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DOH-Miami-Dade Recognizes National HIV/AIDS Aging Awareness Day

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Miami, Fla. – In commemoration of National HIV/AIDS Aging Awareness Day, the Florida Department of Health in Miami-Dade County is collaborating with local partners to host a community awareness event.

Date: Thursday, September 26, 2019

Time: 10:00 am – 2:00 pm

Location: Betty T. Ferguson Recreation Complex
3000 NW 199th Street, Miami Gardens, Florida 33056

God's Amazing Grace Outreach Ministries, City of Miami Gardens Councilwoman Lillie Q. Odom, Reverend Nettie B. Davis, and community partners will participate in the event.

September 18 is National HIV/AIDS and Aging Awareness Day—a day to call attention to the growing number of people living long and full lives with HIV and to aging-related challenges of HIV prevention, testing, treatment, and care.

People with HIV are living longer thanks to treatment with HIV medicines. People aging with HIV can face treatment-related challenges, such as drug interactions between HIV medicines and medicines used for other conditions. There are also HIV prevention challenges related to aging. For example, although HIV risk factors are similar for all adults, older adults may be less aware of these factors and the importance of testing to detect HIV in its earliest stages.

For more information, please visit www.flhealth.gov and www.testmiami.org or contact the Florida Department of Health in Miami-Dade County's HIV/AIDS Program at 305-643-7420. For print materials visit: www.knowyourhivstatus.com

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