

TAKE ACTION NOW TO REDUCE THE AIDS DEATH RATE IN BLACK AND LATINO COMMUNITIES

Support new funding to keep **AIDS Adult Day Health Care (ADHC)** programs strong.

- ▶ Overall AIDS death rates have not come down since 1998.
- ▶ Black and Latino patients are least likely to receive optimal care.

Effective treatment for HIV/AIDS patients includes: **Case management; Substance abuse and mental health services; Risk-reduction counseling and treatment.** New York's AIDS ADHC programs offer these services and more.

- ▶ AIDS ADHC programs keep their clients in the community and out of more expensive nursing homes, hospitals and jails.
- ▶ 90% of all HIV/AIDS clients served by the AIDS ADHC programs are Black and Latino.

AIDS Adult Day Health Care programs **cut mortality rates among high-intensity users by 50 percent or more**, according to the AIDS Institute/NYSDOH.

- ▶ Medicaid rates for these effective lifesaving programs have been flat for 10 years while clinical needs and regulatory requirements have increased.
- ▶ 5 of 13 program sites have closed in recent years due to inadequate funding.

Medicaid rates for AIDS ADHC programs do not cover the costs of care. \$4 million is needed to sustain these programs in New York's neediest communities.

\$4 million is much less than the cost of medical inflation since the programs' inception in 1996.

Without new funding, more programs will close, and more Black and Latino New Yorkers with HIV/AIDS will fall through the cracks.

Don't let this happen — please ask Speaker Silver and Senator Bruno to support added funding in the budget.



AIDS Day Services Association

Greyston Foundation

Harlem United Community AIDS Center

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