as a Consumer Leadership Corps Trainer
- Encourage Community-Based Organizations in your neighborhood to apply for the Girls 4 HOPE Program
- Get involved by joining a Community Advisory Board
- Advocate for evidence-based, comprehensive sexual education curriculums in your local schools
- Support HIV/AIDS Vaccine Research
  - Tell others that HIV vaccine research does not transmit HIV and that each trial brings us closer to a vaccine
  - Inform people of the importance of an HIV vaccine and the need for people from diverse backgrounds to participate in HIV vaccine trials
  - Show your support for vaccine trial volunteers and/or become a vaccine trial volunteer yourself

## References:

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- ii CDC. *HIV/AIDS among Hispanics/Latinos Fact Sheet* (October 2008).
- iii. BeTheGeneration.com. *Fact Sheet: Hispanic/Latino* (June 2006).



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