



World AIDS Day 2009



Minnesota Calendar of Events, Exhibits, Trainings and HIV Testing Opportunities

<http://www.health.state.mn.us/divs/idepc/diseases/hiv/worldaidsday/calendar.html>

(As of 11/30/09)

Events

- “No Tengas Miedo” (Don’t Be Afraid) Free HIV Education and Testing
Event – *St. Paul*

Sponsored by West Side Community Health Services

Tuesday, December 1, 2009

8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

at

West Side Community Health Services

First Floor Lobby

153 Cesar Chavez Street

St. Paul, MN 55107

La Clinica (West Side Community Health Services) will offer free HIV testing and education for walk-ins all day in commemoration of World AIDS Day on December 1st. Bilingual staff will offer education in Spanish or English. HIV test results will be available in 10 minutes. Incentives will be available to anyone who requests an HIV test. For more information, contact Mario Maldonado, La Clinica, (651) 602-7540, or by e-mail at: mvillea@westsidechs.org.

- World AIDS Day: Free HIV Testing and Education Event – *Rochester*
Sponsored by the Rochester Teen Council, in collaboration with RCTC Student Health Services,
Olmsted County Public Health and the Professional AIDS Network

Tuesday, December 1, 2009

10:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

at

Rochester Community and Technical College (RCTC)

Atrium

851 30th Avenue Southeast

Rochester, MN 55904-4999

The number of new HIV infections in Minnesota males age 15-24 is on pace to double in 2009. As the global community marks World AIDS Day on December 1st, twelve local teens involved with the Teen Council of Planned Parenthood Minnesota, North Dakota, South Dakota (PPMNS) and other organizations in Rochester are working to raise awareness and increase community education through outreach efforts. The Rochester Teen Council, in collaboration with RCTC Student Health Services, Olmsted County Public Health and The Professional AIDS Network, will host a World AIDS Day Event at RCTC on Tuesday, December 1 and will provide free HIV testing (results in 20 minutes) by Olmsted County Public Health and HIV/AIDS information provided by the Rochester Teen Council. For more information, contact Ehryn Barthelme, (507) 990-9753, or by e-mail at: ebarthelme@ppmns.org.

- World AIDS Day Advocacy Walk and Activist Panel – *St. Paul*
Sponsored by the Wesley Center for Spirituality, Service and Social Justice and Office of Multicultural and International Student Affairs, Hamline University
Tuesday, December 1, 2009
5:30 p.m. – AIDS Advocacy Walk
7:00 p.m. – Conversation with AIDS Activists
at
Bush Student Center Lobby
Hamline University
1536 Hewitt Avenue
Saint Paul, MN 55104-1284

This will be Hamline's 1st annual World AIDS Day program that will begin with an AIDS advocacy walk down Snelling Avenue at 5:30 p.m. (signs will be provided). This will be followed by hot chocolate in the Bush Student Center Lobby. At 7 p.m. - A conversation with several AIDS activists working on the local, national, and international level will be held in the Bush Student Center Lobby. No cost to attend. For more information, contact Kevin Barta, Coordinator of International Student Programs, (651) 523-2380, or by e-mail at: kbarta01@hamline.edu.

- World AIDS Day Candlelight Memorial Service – *Alexandria*
Sponsored by the First Congregational Church and the Rural AIDS Action Network (RAAN)
Tuesday, December 1, 2009
5:30 p.m.
at
First Congregational Church
221 Seventh Ave West
Alexandria, MN 56308

In commemoration of World AIDS Day, a candlelight memorial service will be held followed by a soup dinner. For more information call Diane Hermes, RAAN, (877) 536-7226, or by e-mail at: diane@raan.org.

- World AIDS Day Open MIC – *Minneapolis*
Sponsored by Minnesota African/African American Women HIV Initiative (MAAAH) and Full Faith Ministries
Tuesday, December 1, 2009
6:00 – 8:00 p.m.
at
Capri Theatre
2027 West Broadway
Minneapolis, MN 55411

In observance of World AIDS Day, an open mike forum will be held to discuss the HIV disparities that are occurring among African and African American women. Talent performances, HIV screening and refreshments will be featured throughout the event. For more information and performance/open mike sign-up, contact Woodrow Jefferson, Turning Point, (612) 520-4004, or Sandy Johnson, MAAAH, (651) 201-4019, sandy.johnson@state.mn.us.

