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## **Women and HIV/AIDS**

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# Locating Basic Resources on Women and HIV/AIDS

Developments in the second decade of the HIV/AIDS epidemic show that women—especially minority women—are increasingly affected. The 1997 mid-year CDC *HIV/AIDS Surveillance Report* showed that women represented 15 percent of the adults/adolescents with AIDS.

There are also other women who are not infected, but who find themselves in the roles of caregivers for persons with AIDS (PWAs), both adults and children, or for children whose parents have died. Dealing with this disease can be overwhelming and isolating; however, there are many resources (people and programs) available to help ease the burden.

The staff of the CDC National Prevention Information Network (NPIN) has prepared this resource guide to help women affected by HIV/AIDS. It contains numerous HIV/AIDS-related resources, including information on newsletters and periodicals, educational materials, journal articles, national organizations, and Internet resources.

If you are interested in additional information on women and HIV/AIDS, please call NPIN at 1-800-458-5231 to order *Guide to Selected HIV Services and Materials for Women*, part of the NPIN resource guide series; or *HIV/AIDS and Women* and *HIV/AIDS and Women Who Have Sex With Women*, selections from the NPIN *Standard Search Series*.

## Newsletters Focusing on Women

Newsletters offer timely access to the latest developments related to the epidemic, provide information about a community or specific topics, and present important networking opportunities. The newsletters listed below focus on women and women's issues. To obtain information about additional newsletters, contact the CDC National Prevention Information Network (NPIN) at 1-800-458-5231 and ask for a search of the Periodicals Database.

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### *Being Alive*

This monthly newsletter publishes news items written by and for women infected with HIV or affected by AIDS. The article discuss HIV prevention, emotional support, and health information for HIV-positive women. Political and activist issues are addressed. Topics such as the invisibility and neglect of incarcerated women with HIV/AIDS are discussed. Information on community organizations and resources is also included by providing information on support groups, children's services, recovery programs, financial assistance, and other services. Some of the newsletter's articles are written in Spanish.

Readers are urged to become activists and to get involved. Available from Women Being Alive, 3626 Sunset Blvd., Los Angeles, CA 90026. (213) 667-3262.

### *Instantes*

*Instantes* is a monthly newsletter that focuses on reproductive issues for Latina women. It summarizes legislative activities at the national and state levels. Health care issues affecting the Latina/o community are addressed. All articles are printed in both English and Spanish. Available from National Latina Institute for Reproductive

Health, 1200 New York Ave., NW, Suite 300, Washington, D.C. 20005. (202) 326-8970.

### ***In Touch***

This quarterly publication focuses primarily on issues related to women's health. It contains coverage of women's health conferences and other meetings that address policies and plans. Other articles discuss methods to pursue--such as the inclusion of women in drug trials--to ensure that women's health needs are met. An "On the Agenda" section provides details on upcoming conferences and events related to women's health issues. Available from Jacobs Institute of Women's Health, 409 Twelfth St., SW, Washington, D.C. 20024-2188. (202) 863-4990.

### ***Lesbian Health News***

This bimonthly newsletter discusses issues specific to women, with an emphasis on lesbian issues. Medical conditions, such as treatment and prevention issues, are covered. Articles provide information on diseases that frequently affect women such as osteoporosis. National and local news items that discuss women and lesbians are included, as is a calendar of local and national events. Advertisements of businesses and services that cater to the lesbian community are published. Available from Lesbian Health News, P.O. Box 12121, Columbus, OH 43212. (614) 481-7656.

### ***Mothers' Voices***

This newsletter, published three times a year, encourages advocacy for persons living with HIV/AIDS (PLWAs) and participation in functions that raise public awareness about the epidemic. The newsletter addresses mothers of children with HIV/AIDS with its primary message: "Mothers demand research and education to end the AIDS epidemic" and focuses on political aspects through articles providing coverage of major AIDS conferences in Washington, D.C. and profiles of political activities. Inspirational and spiritual poems from mothers around the country, memorials and profiles of deceased PLWA's, and information

about Mothers' Voices on the World Wide Web are all included. Available from Mothers' Voices, 165 W. 46th St., Suite 701, New York, NY 10036. (212) 730-2777.

### ***Mujer Imagen de Vida***

*Mujer Imagen de Vida* is a quarterly newsletter printed only in Spanish. Personal anecdotes and resource services are used to provide comfort, strength, and inspiration to women living with HIV/AIDS. Available from Women Organized to Respond to Life-Threatening Diseases, Box 11535, Oakland, CA 94611. (510) 658-6930.

