



## THE AIDS INSTITUTE

### **History**

The AIDS Institute began as a grass roots community mobilization effort in the late 1980s. In 1992, this advocacy network became incorporated as a 501(c) 3 nonprofit organization. Over the years, The AIDS Institute has expanded its vision to become a leading national nonprofit AIDS agency with offices in Tampa, Florida and Washington, DC. Affiliated with the Division of Infectious and Tropical Diseases at the University of South Florida College of Medicine, The AIDS Institute remains focused on HIV/AIDS while incorporating work on related healthcare issues, including Hepatitis.

### **Public Policy Research**

Public policy research is the foundation upon which the agency's advocacy and education efforts are based. Analysis and interpretation of information about the AIDS pandemic, as well as its social consequences, are critical to implementing advocacy and education programs that create social change, positively impacting HIV prevention as well as the care and treatment of people living with HIV/AIDS. The AIDS Institute's Center for Public Policy Research and Ethics conducts and coordinates a range of studies with this goal in mind. For more information contact us at: [Research@theaidsinstitute.org](mailto:Research@theaidsinstitute.org)

### **Government Affairs and Advocacy**

The AIDS Institute is engaged in leadership roles in educating elected officials and government programs on local, state, regional and federal levels. Through the agency's Washington Office and Department of Government Affairs and Advocacy, the agency advocates for science-based and compassionate policies and increased funding for prevention, care and treatment, biomedical research, housing, social services, Medicaid and Medicare. At the regional level, the agency provides advocacy training and technical assistance to distressed epidemic regions in the United States. Individuals can become involved in advocacy efforts by participating in the agency's email based Action Alert Broadcast, which provides important Action Alerts, other updates and information by email. For more information contact Carl Schmid at: [CSchmid@theaidsinstitute.org](mailto:CSchmid@theaidsinstitute.org)

### **Global Advocacy**

Through the Global Advocacy and Public Policy Program, advocacy is conducted to raise awareness about, remove barriers hindering, and increase capacity for, prevention and treatment in resource challenged nations. While all developing regions are addressed, an emphasis is placed on the Caribbean, North and Central America as well as Africa. For more information contact James Sykes at: [JSykes@theaidsinstitute.org](mailto:JSykes@theaidsinstitute.org)

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AIDS Institute  
promotes action  
for social change  
through public policy  
research, advocacy,  
and education.

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### **Education**

Education continues to play a key role in addressing the AIDS pandemic. Through a variety of community education programs, including the Center for Advocacy Training, Healthcare Professions Network, and the HIV/AIDS Housing Providers Network, The AIDS Institute provides consumers, providers, community members, agencies and professional associations with information, referral, training and technical assistance. For more information contact Michelle Scavnicky at: [MScavnicky@theaidsinstitute.org](mailto:MScavnicky@theaidsinstitute.org)



### **State Policy Program**

The State Policy program monitors HIV and related healthcare legislation and administrative initiatives in U.S. states and territories; and advocates for appropriate policies and funding in jurisdictions in collaboration with local partners. Through this program, the agency provides advocacy training and tools to local community groups who request it. The initiative seeks to develop into a resource of unique state HIV/AIDS programs for all advocates and policy makers. For more information contact Scott Mills at: [SMills@theaidsinstitute.org](mailto:SMills@theaidsinstitute.org)



### **United Faith Action Network (UFAN)**

UFAN was created to promote communication and linkages between faith groups and HIV/AIDS advocacy projects, policy updates, and forums concerning; prevention, care, education and understanding within local faith communities throughout the United States and international regions. For more information about UFAN programs and to become involved, please contact James Sykes at: [JSykes@theaidsinstitute.org](mailto:JSykes@theaidsinstitute.org) or [UFAN@theaidsinstitute.org](mailto:UFAN@theaidsinstitute.org)



### **The WIN Project**

The Women Informing Now (WIN) Project is a program of The AIDS Institute that represents a domestic and international effort highlighting the issues important to women impacted by HIV/AIDS. Reflective of the agency's organizational goals and commitments, The WIN Project was launched to develop policy recommendations, provide public education, and conduct social research in relation to women-focused, culturally-appropriate, and family-centered approaches to HIV/AIDS and related healthcare. The linkages between social and economic issues that attribute to the incidence of HIV/AIDS among women and girls are emphasized. For more information, contact Michelle Scavnicky at: [MScavnicky@theaidsinstitute.org](mailto:MScavnicky@theaidsinstitute.org)



### **Communication**

The agency's communications efforts overlap these various programs through public, media and donor relations, ensuring that all the agency's communities are kept abreast of ongoing agency efforts, the latest news related to HIV/AIDS, as well as agency related events and happenings. For more information please contact Michael Ruppel at: [MRuppel@theaidsinstitute.org](mailto:MRuppel@theaidsinstitute.org) or [Media@theaidsinstitute.org](mailto:Media@theaidsinstitute.org)



### **How You Can Help**

The AIDS Institute depends on community support to continue our mission. Help ensure The AIDS Institute has the resources to fight HIV/AIDS and ensure quality healthcare for all people by making a donation or giving of your time and talents. To volunteer or to join our communication network, please contact The AIDS Institute at [info@theaidsinstitute.org](mailto:info@theaidsinstitute.org), or call 202-835-8373.



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