- Minnesota AIDS Project World AIDS Day Event – *Bloomington*
Sponsored by the Minnesota AIDS Project
Tuesday, December 1, 2009
6:00 p.m.
at
Mall of America Best Buy Rotunda®
60 East Broadway
Bloomington, MN 55425

Join the Minnesota AIDS Project (MAP) at the Mall of America Best Buy Rotunda® on December 1 at 6 p.m. for the World AIDS Day event and kickoff of the 2010 Minnesota AIDS Walk presented by ING. Hear from MAP on the importance of World AIDS Day as we thank those that have supported us, remember those we have lost, and ask you to join us as we remain committed to preventing HIV in Minnesota. Learn about a Best Buy Scholarship Contest, register for your own limited edition AIDS Walk T-shirt featured in the Banana Republic holiday fashion show, and watch as we reveal a new MAP logo. For more information, contact the MAP AIDSLine at (612) 373-AIDS or toll free at (800) 248-AIDS, or by e-mail at: mnaidslines@mnaidspj.org.

- World AIDS Day Performance by “Breaking Ice” Theater Group - *Rochester*
Sponsored by the Professional AIDS Network (PAN), Mayo Medical Center, IBM and Rochester Community and Technical College
Tuesday, December 1, 2009
7:00 p.m.
at
Rochester Community and Technical College
Hill Theater
851 30th Avenue Southeast
Rochester, MN 55904-4999

In commemoration of World AIDS Day, the theater group from Pillsbury House, “Breaking Ice,” will dedicate a performance to those infected and affected by AIDS. Following the presentation, there will be a candlelight vigil to honor and remember those affected by HIV/AIDS. This event is free and open to the general public. For more information, contact Ehryn Barthelme, (507) 990-9753, or by e-mail at: ebarthelme@ppmns.org.

- World AIDS Day Safe Zone Event – *St. Paul*
Sponsored by Safe Zone
Wednesday, December 2, 2009
1:00 – 5:00 p.m.
at
Safe Zone
308 Prince Street
St. Paul, MN 55101

Safe Zone will be hosting a World AIDS Day event for persons aged 14 to 21 years. Trivia and raffles with prizes and pizza will be available. Free walk-in rapid HIV testing will be offered with results available in 15 minutes. Incentives available for those that test. For more information, contact Beth Goodney, Safe Zone, (651) 224-9644, or by e-mail at: goodneye@face2face.org.

- World AIDS Day Prayer Service – *Bemidji*
Sponsored by the Rural AIDS Action Network (RAAN)
Wednesday, December 2, 2009
5:30 p.m.
at
St. Bartholomew’s Episcopal Church
1800 Irvine Avenue North
Bemidji, MN 56601

A prayer service will be held in observance of World AIDS Day and to remember and support persons living with AIDS. For more information, contact Cheryl Yarnott, RAAN, at (218) 444-4561, or by e-mail at: cheryl@raan.org.

- World AIDS Day Lecture Series: Why HIV Still Matters – *Minneapolis*
Sponsored by the University of Minnesota Medical School’s American Medical Student Association
Friday, December 4, 2009
12:15 – 1:00 p.m.
at
Phillips Wangenstein Building
Room 2-470
516 Delaware Street Southeast
Minneapolis, MN 55455

In commemoration of World AIDS Day, join the University of Minnesota Medical School’s American Medical Student Association lecture series to hear a presentation on, “Why HIV Still Matters in Minnesota,” from Peter Carr, MPH, STD and AIDS Director Minnesota, Minnesota Department of Health (MDH). There is no cost to attend this program. For more information, contact Peter Carr, MDH, (651) 201-4007, or by e-mail at: peter.carr@state.mn.us.

- Making Sure Everyday is Your World AIDS Day – *Minneapolis*
Sponsored by Hennepin County Human Services and Public Health Department and the Minnesota Department of Human Services HIV/AIDS Division
Saturday, December 5, 2009
9:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.
at
Minneapolis Urban League
2100 Plymouth Avenue North
Minneapolis, MN 55411

“Making sure everyday is your World AIDS Day” is a free workshop by and for people living with HIV. Not only is it a workshop to celebrate living, it’s also about making sure you are getting the best HIV care you can – 365 days a year.