### ***Network News***

*Network News* is published bimonthly by the National Women's Health Network. It contains articles that primarily address women's health issues. Treatment issues and current events in the health field are also covered. The newsletter serves an eclectic audience comprised of health professionals and women infected and/or affected by HIV/AIDS. Available from National Women's Health Network, 514 Tenth St., NW, 4th Floor, Washington, D.C. 20004. (202) 347-1140.

### ***Straighttalk***

This quarterly newsletter focuses on family planning issues and reproductive health. Contraception issues are covered thoroughly, as are sexually transmitted diseases (STDs). Brief articles inform readers about reproductive hygiene and related issues, discussing topics such as yeast infections, contraceptive methods, and STD symptoms. Educational information regarding STDs and birth control options is presented in a question-and-answer format. STD "Myth Busters," health tips, and a list of family planning services are provided. Available from HealthQuarters, Incorporated, Reproductive Health Care Services, 19 Broadway, Beverly, MA 01915. (508) 927-9824.

### ***Tell-A-Woman***

This monthly newsletter produces information on issues of interest to women. Each issue includes a

brief article on current events from a women's advocacy perspective. Information on counseling and news items of interest to the lesbian community make up a prominent part of the newsletter. It includes an extensive calendar of events and classified advertisements for organizations and health professionals that cater to the lesbian community. Announcements and details about women's concerts, film festivals, workshops, and other events are provided. Available from Women's Switchboard, Tell-A-Woman, 1530 Locust St., Box 322, Philadelphia, PA 19102. (215) 564-5810.

### ***Transformation***

This quarterly newsletter discusses issues related to women's health, including articles that deal with women infected and/or affected by HIV/AIDS. Special emphasis is placed on issues affecting African American women and incarcerated women. Available from Women's Project, 2224 S. Main St., Little Rock, AR 72206. (501) 372-5113.

### ***Voices***

This quarterly newsletter discusses issues pertinent to women living with HIV/AIDS. A *Treatment Issues* insert provides health and nutritional information for women living with HIV/AIDS. A *Healthy Living* section focuses on drug treatments, physical fitness and the immune system, and ideal recipes for persons living with HIV/AIDS. The publication encourages readers to take an active role in their treatment. Women living with HIV/AIDS around the world are encouraged to submit poems, articles, and other written items. Available from Voices of Positive Women, P.O. Box 471, Station C, Toronto, Ontario, M6J 3P5, Canada. (416) 324-8703.

### ***Wise Words***

This monthly newsletter is published by a coalition of individuals committed to the empowerment and education of women living with HIV/AIDS. It discusses treatment and other issues affecting HIV-positive women. Regular features include a review of new HIV/AIDS-related books and a list of

community and national organizations that provide services to persons living with HIV/AIDS. It covers news on anti-HIV drugs and clinical trials. A WISE Questions and Answers section allows women with HIV to write in and receive information about coping with the disease.

Available from Women's Information Service and Exchange, 125 Fifth St., NE, Atlanta, GA 30308. (404) 817-3441.

### ***Women Alive***

This quarterly newsletter contains a wealth of information for and about women living with HIV/AIDS. Some of the information provided is in Spanish. Available from Women Alive, UCLA Women and Family Project, 1566 S. Burnside Ave., Los Angeles, CA 90019-4016. (213) 965-1564.

### ***WORLD***

This monthly newsletter addresses issues surrounding the HIV/AIDS epidemic that are of importance to women. It takes a stance of advocacy toward women's rights to treatment, care, and compassion. Feature articles written by women living with HIV/AIDS tell personal stories of survival. Investigative articles take an in-depth look at topics of concern to women with HIV. Other women's health issues are addressed in features such as the *Pregnancy Update*. Available from Women Organized to Respond to Life-Threatening Diseases, Box 11535, Oakland, CA 94611. (510) 658-6930.

## ***Morbidity and Mortality Weekly Report Articles***

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's *Morbidity and Mortality Weekly Report (MMWR)* includes reports, guidelines, and recommendations from the federal government on infectious diseases, including HIV/AIDS. The *MMWR* articles in this section discuss treatment of HIV/AIDS-related conditions in women, the case definition of AIDS for women, and current statistics on HIV/AIDS in women. Newest articles are listed first. All of these articles are available from U.S. Government Printing Office, Superintendent of Documents, Washington, D.C. 20402-9371, (202) 783-3238 or U.S. Department of Commerce, National Technical Information Service, 5285 Port Royal Road, Springfield, VA 22161, (703) 487-4650. Where noted with an inventory number, they are also available from the CDC National Prevention Information Network (NPIN). Call 1-800-458-5231 (voice) or 1-800-243-7012 (TTY) for more information.

