



HIV/AIDS AMONG BLACKS IN FLORIDA AND MIAMI-DADE

2008

Silence is Death



FLORIDA (2008)

- ✓ Blacks comprise 15% of Florida's adult (13+) population, but over half (53%) of the 4,944 AIDS cases and 45% of the 7,503 HIV cases reported in 2008.
- ✓ In 2008, blacks accounted for 45% (N=1,542) of 3,415 AIDS cases in men and 71% (N=1,086) of 1,529 AIDS cases in women.
- ✓ In 2008, blacks accounted for 38% (N=2,088) of 5,532 HIV cases in men and 67% (N=1,312) of 1,966 HIV cases in women.
- ✓ 92,738 adults in Florida are currently living with HIV/AIDS, of which 44,612 (49%) are black.
- ✓ In 2008, the AIDS case rate among black women was 20 times higher than that among white women. The AIDS case rate among black males was 6 times higher than that for white males in Florida.
- ✓ Of the 1,259 living pediatric HIV/AIDS cases through 2008, 77% were among blacks. Black children less than 13 years old made up 21% of Florida's population (under age 13) in 2008.
- ✓ Among black male cases living with HIV/AIDS through 2008, 46% were MSM.
- ✓ Among black female cases living with HIV/AIDS through 2008, 87% acquired HIV via heterosexual contact.
- ✓ The proportion of HIV/AIDS cases among blacks have been significantly decreasing from 1998 through 2008, although the rates are still many times higher than those among whites or Hispanics.
- ✓ For 16 consecutive years, HIV/AIDS has been the leading cause of death for both black males and females between the ages 25-44. Although HIV/AIDS is still the leading cause of death for black females ages 25-44, the good news, HIV/AIDS is now down to the 3rd leading cause of death for black males ages 25-44.

MIAMI-DADE (2008)

- ✓ Blacks comprise 21% of Miami-Dade County's population, but over half (53%) of the 1,141 AIDS cases and 45% of the 1,549 HIV (regardless of AIDS status) cases reported in 2008.
- ✓ In 2008, blacks accounted for 44% (N=350) of 800 AIDS cases in men and 75% (N=255) of 341 cases in women.
- ✓ In 2008, blacks accounted for 36% (N=420) of 1,168 HIV (regardless of AIDS status) cases in men and 71% (N=271) of 381 in women.
- ✓ 24,745 adults in Miami-Dade County are currently living with HIV/AIDS, of which 11,884 (48%) are black.
- ✓ In 2007, the AIDS case rate among black women was 13 times higher than that among white women. The AIDS case rate among black males was 3 times higher than that for white males in Miami-Dade County.
- ✓ Of the 354 living pediatric HIV/AIDS cases through 2008, 80% were among blacks. Black children less than 14 years old made up 5.1% of Miami-Dade County's population (under age 14) in 2008.
- ✓ Among black male cases living with HIV/AIDS through 2008, 32% were MSM.
- ✓ Among black female cases living with HIV/AIDS through 2008, 75% acquired HIV via heterosexual contact.
- ✓ The proportion of HIV/AIDS cases among blacks have been slightly decreasing from 1998 through 2008, although the rates are still many times higher than those among whites or Hispanics.
- ✓ HIV is third cause of death among black men and women, after heart diseases and cancer.

Source: MDCHD, HIV/AIDS Surveillance Frozen Database [HARS] in January 2009.

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.