Pre-registration required. Slots are limited so register early. Program includes meals. Free on-and-off street parking available in area. Reimbursement for transit available upon request. Assistance with lodging and limited travel reimbursement available to participants from Greater Minnesota. To register, call the MAP AIDSLine at (612) 373-2437 or toll free at (800) 248-2437.

- HIV Preventive Health Education and Testing – *Minneapolis*

Sponsored by Crown Medial Center
Saturdays, December 5 and 12, 2009
10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

at

Crown Medical Center
Conference Room
1925 1st Avenue South
Minneapolis, MN 55403

Crown Medical Center will host a World AIDS Day event to educate the entire public on how to prevent the spread of HIV/AIDS, especially for the minority communities resident to Minneapolis. To encourage early HIV testing, the clinic will also offer other health service incentives: free blood pressure screening and free start up medication for those found to be hypertensive; and, free HINI vaccine administration (if they choose) for all the participants attending the HIV preventive health education session. No cost to attend. For reservations, contact Dr. Chike at (612) 978-3783, or by e-mail at: crownmed@msn.com.

- African World AIDS Day Event (AWAD) – *Minneapolis*

Sponsored by the African World AIDS Day Planning Committee
Saturday, December 5, 2009
11:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.

at

Brian Coyle Center
420 15th Avenue South
Minneapolis, MN 55454

The African World AIDS Day Planning Committee is hosting its sixth annual event in observance of World AIDS Day to raise awareness about the impact HIV and AIDS has had on Africans living here and in their respective countries. Featured speakers will include: Margaret Korto from Ghana who now is a Capacity Building Specialist at the Office of Minority Health Resource Center, Washington D.C.; Dr. Kari A. Hartwig is the Program Director of the Whole Village Project at the University of Minnesota who has worked in the area of HIV/AIDS research and prevention strategies in eastern and southern Africa and Southeast Asia since 1988; and, Dr. Alan Lifson, Professor, Division of Epidemiology and Community Health, School of Public Health, University of Minnesota, who also has worked in Africa on HIV/AIDS issues. A free lunch, exhibitors and performers such as the Pilgrim Singers Kenyan Group will also be a part of the observance. The event is free and open to the general public. For more information, contact Abdullahi Sheikh, Co-Chair, AWAD Planning Committee, (612) 302-3118, (612) 232-7984 (cell), asheikh@mul.org, or Alvine Siaka, Co-Chair, AWAD Planning Committee, (612) 216-3886, africanhealthaction@yahoo.com.

- World AIDS Day Awareness Walk – *Mankato*

Sponsored by the Rural AIDS Action Network (RAAN)
Saturday, December 5, 2009
2:00 p.m.

at

Spring Lake Park
Corner of Webster and Lake Street
North Mankato, MN 56003

A walk in commemoration of World AIDS Day is planned at Spring Lake Park in North Mankato at 2:00 p.m., Saturday, December 5th. For more information, contact Roger Ernst, RAAN, (320) 631-0404, or by e-mail at: roger@raan.org.

- Silence Equals Suicide – A Spoken Word Hip Hop Showcase – *Minneapolis*
Sponsored by BCM612 Men’s Group and Pillsbury United Communities
Saturday, December 5, 2009
3:00 – 5:00 p.m.
at
Pillsbury House
3501 Chicago Avenue South
Minneapolis, MN 55407

Join BCM612 and Pillsbury House in observing World AIDS Day through the eyes of some of the Twin Cities most prolific writers, spoken word and hip hop artists. Through the power of WORD we will explore, present solutions, and provide inspiration and hope. Performances will include: Orikal, Rodrigo Sanchez-Chavarria, Kevin “Kaoz” Moore, and members of Voices Merging, Grimey Boy Entertainment, MN Spoken Word Association and others. Free food, rapid HIV testing, and safer sex information will be available. This is a pay what you can event with proceeds going to the BCM612 Men’s Group or a local HIV prevention/education/service agency of your choice. For more information, contact Kevin L. Moore, Pillsbury House, (612) 787-3641, or by e-mail at: moorek@puc-mn.org.