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- "Contraceptive Method and Condom Use Among Women at Risk for HIV Infection and Other Sexually Transmitted Diseases—Selected U.S. Sites, 1993-1994," *Morbidity and Mortality Weekly Report*, September 27, 1996; Vol. 45, no. 38. NPIN Inventory No. D390.
- "HIV Testing Among Women Aged 18-44 Years—United States, 1991 and 1993," *Morbidity and Mortality Weekly Report*, August 30, 1996; Vol. 45, no. 34. NPIN Inventory No. D379.
- "Public Health Service Recommendations for Human Immunodeficiency Virus Counseling and Voluntary Testing for Pregnant Women," *Morbidity and Mortality Weekly Report*, July 7, 1995; Vol. 44, no. RR-07. NPIN Inventory No. D658.
- "Update: AIDS Among Women—United States, 1994," *Morbidity and Mortality Weekly Report*, February 10, 1995; Vol. 44, no. 5.
- "Current Trends: AIDS Among Racial/Ethnic Minorities—United States, 1993," *Morbidity and Mortality Weekly Report*, September 9, 1994; Vol. 43, no. 35. NPIN Inventory No. D244.
- "Recommendations of the U.S. Public Health Service Task Force on the Use of Zidovudine to Reduce Perinatal Transmission of Human Immunodeficiency Virus," *Morbidity and Mortality Weekly Report*, August 5, 1994; Vol. 43, no. RR-11. NPIN Inventory No. D784.
- "Epidemiologic Notes and Reports: Birth Outcomes Following Zidovudine Therapy in Pregnant Women," *Morbidity and Mortality Weekly Report*, June 10, 1994; Vol. 43, no. 22.
- "Effectiveness in Disease and Injury Prevention: Zidovudine for the Prevention of HIV Transmission from Mother to Infant," *Morbidity and Mortality Weekly Report*, April 29, 1994; Vol. 43, no. 16.
- "Current Trends: Update: Mortality Attributable to HIV Infection Among Persons Aged 25-44 Years—United States, 1991 and 1992," *Morbidity and Mortality Weekly Report*, November 19, 1993; Vol. 42, no.45.
- "Update: Barrier Protection Against HIV Infection and Other Sexually Transmitted Diseases," *Morbidity and Mortality Weekly Report*, August 6, 1993; Vol. 42, no. 30. NPIN Inventory No. D445.
- "1993 Revised Classification System for HIV Infection and Expanded Surveillance Case Definition for AIDS Among Adolescents and Adults," *Morbidity and Mortality Weekly Report*, December 18, 1992; Vol. 41, no. RR-17.

## Journal Articles

Journal articles listed in this section mainly focus on the topics of treatment and research, HIV and pregnancy, and HIV prevention. Copies of these articles may be located in your local college or university library, or in some community libraries. Page references indicate the first page of the article. Newest articles are listed first. To request a customized search for journal articles on women and the HIV/AIDS epidemic, call the National Prevention Inventory Network (NPIN) at 1-800-458-5231.

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“HIV Prevention and Women,” *AIDS Information Exchange*, 1997, Vol. 13, no. 2.

“No Stones Unturned in Major Push to Develop Microbicides,” *AIDS Alert*, December 1996, Vol. 11, no. 12, p. 133.

“Characteristics of Women 50 Years of Age or Older With Heterosexually Acquired AIDS,” Schable, B.; Chu, S. Y.; Diaz, T. *American Journal of Public Health*, November 1996, Vol. 86, no. 11, p. 1616.

“Girl Talk: Development of an Intervention for Prevention of HIV/AIDS and Other Sexually Transmitted Diseases in Adolescent Females,” Guthrie, B.J.; Wallace, J.; Doerr, K.; et al. *Public Health Nursing*, October 1996, Vol. 13, no. 5, p. 318.

“One World, One Hope...One Gender?,” Gorma, R. *Journal of the International Association of Physicians in AIDS Care*, October 1996, Vol. 2, no. 10, p. 28.

“Preventing HIV/AIDS Among High-Risk Urban Women: The Cost-Effectiveness of a Behavioral Group Intervention,” Holtgrave, D. R.; Kelly, J. A. *American Journal of Public Health*, October 1996, Vol. 86, no. 10, p. 1442.

“College Women’s Sexuality in an Era of AIDS,” Uddin, M. *Journal of American College Health*, May 1996, Vol. 44, p. 252.

“Barrier Methods—Special Issue,” *Network*, Spring 1996, Vol. 16, no. 3.

