

“Prevent HIV Oregon” on Facebook and Twitter



The HIV Prevention Program is now on Facebook and Twitter. The accounts have been named “Prevent HIV Oregon,” representing a call to action that may appeal to a broad audience, including community members, providers, and partners across Oregon. Our Facebook and Twitter pages serve a number of important goals, such as expanding the reach of prevention messages, decreasing HIV/AIDS stigma, mobilizing community members and increasing the use of free online resources.

Those who “like” or “follow” our accounts are able to regularly access, share, and dialogue about sexual health information and resources. As of June 3, we have 100 followers on Facebook and 140 followers on Twitter. We hope you will join the conversation, as well!



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The HIV Prevention Program Supports A6!

The Oregon HIV Prevention Program supports the efforts of the African American AIDS Awareness Action Alliance (A6). A6 is a collaborative body of service providers and community representatives that have committed to work with the African American/Black community to reduce stigma, decrease the rates of HIV infection and transmission, and to promote HIV prevention and care services.

A6 events have included hip-hop concerts, art contests, nationally known presenters, on-site HIV counseling and testing, live performances by local artists, and have been held at a variety of venues throughout Portland. An emphasis has been placed on high-school and college age students at increased risk of acquiring or transmitting HIV.

A6 has also partnered with local African American/Black faith leaders to support progressive efforts to normalize discussions and reduce stigma about HIV/AIDS in the African American/Black community. A6 collaborates on a wide range of events and activities during the calendar year, including: National Black HIV/AIDS Awareness Day (February 7), Balm in Gilead: National Week of Prayer for the Healing of AIDS (March 6 – 12), National HIV Testing Day (June 27) and World AIDS Day (December 1).

Please join the Oregon HIV Prevention Program in supporting A6 events and continue to look for A6 activities that occur during each calendar year.

Calendar of Events

June 15, 2011 The State and Future of AIDS. For more information: <http://aids.gov/webinar>.

June 15-19, 2011 Portland Black Pride

June 17-19, 2011 Portland Pride

June 24-26, 2011 Client Focused Counseling training presented by HIV Alliance, Eugene. For more information: bhatch@hivalliance.org

June 27, 2011 National HIV Testing Day. For more information: www.hivtest.org/press_files/default.aspx.

July 13, 2011 Advanced Hepatitis C Workshop, Portland. For more information: judith.m.leahy@state.or.us.

July 14-17, 2011 Portland Latino Gay Pride

July 28, 2011 World Hepatitis Awareness Day

August 14-17, 2011 National HIV Prevention Conference, Atlanta

August 17, 2011 Statewide Planning Group. For more information: warren.r.scott@state.or.us.

Community Awareness Grant Update

We have had great success with our community awareness grant program! Events funded in 2011 include: Oregon Queer Youth Summit, a multi-cultural event in Eastern Oregon, Eugene Pride, a Yamhill County public service announcement in English and Spanish, speaker events in Portland regarding women over 50 and HIV, a Planned Parenthood youth soccer tournament promoting HIV testing, and an exhibit about HIV testing in Douglas County.

Funds of up to \$1,000 will continue to be available for eligible events. For a complete description of eligible events and the application, please visit: <http://public.health.oregon.gov/PREVENTIONWELLNESS/SAFELIVING/HIVPREVENTION/Pages/fso.aspx>.

Please note: Starting July 1, 2011 Community Awareness Grant funds will no longer cover speaker fees or honorariums.

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