- WUWA’s 9th Annual World AIDS Day Fashion Affair Show - *Minneapolis*
Sponsored by Wake Up We’re Affected (WUWA)
Saturday, December 5, 2009
6:00 p.m.
at
Heritage Park Community Room
1000 Olson Memorial Highway
Minneapolis, MN 55411

In commemoration of World AIDS Day, WUWA’s 9th Annual Fashion Affair Show will be held on Saturday, December 5 at 6:00 p.m. at heritage Park in Minneapolis. The event is free and open to the general public. The heritage park community is encouraged to attend. In memory, Minister Don Anderson, WUWA founder, and Lisa Krugger, WUWA community board member, will be honored. For more information, contact Minister Geraldine Anderson, (612) 521-4885, or by e-mail at: awuwaspirt@aol.com.

HIV Testing

- Free Rapid HIV Testing – *St. Paul*
Sponsored by Face to Face
Monday, November 30, 2009
1:00 – 4:00 p.m.
at
Face to Face
1165 Arcade
St. Paul, MN 55106

Face to Face will be offering free walk-in rapid HIV testing (results available in 15 minutes), particularly for youth and young adults aged 11 to 23 years on behalf of World AIDS Day. Other health services available at Face to Face include STD testing and treatment, birth control, emergency contraception (Plan B), pregnancy testing, physicals, general medical care, dental care, prenatal care and mental health counseling. For more information, contact Beth Goodney, Face to Face, (651) 772-5555, or by e-mail at: goodney@face2face.org.

- Saturday Reproductive Health Appointments – *St. Paul*

Sponsored by Family Tree Clinic

Saturdays: December 5, 12, 19 and 26, 2009

10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

at

Family Tree Clinic

1619 Dayton Avenue, Suite 205

St. Paul, MN 55104

Family Tree Clinic will now be open on Saturdays from 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. throughout 2009. Rapid HIV testing will be available with results back in about 20 minutes. Other services available include STI and UTI testing and treatment, pregnancy testing, pap smears, annual exams, birth control and emergency contraception. Family Tree Clinic is dedicated to providing quality, affordable, confidential reproductive and sexual health care services to diverse communities. To schedule an appointment, contact the Family Tree Clinic, (651) 645-0478, (651) 379-5127 TTY.

- HIV, Hepatitis & Chemical Health Fair - *Minneapolis*

Sponsored by Twin Cities HOPE (**H**ealth through **O**utreach & **P**revention **E**ducation)

Tuesday, December 15, 2009

9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

at

Recovery Resource Center

1900 Chicago Avenue South

Minneapolis, MN 55404

Free HIV and hepatitis testing will be offered by Twin Cities HOPE – a partnership between the Recovery Resource Center, Minnesota AIDS Project and Access Works. Health Fairs will continue throughout the year and will be held every third Tuesday of every month. For more information, contact Elizabeth Burgos, Twin Cities HOPE, (612) 752-8083; eburgos@resource-mn.org.

- HIV Testing Opportunities - *Statewide*

Note: several clinics and organizations offer HIV testing throughout the year. Examples include: Rural AIDS Action Network, Hennepin County Public Health Clinic, Room 111, West Side Community Health Services, Teenage Medical Service, Face-to-Face Health and Counseling Service, Family Tree Clinic, University Family Physicians/North Memorial, Open Door Clinic - Mankato, etc.

Contact the Minnesota AIDS Project AIDSLine for clinic and organizational locations and office hours at: Metro - (612) 373-AIDS; (612) 373-2465 TTY; Statewide - 1-800-248-AIDS; 1-888-820-2437 TTY; or online at: www.mnaidsproject.org.

The Minnesota Department of Health lists their publicly funded HIV testing sites and supported outreach and HIV testing projects online at:

<http://www.health.state.mn.us/divs/idepc/diseases/hiv/hivtesting.html>.

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) has updated its web site to include a widget where you can locate an HIV testing site by entering your Zip Code: <http://www.hivtest.org/>.

African Health Action Corporation (AHA) offers HIV and hepatitis C testing, 10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m., Monday – Friday. Appointments preferred but will take walk-ins. For more information, contact AHA at (612) 216-3886, or by e-mail at: africanhealthaction@yahoo.com.

Crown Medical Center offers free HIV testing for walk-ins or by appointment, five days a week, Monday through Friday, and on Saturdays from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. The clinic is located at: 1925 1st Avenue South, Minneapolis, MN 55403. For more information call (612) 871-4354 or visit their web site: <http://www.crownmedicalcenter.org/>.