“HIV-Positive Women and Their Care,” Squires, K. *Positively Aware*, January/February 1996, p. 13.

“Barriers to Care of HIV-Infected Inmates: A Public Health Concern,” De Groot, A.S.; Hammett, T.M.; Scheib, R.G. *The AIDS Reader*, 1996, Vol. 6, no. 3, p. 78.

“You Don’t Ask for Trouble: Women Who Do Sex and Drugs,” Muller, R.B.; Boyle, J.S. *Family & Community Health*, 1996, Vol. 19, no. 3, p. 35.

## Press Releases and Statements

Full-text copies of these press releases and statements, issued by various federal agencies, are available through a search of the CDC National Prevention Information Network's Federal Documents and Press Releases database. Please call 1-800-458-5231 (voice) or 1-800-243-7012 (TTY) for additional information. On this list, the most recent press releases are listed first.

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***New ACTG 076 Analysis Emphasized  
Importance of Offering AZT Therapy to All  
HIV-Infected Pregnant Women***

NIAID News, November 17, 1996.

***NIAID Resources for Studying HIV/AIDS in  
Women***

NIAID, August 1996.

***Women and HIV Infection***

NIAID, August 1996.

***Fluconazole Prevents Yeast Infections in  
Women with HIV***

NIAID News, July 9, 1996.

***Studies Shed New Light on Mother-to Infant  
HIV Transmission***

NIAID News, June 19, 1996.

***Female-Controlled Methods for HIV/STD  
Prevention: Summary of a Panel Discussion at  
the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention***

CDC, April 15, 1996.

***PHS Guidelines for HIV Counseling and  
Voluntary Testing for Pregnant Women***

CDC Fact Sheet, July 7, 1995.

***Questions and Answers on PHS Guidelines for  
HIV Counseling and Voluntary Testing for  
Pregnant Women***

CDC Fact Sheet, July 7, 1995.

***NIAID Expands Research on Topical  
Microbicides to Prevent STDs in Women***

NIAID Press Release, April 27, 1995.

# Selected Materials Available Through the CDC National Prevention Information Network

For more information about ordering these materials, call the CDC National Prevention Information Network (NPIN) at 1-800-458-5231 (voice) or 1-800-243-7012 (TTY). NPIN inventory numbers for these items are located in parentheses after each title.

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## Advisory

- *Program Advisory: Use of Zidovudine (ZDV) to Reduce Perinatal HIV Transmission in HRSA-Funded Programs*, Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) (D297)

## Brochures

- *Caring for Someone with AIDS at Home*, CDC and American Red Cross (D817)
- *Help Yourself Series Packet*, National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases (NIAID) (I418; I070-Spanish)
- *What Are Women's HIV Prevention Needs?*, University of California, San Francisco, Center for AIDS Prevention Studies (D804)
- *What Every Pregnant Woman Should Know About HIV/AIDS*, Public Health Service (D686; D685-Spanish; D682-Haitian Creole)
- *Women and HIV*, American Red Cross (D211)

## Fact Sheets

- *Facts About Women and HIV/AIDS*, CDC Fact Sheet (D290)
- *HIV/AIDS and Women Who Have Sex With Women (WSW) in the United States* Fact Sheet (D597)
- *Preventing Mother-to-Child Transmission* (D895)
- *Questions and Answers on...PHS Guidelines for HIV Counseling and Voluntary Testing for Pregnant Women* (D650)
- *Strategies for Preventing HIV in Women*, Public Health Service (D183)

- *What Are Sex Workers' HIV Prevention Needs?* University of California, San Francisco, Center for AIDS Prevention Studies (D306; D846-Spanish)
- *What Are Women Who Have Sex With Women's HIV Prevention Needs?*, University of California, San Francisco, Center for AIDS Prevention Studies (D646; D647-Spanish)

## Guides

- *Because You Love Them: A Parent's Planning Guide*, Child Welfare League (D251; D831-Spanish)
- *Guide to Selected HIV Services and Materials for Women* (B411)

## Internet Resources

- *A Guide to Selected HIV/AIDS-Related Internet Services* (B322)
- *CDC National Prevention Information Network Internet Services*, fact sheet (B291)

## Posters

- *Check This Out!*, Public Health Service (P851)
- *Don't Wait Until Morning to See if He Respects You* (P737)
- *He Wouldn't Give Up Shooting Up...So I Gave Him Up* (P062; P063-Spanish)
- *If He Doesn't Have A Condom, You Just Have to Take a Deep Breath and Tell Him to Go Get One* (P104-Caucasian woman; P105-African American woman)
- *If Your Man Is Dabbling in Drugs... He Could Be Dabbling With Your Life* (P081)
- *Let Me Help You: If You Want Him to Use*

