The South Carolína HIV/AIDS Council

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The South Carolina HIV/AIDS Council

The Mission

SCHAC Priorities

The South Carolina HIV/AIDS Council (SCHAC) is an organization dedicated to developing strategies to reduce the rate of HIV/AIDS and improve the quality of life of African Americans and citizens throughout South Carolina impacted by the human immunodeficiency virus. SCHAC reflects its priorities by committing its resources, skills and services to all persons, regardless of gender, age, race, socio-economic status, sexual orientation, religious affiliation, or lifestyle.

Why We Do

What We Do

Ten states within the "BIBLE BELT" account for the majority cases (VA, NC, SC, GA, FL, AL, MS, TN, AR & TX). This southern representation constitutes 44% of the HIV/AIDS epidemic in the US.



What We Do

Since the beginning of the epidemic, South Carolina has continuously and consistently ranked in the top ten (10) among all states in the rate of HIV/AIDS.

Why We Do

South Carolina Statistics

- 9th in the Nation in the rate of AIDS cases.
- The city of Columbia ranks 6th in the Nation in the rate of AIDS cases among major metropolitan cities.
- As of December 2005, 21,010 persons have been diagnosed and reported living with HIV/AIDS in SC. Approximately 820 new cases of HIV/AIDS are diagnosed in SC each year.

South Carolina Statistics

As of 2005, in the state of South Carolina

- 73% of HIV/AIDS cases are African American
- 80% of all women living with HIV/AIDS are African American
- 69% of all men living with HIV/AIDS are African American
- 15% of HIV/AIDS cases are among teens & 80% of these are among African American teens and young adults.

Humble Beginning! (904 Oak Street)

- Created in 1994 as The South Carolina African American HIV/AIDS Council (SCAAHAC). Name changed in 2004 to The South Carolina HIV/AIDS Council (SCHAC).
- Addressed the overrepresentation of HIV/AIDS among AA and all South Carolinians.



Hampton Street

- Served Communities throughout SC
- Specific focus on AA
 Communities and
 other communities at
 higher risk for the
 HIV/AIDS/STIs (Rural
 Communities)



2700 Cypress Street (Shandon Community)

- HIV/AIDS/STI Education & Community/Street Outreach, including statewide Syphilis & Hep C Elimination
- Program Development, Evaluation & TA
- Free & Confidential Rapid HIV Testing
- HIV/STI Risk Reduction Counseling



1804 Hampton Street

- Case Management & Enhanced access to Community HIV/AIDS/STI Resources to include case consultation, Service Plan Development, Outreach, Transportation, ADAP Counseling & Support Groups for Positives
- Group/Individual Level Interventions
- HIV/AIDS Client Advocacy



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Between Brothers <u>I-C.A.R.E.</u> <u>Mobile Unit</u> <u>Safety Counts</u> <u>Project F.A.I.T.H.</u> <u>HIV/AIDS Case Management</u> <u>Project Life Line</u> <u>Syphilis Elimination Project</u> <u>Testing & Counseling</u>

The Mobile Unit

- Primary Target Area: Richland & Lexington Counties
- Rapid HIV Testing & Counseling
- Great Marketing Tool-Showing Presence within communities that are high risk or communities that does not have access to testing.



Successes of SCHAC

- Creation of the first alternative testing and prevention counseling site in the state of SC. Has screened over 4,000 citizens within the Midlands since 2001.
- Facilitated a statewide-televised town hall meeting in 2001.
- Pilot tested the first local Legislative HIV/AIDS Town Hall meetings in 2002 within two rural high HIV/AIDS incidence counties (Sumter & Charleston).

Successes of SCHAC (Cont.)

- Created the first AA faith based HIV/AIDS coalition, the Interfaith AIDS Resource and Education Coalition (I-CARE) in the state of SC through funding from the SC Dept. of Alcohol and Other Drug Abuse Services.
- Created the first and only culturally specific HIV/AIDS education and advocacy newsletter (*The Tie That Binds*).
- Through a contract with SCDHEC, SCHAC serves as a technical assistance provider for five high incidence counties where community syphilis screening has been initiated.
- Coordinated the Tree of Life HIV/AIDS Prevention Initiative within Historically Black Colleges & Universities (HBCU) in SC.

Successes of SCHAC (Cont.)

- SCHAC served as a mechanism through funding from the SC Department of Alcohol and Other Drug Abuse Services for the creation of Project Life Line, a HIV testing street outreach recruitment/social networking intervention.
- Coordinated the Sister Speak HIV/AIDS Intervention targeting rural women of color in two high-risk counties (Orangeburg & Sumter)
- Created the first and only minority based safe-haven for AA males, 13-24 years of age (*Between Brothers HIV Prevention Program*), who identify as higher risk males.
- Initiated an HIV Prevention and Testing Bill Board Campaign

HIV Prevention & Testing Billboard Campaign



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Successes of SCHAC (Cont.)

Part of a National Anti-Stigma Campaign funded through a collaboration with AED and the Ford Foundation.

- Town Hall Meetings
- "To Touch God's Hands"
- Turn Your Hear Around "Wouldn't We"

Town Hall Meetings





"To Touch God's Hands"



Turn Your Heart Around



Turn Your Heart Around (Cont.)

TurnYourHeartAround.org is a project of the HIV/AIDS Anti Stigma Initiative developed by the South Carolina HIV/AIDS Council funded by the Ford Foundation.

Successes of SCHAC (Cont.)

Implemented Project F.A.I.T.H. (Fostering AIDS Initiatives that Heal) a state-wide faith based initiative designed to empower and build the capacity of churches and other faith based entities to create or enhance HIV prevention and education within their local communities.

SCHAC Funding Sources

- Centers for Disease Control (CDC)
- SC Department of Health & Environmental Control (SCDHEC)
- Ford Foundation/Academy for Educational Development (AED)
- SC Department of Alcohol & Other Drug Abuse Services (SCDAODAS)
- AIDS Benefit Foundation (ABF)
- Office of Women's Health (OWH)
- Ryan White Title II
- South Carolina Legislature
- Palmetto Health Alliance
- Sisters of Charity

Financial Contribution

- SCHAC is a 501(c)3 Non-Profit Organization
- The amount of your gift is confidential.
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- Your donation will be a blessing to others.

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The Dream







The Dreamer

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