Trainings

- HIV Testing Data Training (2 hour course)

Sponsored by the Minnesota Department of Health

Monday, December 7, 2009

1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.

at

Minnesota Department of Health

Snelling Office Park

1645 Energy Park Drive

St. Paul, MN 55108

This training provides guidance, instruction, and hands-on experience in filling out the HIV Testing System form required for agencies and providers funded by MDH to conduct HIV testing. Discussion will include information about the different testing technologies that are used in the field today.

This training is a requirement for staff at agencies that are directly funded by MDH to implement HIV testing. The “Fundamentals of HIV Prevention Counseling” and “HIV Test Results” courses are prerequisites. There is no cost but pre-registration is required. To register, contact Angela Kotrba, Minnesota Department of Health, (651) 201-4031 or e-mail at: angela.kotrba@state.mn.us.

- Fundamentals of HIV Prevention Counseling (1 day course)

Sponsored by the Minnesota Department of Health

Tuesday, December 8, 2009

9:30 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

at

Minnesota Department of Health

Snelling Office Park

1645 Energy Park Drive

St. Paul, MN 55108

This one day workshop has been designed to improve the ability of providers in a variety of settings to support individuals in making behavior changes that will reduce their risk of acquiring or transmitting HIV. Skills for administering risk assessments for HIV and STD testing will be learned and practiced. This training is a requirement for staff at agencies that are directly funded by MDH to implement HIV testing. This course will also benefit counselors, nurses, street outreach workers and social workers in a variety of settings such as family planning/community clinics, STD clinics, HIV testing clinics, chemical dependency programs and correctional institutions. Participants are expected to have a basic foundation of knowledge of HIV transmission and prevention.

The course fee is \$25.00 and 7 CEUs will be offered. To register, contact Angela Kotrba, Minnesota Department of Health, (651) 201-4031 or e-mail at: angela.kotrba@state.mn.us.

- HIV Test Results Training (1 day course)
Sponsored by the Minnesota Department of Health
Wednesday, December 9, 2009
9:30 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.
at
Minnesota Department of Health
Snelling Office Park
1645 Energy Park Drive
St. Paul, MN 55108

This one day course will benefit staff that perform HIV testing and provide results to clients. This workshop builds on the skills acquired during the “Fundamentals of HIV Prevention Counseling” workshop. The course will discuss the HIV Counseling, Testing and Referral Guidelines and indications for routine and/or targeted testing. In addition, it will address the issues of clients who receive positive and negative HIV test results.

This training is a requirement for staff at agencies that are directly funded by MDH to implement HIV testing. The “Fundamentals of HIV Prevention Counseling” course is a prerequisite. Participants are expected to have a basic foundation of knowledge of HIV transmission and prevention.

The course fee is \$25.00 and 7 CEUs will be offered. To register, contact Angela Kotrba, Minnesota Department of Health, (651) 201-4031 or e-mail at: angela.kotrba@state.mn.us.

Exhibits

- World AIDS Day Exhibit – *St. Paul*
Sponsored by the Minnesota Department of Health
Monday – Friday, November 23 – December 4, 2009
8:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. each day
at
Minnesota Department of Health
First Floor Lobby – Pod B
625 Robert Street North
St. Paul, MN 55155

Free posters, buttons, red ribbon labels, pens and key chains will be available in observance of World AIDS Day. A statewide calendar of World AIDS Day events will also be provided. For more information, contact Roy Nelson, Minnesota Department of Health, (651) 201-4027 or email at: roy.nelson@state.mn.us.

World AIDS Day (WAD) Resources

Links for WAD posters, campaign materials and fact sheets:

- Minnesota Department of Health: <http://www.health.state.mn.us/divs/idepc/diseases/hiv/worldaidsday/index.html>; <http://www.WrapTestTreat.com>; and <http://www.NoMashHIV.com>
- World AIDS Campaign: <http://www.worldaidscampaign.org/>
- Office of Minority Health Resource Center, U.S. Dept. of Health & Human Services: <http://www.omhrc.gov/hivaidsobservances/api/index.html>;
- Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC): <http://www.hivtest.org/>; <http://www.NineAndHalfMinutes.org>; and <http://www.greaterthan.org>; and,
- The U.S. President’s Emergency Plan for AIDS Relief (PEPFAR): <http://www.pepfar.gov/wad2009/>
- AIDS.Gov: <http://www.aids.gov/>