*a Condom, This Is All You Have to Say*  
(P109)

- *A Message to the Third Man in My Life*  
(P087; P088-Spanish)
- *On the Wrong Track* (P085)
- *Tell Him He Has a Choice of What to Wear* (P734)
- *Your Sex Partner for Life* (P735)
- *What to Look For in A Man* (P736)
- *What Have You Got Against a Condom?*  
(P100-Caucasian woman; P101-African American woman; P102-Hispanic Woman; P103-Spanish)

### **Reports**

- *Contraceptive Practices Before and After an Intervention Promoting Condom Use to Prevent HIV Infection and Other Sexually Transmitted Diseases Among Women – Selected U.S. Sites, 1993-1995* (D510)
- *HIV Testing Among Women Aged 18-44 Years – United States, 1991 and 1993* (D379)
- *Report on Lesbian HIV Issues Meeting; Decatur, GA, April 20-21, 1995* (D265)

### **Standard Searches**

- “Children and Families and HIV/AIDS” (D279)
- “HIV/AIDS and Women” (D274)
- “HIV/AIDS and Women Who Have Sex With Women” (D913)

### **Videorecordings**

- *Alicia* (V485-Spanish)
- *The Forgotten People: Latinas With AIDS* (V695; V696-Spanish)
- *Olga’s Story* (V486; V487-Spanish)

## Organizations With A National Focus

These organizations offer extensive or specialized services for women that are beyond the scope of smaller, local organizations. To find out about local programs in your area, call the CDC National Prevention Information Network (NPIN) at 1-800-458-5231.

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The CDC National Prevention Information Network (NPIN) is a national reference, referral, and publications distribution service for HIV and AIDS information. NPIN shares information and materials among professionals, including public health professionals, educators, social service workers, attorneys, employers, and human resource managers. NPIN maintains computerized information databases that are searched by reference specialists to refer requesters to appropriate organizations and help them locate needed materials, services, and funding information. NPIN also distributes a variety of government-approved AIDS and HIV-related publications. NPIN offers a variety of Internet services, including a web site, listserv of AIDS-related news, and file transfer protocol. Reference services are available by TTY for deaf and hearing-impaired callers. Bilingual reference specialists can assist Spanish-speaking callers. NPIN also operates the CDC Business and Labor Resource Service (BLRS).

### **CDC National AIDS Hotline (CDC NAH)**

P.O. Box 13827  
Research Triangle Park, NC 27709-3827

(919) 361-8430  
(800) 342-2437 (hotline)  
(919) 361-4855 (fax)  
<http://sunsite.unc.edu/ASHA>  
[nah1@asha.emcdc.gov](mailto:nah1@asha.emcdc.gov)

The CDC National AIDS Hotline (CDC NAH) is a toll-free service available to the general public 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, throughout the U.S. and its territories. The Hotline provides callers with confidential information, education, and referrals related to AIDS and HIV infection. Trained information specialists are available to answer calls in English and Spanish or through a TTY for the deaf and hearing-impaired. Specialists can answer questions about HIV transmission, HIV prevention, risk reduction behaviors, HIV-antibody testing, symptoms, treatment, resources, and other topics. Callers can be given referrals specific to their needs, including information on public health clinics and hospitals, alternative HIV-antibody test site locations, counseling and support groups, AIDS educational organizations, local hotlines, financial and legal services, and many others.

### **Center for Women Policy Studies (CWPS), National Resource Center on Women and AIDS Policy**

1211 Connecticut Ave., NW, Suite 312  
Washington, D.C. 20036  
(202) 872-1770  
(202) 296-8962 (fax)  
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The Center for Women Policy Studies (CWPS) established the National Resource Center on Women and AIDS in 1987 to serve as a centralized resource for researchers,

policy makers, advocates, and caregivers. The Center has taken leadership on a range of AIDS policy issues affecting women, working closely with members of Congress and community leaders. It is the principal national, nongovernmental policy and advocacy organization addressing AIDS issues from women's perspectives, with attention to the self-defined needs of women of color.

### **Conant Foundation**

2261 Market St., Suite 291  
San Francisco, CA 94114  
(415) 643-1822  
(415) 643-1825 (fax)

The Conant Foundation is an educational organization dedicated to helping persons living with HIV/AIDS (PLWAs) and their caregivers and physicians improve their knowledge of treatment options. The Foundation periodically brings together leading HIV specialists for CME-accredited educational seminars targeting health care providers; provides a monthly lecture series to publicize the latest information on HIV care, treatment, and research directly to the HIV community; and sponsors individual attendance at important international conferences and meetings. Each of the Community Forum lectures is videotaped, and the videos are available free of charge.

