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California Department of Public Health

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Description:
The California Department of Public Health (CDPH), Center for Infectious Diseases, Office of AIDS (OA), has lead responsibility for coordinating state programs, services, and activities relating to HIV/AIDS. OA is comprised of three branches (HIV Education and Prevention Services, HIV/AIDS Epidemiology, and HIV Care) and the AIDS Drug Assistance Program Section. OA works collaboratively with state and federal agencies, local health jurisdictions, universities, and community-based organizations to ensure that efforts to combat the HIV/AIDS epidemic are targeted and effective. As of August 31, 2008, over 181,763 cumulative HIV/AIDS cases were reported in California. Persons living with HIV/AIDS totaled 95,411 as of August 2008 reported cases.

HIV Education and Prevention Services Branch develops and implements focused HIV detection, education, and prevention programs through the following sections:

- *The HIV Community Prevention Section* provides HIV health education and risk-reduction activities guided by local community planning. Programs include Prevention for Positives High-Risk Initiative, and Statewide Intervention Technical Assistance Trainings;
- *The HIV Counseling, Testing, and Training Section* provides anonymous and confidential HIV counseling and testing services to Californians with perceived risk for HIV. Programs include an integrated hepatitis C virus screening program; the HIV Counselor Certification Training Program; the Neighborhood Intervention Geared toward High-Risk Testing Program; the Rapid HIV Testing Program; and funding for the California AIDS Hotline.
- *The HIV Prevention Policy and Program Development Section* oversees the African American Initiative; the California AIDS Clearinghouse; the Latino Advisory Board; the Partner Counseling and Referral Services Program; the Rapid HIV Testing in Labor and Delivery (RTLD) Program; the Statewide Technical Assistance Initiatives; the Syringe Exchange Program; the Statewide Syringe Exchange Technical Assistance Initiative; the Transgender Center of Excellence Program; and the Rapid HIV Testing in Emergency Departments Program.

HIV Care Branch has responsibility for programs related to the delivery of care, treatment, and support services for people living with HIV/AIDS. Programs are designed to provide an effective and comprehensive continuum of care to underserved individuals. The branch has three sections:

- *CARE Section* conducts programs that help ensure access to medical care and support services through the Care Services Program, the Housing Opportunities for Persons with AIDS Program, and the Residential AIDS Licensed Facilities Program.

- *Community Based Care Section* provides home and community-based services through the AIDS Case Management and AIDS Medi-Cal Waiver Programs.
- *Early Intervention Section* provides comprehensive, multidisciplinary services for HIV-infected persons through the Early Intervention Program, the Positive Changes Program, the Bridge Project, the HIV Therapeutic Monitoring Program, and the California Statewide Treatment Education Program.

HIV/AIDS Epidemiology Branch conducts a variety of epidemiologic studies, evaluates the efficiency and effectiveness of publicly funded HIV/AIDS prevention and care programs, and maintains California's HIV/AIDS case registry. The branch is composed of four sections:

- *HIV/AIDS Case Registry Section* maintains a confidential, central registry of demographic and clinical information on all reported California HIV infections and AIDS cases.
- *Epidemiologic Studies Section* produces scientific studies that provide guidance for CDPH/OA HIV-related policy and program decisions.
- *Care Research and Evaluation Section* collects HIV/AIDS data to evaluate the efficiency, effectiveness, and impact of California HIV/AIDS care service delivery programs funded through the HIV Care Branch.
- *HIV Prevention Research and Evaluation Section* provides research and evaluation support for programs and services of the HIV Education and Prevention Services Branch.

AIDS Drug Assistance Program (ADAP) Section is comprised of the ADAP Unit and the Comprehensive AIDS Resources Emergency (CARE)/Health Insurance Premium Payment (HIPP) Program.

- *ADAP Unit* provides HIV/AIDS drugs for individuals who could not otherwise afford them. Drugs on the ADAP formulary slow the progression of HIV disease, prevent and treat opportunistic infections and treat the side effects of antiretroviral therapy.
- *CARE/HIPP* Unit assists people with HIV/AIDS to maintain their private health insurance coverage. The program also helps ensure that CARE/HIPP clients have access to AIDS drugs, thus preserving ADAP access for clients with no other method of obtaining drug coverage.

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HIV/AIDS surveillance reports for California:
www.cdph.ca.gov/data/statistics/Pages/OAHIVAIDSStatistics.aspx.

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