



World AIDS Day

December 1, 2011

World AIDS Day is observed every year on December 1st. The World Health Organization established World AIDS Day in 1988 to increase awareness, fight prejudice, improve education and raise financial resources for treatment and prevention activities. The theme of the 2011 World AIDS Day is “Getting to Zero: Zero New HIV Infections. Zero Discrimination. Zero AIDS Related Deaths.”

Worldwide Statistics

- ✚ Across the world there are **33.3 million** people living with HIV infection.
 - **30.8 million adults—over half are women**
 - **2.5 million children under the age of 15**
- ✚ In 2009, there were **2.6 million** new cases of HIV and **1.8 million** HIV-related deaths.

Louisiana Statistics

- ✚ As of September 31, 2011, a cumulative total of **31,827** persons have been reported with HIV infection in Louisiana, including **322** children.
 - The cumulative number of deaths among persons diagnosed with HIV/AIDS is **13,422**.
- ✚ A total of **18,533** persons are living with HIV infection in Louisiana; of these individuals, **10,075** persons (54%) have an AIDS diagnosis.
- ✚ Nationally, Louisiana ranked **5th** highest in estimated AIDS case rates and **12th** in the number of AIDS cases diagnosed in 2009, according to the *CDC 2009 HIV Surveillance Report*.
- ✚ Baton Rouge ranked **2nd** for estimated AIDS case rates among the largest metropolitan areas in the U.S. in 2009; New Orleans ranked **9th**.
- ✚ In 2010, **1,162** persons were diagnosed with HIV in Louisiana.
 - **31%** (361 persons) were in the New Orleans metropolitan area.
 - **26%** (302 persons) were in the Baton Rouge metropolitan area.
- ✚ In Louisiana, **28%** of new HIV diagnoses and **34%** of new AIDS diagnoses are among women.
- ✚ HIV continues to disproportionately affect African Americans in Louisiana. In 2010, **74%** of persons newly diagnosed with HIV and **78%** of persons newly diagnosed with AIDS were African Americans.
- ✚ In 2010, of all new diagnoses in Louisiana who reported risk, **59%** were among men who have sex with men and **28%** were among high risk heterosexuals.
- ✚ A large number of people are being diagnosed with HIV late in their disease progression. In 2010, **33%** of newly diagnosed persons had an AIDS diagnosis within 6 months of their HIV diagnosis.