### **Lesbian AIDS Project (LAP), Gay Men's Health Crisis**

129 W. 20th St.  
New York, NY 10011  
(212) 337-3531  
(212) 337-3656 (fax)  
[lap101@aol.com](mailto:lap101@aol.com)

The Lesbian AIDS Project (LAP) provides support for persons living with HIV/AIDS (PLWAs) and those who are concerned about HIV. LAP sponsors educational forums, conferences, and HIV-positive lesbian leadership internships. The Positively Lesbian

Network offers skills-building workshops on stress management, safer sex, and lesbian-sensitive subjects. HIV-positive peer support, HIV/AIDS information, and referrals to HIV-antibody testing sites and service organizations are available. LAP produces a safer sex handbook and a newsletter specifically for lesbians and bisexuals.

### **Mothers Organizing Mothers (MOMS)**

65 Cleary St., Suite 2  
San Francisco, CA 94109  
(415) 673-8350  
(415) 673-8350 (fax)

Mothers Organizing Mothers (MOMS) is a service and advocacy organization dedicated to utilizing the motivational power of mothers to further support for causes related to HIV/AIDS, to block objectionable legislation, and to educate the public about HIV/AIDS. The organization participates in conferences, meetings, and demonstrations furthering the cause of AIDS support. Most of the members are mothers who have lost children to HIV and can best relate to others in similar circumstances.

### **National Black Women's Health Project (NBWHP), Public Education/Policy Office**

1211 Conn. Ave. NW, Suite 310  
Washington, D.C. 20036  
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The National Black Women's Health Project (NBWHP) is a self-help and health advocacy organization committed to improving the overall health status of Black women, with a special focus on those with low incomes and women with HIV/AIDS. In 1990, NBWHP opened the National Public Policy and Education Office in Washington, D.C., to provide a forum for sharing information, data, and the perspectives of the NBWHP self-help network. This ensures representation in appropriate policy discussions, including

reproductive health and rights, and promotes public policies for the improved health status of African American women, their children, and communities. In 1992, the NBWHP developed the Walking for Wellness program, which promotes well-being through walking while discussing aspects of women's lives. The NBWHP national office is located in Washington, D.C., with local sites located in Oakland, CA; Atlanta, GA; New York City; and Philadelphia.

**National Center for Lesbian Rights (NCLR)**

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The National Center for Lesbian Rights (NCLR), a public interest law firm, advocates on behalf of the rights of lesbians, gay men, and their families. It also provides legal assistance and litigation services, makes referrals, and undertakes community education and information dissemination. Other services include workshops and forums held across the country and technical assistance to lawyers. The center has produced a manual on AIDS and child custody rights. Referrals to HIV-antibody testing are available.

**National Clearinghouse for Alcohol and Drug Information (NCADI)**

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Rockville, MD 20852-3007  
P.O. Box 2345, Rockville, MD 20847-2345  
(301) 468-2600  
(301) 468-6433 (fax)  
<http://www.health.org>  
[info@prevline.health.org](mailto:info@prevline.health.org)

The National Clearinghouse for Alcohol and Drug Information (NCADI) is sponsored by the Center for Substance Abuse Prevention (CSAP), and serves as the central point within the federal government for current print and

audiovisual materials about alcohol and other drugs. NCADI's resources include scientific findings; databases on prevention programs and materials, field experts, federal grants, and market research; tailored materials for parents, teachers, and youth; and information about organizations and groups concerned with alcohol and other drug problems. NCADI shares this information with the nation through free computerized literature searches, an audiovisual loan program, bulk distribution of federally developed materials, and exhibits at national conferences.

**National Institutes of Health, Office of Research on Women's Health (ORWH)**

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The Office of Research on Women's Health (ORWH) was established in September 1990 to serve as a focal point for women's health research at the National Institutes of Health (NIH). It sets and monitors policy, promotes research, and enhances scientific development. ORWH works to strengthen and enhance research related to diseases and conditions that affect women; to ensure that biomedical and behavioral research conducted and supported by NIH adequately addresses issues regarding women's health; to appropriately represent women in research studies; and to develop opportunities and support for recruitment, retention, re-entry, and advancement of women in biomedical careers. ORWH provides funding through NIH to support basic and clinical research, career development programs, conferences, and workshops. Current research priorities include immune diseases; STDs; risk factors for disease in women of different racial, ethnic, and socioeconomic groups; and behavioral and cultural factors associated with women and disease prevention and intervention.

