

HIV/AIDS AMONG SENIORS

“Aging is a part of life; HIV doesn’t have to be”

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ⓧ Through 2009, those aged 50+ made up 18% of AIDS cases and 15% of HIV cases reported in Miami-Dade through that year. They represent the following percentages for AIDS and HIV:

	AIDS	HIV
Female	23%	28%
Male	77%	72%
Hispanic	35%	34%
Black	51%	53%
White	12%	12%

ⓧ Through 2009, persons at the current age 50+ accounted for 37% of all people living with HIV/AIDS in Miami-Dade.

ⓧ Of the 9,119 living HIV/AIDS cases reported among persons aged 50 and older in Miami-Dade through 2009, they represent the following percentages:

Female	27%
Male	73%
Hispanic	35%
Black	50%
White	13%

ⓧ Of the 353 cases of HIV related death in 2008 in Miami-Dade, 66% were among people aged 45 years old and over.

Recommendation to aging population:

- ⓧ Encourage and promote HIV testing among older Americans.
- ⓧ Provide HIV prevention and education messages to older Americans.
- ⓧ Provide resources for linkage to treatment and care for HIV infected older Americans.
- ⓧ Organize health fairs that focus on HIV/AIDS and healthcare in older Americans.
- ⓧ Encourage older Americans to practice safer methods to prevent HIV/AIDS and other Sexually Transmitted Diseases (STD’s)
- ⓧ Conduct events at senior community centers or nursing home facilities.
- ⓧ Talk to an older adult in your family about getting tested.
- ⓧ Engage leaders in the faith community to participate in local, regional, or national events on or around NHAAAD
- ⓧ Highlight how your programs can incorporate HIV/AIDS education for older Americans.