

INITIATIVES

EXPLORE GLOBAL HEALTH ISSUES:

Embrace connection to global health issues such as:

Train the Trainer

- Develop an effective train-the-trainer model program
- Develop an effective Peer Education Program
- Expose trainees to health careers
- Expose trainees to legal careers and development of advocacy skills.
- Develop collaboration between HIV/AIDS and TB programs
- Offer a platform for awareness, youth develop passion and a voice for health promotion and prevention.

VISION

What better way to impact the health and well being of our communities than to mentor youth in becoming advocates for health promotion and disease prevention?

MISSION STATEMENT

Provide youth and young adults with experience that:

- Encourage personal healthy lifestyles.
- Encourage prevention efforts, that will aid in the reduction of mother-to-child-transmission of the HIV virus and prevent new infections.
- Engage community and international health interventions.

EDUCATION IS THE KEY!

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Will work with professional medical associations and other partners to enhance and expand effective voluntary counseling and testing services.

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Will develop a peer-to-peer rites of passage model program.

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Will develop a research agenda that will stimulate systematic review and increase behavioral changes.

GEORGIA STATISTICS

Georgia is ranked ninth in the nation for reporting the highest number of cumulative AIDS cases among residents.

The CDC rates Atlanta as the tenth leading metropolitan area in the nation reporting the highest number of cumulative AIDS cases among residents.



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THE REDUCTION OF HIV VIRUS**

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WHAT WE DO TO SERVE: COME AND HELP US:

YOU CAN INVEST:

- ◆ WE: INCREASE ACCESS TO CARE & TREATMENT
- ◆ WE: Integrate HIV/AIDS and TB control measures.
- ◆ WE: Increase HIV/AIDS testing and counseling programs.

HIV treatment includes the use of combination antiretroviral therapy to attack the virus itself, and medications to prevent and treat the many opportunistic infections that can occur when the immune system is compromised by HIV.

HIV, the virus that causes AIDS, has become one of the world's most serious health and development challenges:

According to the World Health Organization (WHO), most people living with HIV or at risk for HIV do not have access to prevention, care, and treatment, **and there is still no cure.**

According to the latest estimates from UNAIDS:

There were 35.3 million people living with HIV in 2012, up from 29.4 million in 2001, the result of continuing new infections, people living longer with HIV, and general population growth.

NEW HIV INFECTION

New HIV infections overall have declined by 33% since 2001, in 26 low-and middle-income countries, new infections have declined by 50% or more. Still, there were about 2.3 million new infections in 2012 or more than 6,300 new HIV infections per day.

TUBERCULOSIS:

HIV has led to a resurgence of tuberculosis (TB), particularly in Africa, and TB is a leading cause of death for people with HIV worldwide. In 2012, approximately 13% of new TB cases occurred in people living with HIV.

WOMEN STATISTIC:

Women represent more than half of all people living with HIV worldwide. HIV is the leading cause of death among women of reproductive age. Gender inequalities, differential access to services, and sexual violence increase women's vulnerability to HIV, and women, especially younger women, are biologically more susceptible to HIV.

YOUNG PEOPLE:

Young people, ages 15–24, account for approximately 39% of new HIV infections (among those 15 and over). Globally, young women are twice as likely to become infected with HIV than their male counterparts. In some areas, young women are more heavily impacted than young men.

LATIN AMERICA & THE CARIBBEAN

About 1.6 million people are estimated to be living with HIV in Latin America and the Caribbean combined, including 98,000 newly infected in 2012. The Caribbean itself, with an adult HIV prevalence rate of 1%, is the second hardest hit region in the world after sub-Saharan Africa.

The CARIBBEAN & SOUTH AMERICA

The Caribbean has the second highest rate of HIV infection in the world after sub-Saharan Africa.

The epidemic poses serious development and economic challenges. Although heterosexual transmission is considered to be the main route of HIV transmission in the Caribbean, gay men and other men who have sex with men account for an increasing number of cases.

PREVENTION PROGRAMS

Prevention has helped to reduce HIV prevalence rates in a small but growing number of countries and new HIV infections are believed to be on the decline.

In addition, the number of people with HIV receiving treatment in resource poor countries has increased 10-fold since 2002, reaching an estimated 8 million by 2012.

DESKAN INSTITUTE & TRAINING, INC WILL INCREASE ACCESS TO CARE & PREVENTION

Despite these challenges, there have been successes and promising signs. New global efforts have been mounted to address the epidemic, particularly in the last decade.

BE INVOLVE IN OUR COUNSELLING AND TESTING PROGRAMS

Although HIV testing capacity has increased over time, enabling more people to learn their HIV status, the majority of people with HIV are still unaware they are infected.

**COME JOIN US:
BE A PART OF OUR GLOBAL
MISSION YEARLY**