### **National Maternal and Child Health Clearinghouse**

2070 Chain Bridge Rd., Suite 450  
Vienna, VA 22182  
(703) 821-8955  
(703) 821-2098 (fax)

The National Maternal and Child Health Clearinghouse offers library services, audiovisual materials, pamphlets, information, education, and referrals.

### **North American Task Force on Prostitution (NATFP)**

New York Office, 2785 Broadway, Apt. 4L  
New York, NY 10025-2834  
(212) 866-8854

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The North American Task Force on Prostitution (NATFP) was founded in 1979 to act as an umbrella organization for prostitutes' rights organizations in the U.S. In 1994, its mission was expanded to include sex workers' rights organizations and individuals who support the rights of prostitutes and other sex workers in the U.S. and Canada. The NATFP's goals include the repeal of existing prostitution laws and the use of occupational safety and health and other workplace regulations to ensure safe working conditions. It supports the rights of prostitutes and other sex workers to organize on their own behalf, work safely and without legal repression, travel without restrictions, have families and raise children, and enjoy the same rights and responsibilities as other people.

### **Project WISE of Project Inform**

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(415) 558-0684 (fax)

The Women's Information Service and Exchange (WISE), formed in 1995, is a coalition of individuals committed to the empowerment of HIV-positive women so that

they may make informed decisions about living with HIV/AIDS. WISE provides treatment advocacy and treatment information for women living with HIV/AIDS. WISE publishes a monthly treatment newsletter and runs local and national advocacy programs. HIV-positive women are given the opportunity to develop support networks at the resource and referral center.

### **Rural Women's Health Project**

P.O. Box 12016  
Gainesville, FL 32604  
(352) 336-1816  
(352) 338-8211 (fax)

The Rural Women's Health Project is a producer of fotonovelas and radio drama scripts for rural migrant women.

### **SisterLove, Women's AIDS Project**

713 Cascade Ave., SW  
Atlanta, GA 30310  
(404) 753-7733  
(404) 753-1500 (fax)

SisterLove, Women's AIDS Project, is a non-profit organization established to increase women's (particularly African American women's) knowledge and practice of healthy behaviors in relation to HIV/AIDS. The Project offers a number of programs to instill education and empowerment in these populations, including a speakers' bureau, facilitator training, targeted outreach, program development assistance, self-help group development, and a support group program.

### **Women Alive, UCLA Women and Family Project**

1566 S. Burnside Ave.  
Los Angeles, CA 90019-4016  
(213) 965-1564

Women Alive operates a national hotline; it also provides peer support for women living with HIV/AIDS including counseling by women living with HIV/AIDS and treatment

advocacy. It publishes a quarterly newsletter called *Women Alive* with a focus on treatment information for and by women.

**Women Organized to Respond to Life-Threatening Diseases (WORLD)**

3948 Webster St.  
Oakland, CA 94609  
Box 11535, Oakland, CA 94611  
(510) 658-6930  
(510) 601-9746 (fax)

<http://www.womenhiv.com>

Women Organized to Respond to Life-Threatening Diseases (WORLD) works to provide support and information to women with HIV/AIDS and their friends, families, and loved ones; to educate and inspire women with HIV/AIDS to advocate for themselves, one another, and their communities; and to promote public awareness of women's HIV/AIDS issues and a compassionate response for all persons living with HIV/AIDS (PLWAs). WORLD offers retreats, maintains a speakers' bureau and an information hotline, provides information and referrals, and publishes a monthly newsletter.

**Women's AIDS Network (WAN)**

3543 18th St., Suite 11  
San Francisco, CA 94110  
(415) 621-4160  
(415) 575-1181 (fax)

<http://www.womens-AIDS-network.com>

The Women's AIDS Network (WAN) offers a forum for information exchange among its members, who include women in the medical, mental health, and social services fields along with community activists, social and political advocates, and women living with HIV. AIDS education and information dissemination strategies include condom distribution, a speakers' bureau, a resource library, and referrals. WAN develops strategies for focusing and directing HIV services toward women and women's needs.

**Women's HIV Resource Institute (WHRI)**

41 Madison Ave.  
New York, NY 10010  
(800) 433-4584 - In NY only  
(800) 521-1177  
(212) 481-8534 (fax)

The Women's HIV Resource Institute (WHRI) trains peer educators to teach HIV-positive women about the latest treatment options available to them and to stimulate the development of other peer education programs across the country for HIV-positive women.

