

## HIV/AIDS AMONG BLACKS IN FLORIDA AND MIAMI-DADE



# Silence is Death

### FLORIDA (2006)

- ✂ Blacks comprise 14%\* of Florida's adult (13+) population, but nearly half (48%) of the 104,036 AIDS cases and 52% of the 36,787 HIV cases reported through December 2006.
- ✂ In 2006, blacks accounted for 45% of AIDS cases in men and 69% in women.
- ✂ In 2006, blacks accounted for 40% of HIV cases in men and 66% in women.
- ✂ 81,972 adults in Florida are currently living with HIV/AIDS, 41,086 (50%) are black, 57% male and 43% females.
- ✂ In 2006, 1,525 black men were reported with AIDS in Florida.
- ✂ Black women comprised 1,058 of the 1,559 reported AIDS cases among women in 2006 and 1,049 of the 1,581 women who were reported with HIV.
- ✂ In 2006, the AIDS case rate among black women was 17 times higher than that among white women. The Hispanic to white rate ratio for females was 2.8:1 and the AIDS case rate among black males was 6 times higher than that for white males in Florida.
- ✂ Of the 1,912 pediatric HIV/AIDS cases through 2006, 80% were among blacks. Black children less than 13 years old made up 16% of Florida's population (under age 13) in 2006.
- ✂ In 2006, Black men who have sex with men accounted for almost 36% of reported HIV cases in 2006 and heterosexual men accounted for 25% of AIDS cases in Florida.
- ✂ In 2006, heterosexual contact was the mode of transmission for 56% of black women in Florida with HIV.
- ✂ HIV/AIDS cases have been significantly decreasing among blacks from 1999 through September 2006, although the rates are still many times higher than those among white or Hispanics.

### MIAMI-DADE (2006)

- ✂ Blacks comprise 20% of total Miami-Dade County's population, but 51.6% of the 30,234 AIDS cases and 51% of the 10,816 HIV cases reported through December 2006.
- ✂ In 2006, Blacks accounted for 45.3% of AIDS cases in men and 71.8% of those in women.
- ✂ In 2006, Blacks accounted for 34.2% of HIV (regardless of AIDS status) cases in men and 70.7% of those in women.
- ✂ In Miami-Dade County, 11,582 (49.8%) blacks adults are currently living with HIV/AIDS, of them 57% are male and 43% females.
- ✂ In 2006, 354 black men were reported with AIDS as off 781 total male reported in Miami-Dade County.
- ✂ In 2006, black women comprised 281 of the 391 reported AIDS cases among women and 251 of the 351 women that were reported with HIV.
- ✂ In 2006, the AIDS case rate among black women was 10 times higher than that among white women. The Hispanic to white rate ratio for females was 3.3:1, and the AIDS case rate among black males was 9 times higher than that for white males in our County.
- ✂ Of the 635 pediatric HIV/AIDS cases through 2005, 85% were among blacks. Black children less than 14 years old made up 26.4% of Miami-Dade population under age 14 in 2006.
- ✂ In 2006, Black men who have sex with men accounted for almost 27.5% of reported HIV cases in 2006 and heterosexual men accounted for 37.5% of AIDS cases in Miami-Dade County.
- ✂ In 2006, heterosexual contact was the mode of transmission for 64.5% of black women with HIV in Miami-Dade County.
- ✂ HIV/AIDS cases have been decreasing among blacks from 1999 through 2006, although the rates are still many times higher than those among white or Hispanics.

## Break the "Silence" by:

- Raising awareness about HIV/AIDS among blacks;
- Encourage individuals to be tested for HIV/AIDS;
- Increase youth involvement in HIV community planning, decision making and HIV prevention programming;
- Reduce barriers to HIV testing, prevention and care by reducing HIV/AIDS stigma; and
- Disseminate information on the health benefits of condoms and other risk reduction measures.