



HIV/AIDS ADVOCACY DAY 2010

Unite with us on May 25th at the Legislative Building in Raleigh to advocate to save the AIDS Drug Assistance Program, to advocate for the legalization of Syringe Exchange Programs and promote more funding for HIV prevention programs

ABOUT ADAP: On January 22nd, the state cut off new enrollment in the AIDS Drug Assistance Program (ADAP), which provides life-saving medication to people living with HIV. **Take action** to call on Governor Perdue and state officials to release funds that have been withheld from the program. We must ensure that people who need these medications can stay healthy and reduce the risk of transmission. North Carolina currently has the longest wait list in the country and the list keeps growing every day, denying our mothers, fathers, brothers, sisters and sons and daughters life saving care. As of May 11, 2010, there were 6322 people on ADAP and 506 North Carolinians on the waiting list.

ABOUT SYRINGE EXCHANGE (SEP): SEPs stop the spread of HIV and Viral Hepatitis and have a cost benefit rate of 16 to 1, which can save the state money during these tough financial times. SEPs are proven to decrease overall community drug use, decrease HIV & Hepatitis incidence, provide free syringes to diabetics, decrease needle stick injuries to police by 66% and provide a gateway to drug treatment. We are calling for North Carolina to legalize SEPs. NC has over 25,000 injection drug using people who do not have access to a stable supply of syringes; this leads them to share syringes, which has contributed to NC having over 35,000 cumulative HIV cases and 150,000 Hepatitis C infections.

ABOUT NORTH CAROLINA AIDS ACTION NETWORK (NCAAN): NCAAN is a community network that educates policy makers and all people in North Carolina about HIV/AIDS. Our Mission is to reduce new infections, promote quality care and treatment services for North Carolina and mobilize North Carolinians to take action. For more information contact NCAAN organizer Kathryn Schley at kathryn.schley@ncaan-c.org