## Internet Resources

These Internet sites provide information related to HIV/AIDS and women. They were located using a variety of Internet search engines. Information on the Internet changes and grows on an almost daily basis; new sources of information may have been developed since this resource guide was created.

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### AEGIS

<http://www.aegis.com>  
[mary.elizabeth@aegis.com](mailto:mary.elizabeth@aegis.com) (Sister Mary Elizabeth)

AEGIS operates a World Wide Web site which contains many HIV- and AIDS-related downloadable documents, such as newsletters, text files, and AIDS education, prevention, treatment, and legal information. AEGIS also offers an extensive number of listservs; please contact AEGIS directly.

### AIDS Clinical Trials Information Service (ACTIS)

<http://www.actis.org>  
[actis@cdcnpin.aspensys.com](mailto:actis@cdcnpin.aspensys.com)

The ACTIS web site provides information on HIV/AIDS clinical trials, including new trials open to enrollment, trial results, and links to other related sites. ACTIS is a Public Health Service coordinated project.

### The Body: An AIDS and HIV Information Resource: Women and AIDS

[www.thebody.com/whatis/women.html](http://www.thebody.com/whatis/women.html)

This site provides users with recent journal articles on a variety of topics related to [HIV/AIDS and women](http://www.thebody.com/whatis/women.html).

### CDC National Prevention Information Network (CDC NPIN)

<http://www.cdcnpin.org>  
<ftp://ftp.cdcnpin.org/pub/cdcnpin>  
[info@cdcnpin.org](mailto:info@cdcnpin.org)

The CDC National Prevention Information Network provides current information on HIV

and AIDS. The NPIN World Wide Web site [contains information about Clearinghouse services](http://www.cdcnpin.org), allows users to read and/or download the current *NCHSTP Daily News Update* and search a database of back issues, and link to other AIDS-related World Wide Web and gopher sites. Included in the FTP site are fact sheets, FAQs, brochures, AIDS-related *Morbidity and Mortality Weekly Reports (MMWRs)*, and documents from the *Standard Search Series*. The read-only listserv ([listproc@aspensys.com](mailto:listproc@aspensys.com)) distributes the *NCHSTP Daily News Update* as well as AIDS-related *MMWRs*, press releases, and publications from other government agencies.

### Family Health International

<http://www.fhi.org>  
[skhalaf@fhi.org](mailto:skhalaf@fhi.org)

The Family Health International web site provides information on HIV/AIDS, STDs, family planning, reproductive health and women's studies, with an emphasis on developing countries.

### GMHC: Women Need To Know about AIDS

<http://www.gmhc.org/stopping/disclaimer/womenneed.html>

This web site provides information relating to HIV/AIDS and pregnancy, children, artificial insemination, and other relevant issues for women.

### **HIV/AIDS Treatment Information Service (ATIS)**

<http://www.hivatis.org>  
[atis@cdcnpin.aspensys.com](mailto:atis@cdcnpin.aspensys.com)

The ATIS web site provides information on federally approved treatments for HIV infection, treatment-related publications, and links to other treatment-related sites. ATIS is a Public Health Service coordinated project.

### **Home Page of the American Medical Women's Association (AMWA)**

<http://www.amwa-doc.org/index.html>  
[info@amwa-doc.org](mailto:info@amwa-doc.org)

The American Medical Women's Association provides a web site that offers information on the women's health issues including HIV/AIDS.

### **Mothers' Voices: United to End AIDS**

<http://www.mvoices.org>

Various programs and projects offered by this organization are covered on this site, which includes a mother-to-mother discussion area and information on talking to children about HIV/AIDS.

### **Project Inform Women and HIV/AIDS**

<http://www.projinf.org/fs/women1.html>  
[web@projinf.org](mailto:web@projinf.org)

Project Inform is a national, nonprofit, community-based HIV/AIDS treatment information and advocacy organization. This web site offers the full text, plus references, of the organization's *Guidelines for Women with HIV/AIDS*.

### **Safer Sex Home Page**

<http://safersex.org>  
[ss-admin@safersex.org](mailto:ss-admin@safersex.org)

At this site, users can find information on safer sex, condoms, and other issues related to HIV/AIDS.

### **Society for the Advancement of Women's Health Research**

<http://www.womens-health.org>

The Society for the Advancement of Women's Health Research web site is dedicated to promoting the health of women through research. It highlights gender inequities in clinical trials including HIV/AIDS clinical trials.

### **Women's Health Watch**

<http://www.med.harvard.edu/publications/Women>

The Women's Health Watch Web site provides information from Harvard Medical School on women's health issues, including HIV/AIDS. An online version of the *Women's Health Watch* newsletter is available on the site.