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DC Youth Risk Behavior Survey Presentation



At last month's ACTION lunch, Marc Clark presented preliminary data from the 2007 Youth Risk Behavior Survey (YRBS). The YRBS is a national school-based survey first piloted in 1990. It is administered every two years to a random sample of students in

the spring of the academic year. A sample representing all students in the United States is surveyed at the same time that states and cities conduct local surveys.

Participants heard preliminary data on health indicators for DC public school students including those that put students at risk for HIV/AIDS. Information was also presented on lesbian, gay, bisexual, and questioning youth in DC Public Schools.

The final data is expected to be released this month. When available, information will be posted at: <http://www.k12.dc.us/offices/oss/hiv/AIDS>. Researchers and graduate students who are interested in conducting further analysis of this data are encouraged to contact Marc Clark at DC Public Schools.

IMPAACT HIV Research Meeting Comes to DC



Researchers and Community Advocates from the IMPAACT Research Network will gather in Washington DC October 8th through 13th. IMPAACT, the International Maternal Pediatric Adolescent AIDS Clinical Trials Group, is one of six research networks funded by the National Institutes of Health NIAID Division of AIDS.

The IMPAACT research network evaluates treatment for HIV positive children, adolescents, and pregnant women, including treatment and prevention of co-infections. The network also evaluates vaccines for the prevention of HIV transmission among adolescents, and new strategies for the interruption of mother-to-infant transmission of HIV.

Howard University Hospital is one of many IMPAACT research sites around the world. Rev. Daniel Hall serves as the chair of the local community advisory board for the Howard University Hospital IMPAACT site. Rev. Hall was also recently selected to serve on the I-CAB, or international CAB of the IMPAACT network, comprised of representatives from the CABS around the world. Rev. Hall will be attending the meeting and providing input on the future research priorities of this global network.

The Howard University Hospital CAB meets the fourth Wednesday of every month at Howard University Hospital. For more information, contact Patty Yu at pHouston@howard.edu or (202) 865-4578.

AVAC Expresses Disappointment in Vaccine Study

The AIDS Vaccine Advocacy Coalition (AVAC) expressed disappointment at the discontinuation of the STEP Study, a test-of-concept trial of the MRK-Ad5 AIDS vaccine candidate developed by the Merck Research Laboratories. AVAC Executive Director Mitchell Warren stated: "The announcement about the STEP Study is a deep disappointment and a scientific setback for the AIDS vaccine field. However, it must be seen for what it is: the failure of a product to show efficacy in a specific trial. Clinical testing of AIDS vaccines is a scientific process and, while this is a disappointment, it is in no way the end of the search for an AIDS vaccine."

Learn more about the Step Study at: http://avac.org/pr_step_study.htm

Upcoming Events

October 1st – The Center presents an Update on HIV Vaccine Research featuring Dr. Barney Graham, David Mariner, & Scott Simpson. 7PM to 8:30 PM at Dakota Cowgirl/Titan, 1337 14th Street NW

October 6th – AIDS Walk Washington benefiting the Whitman-Walker Clinic. Find out more at: www.aidswalkwashington.org.

October 9th – Capital Area Vaccine Effort (CAVE) monthly meeting. 6:30 PM at Us Helping Us, 3636 Georgia Ave NW. Visit www.aidsvaccine.org for more information.

October 11th – ACTION LUNCH POSTPONED. Please note this month's ACTION lunch on DC HIV Surveillance Data has been postponed until November 15th due to a delay in the release of the data.

October 15th – Investigación de Vacunas del VIH: Una observación en la investigación de vacunas del VIH en Perú y el área metropolitana de Washington, DC. La información será presentada en español directamente por los presentadores, o con la ayuda de traductores. 2:30PM, DC CARE Consortium, 1156 15th Street, NW Suite 500

October 15th : National Latino HIV/AIDS Awareness Day Community Forum, 10 :00 AM at All Souls Unitarian Church, 1500 Harvard St. NW.

October 16th – DC Fights Back Resource Day. 10 AM – 2 PM at the Westminster Presbyterian Church, 401 I Street SW.

October 24th – Howard University Hospital Pediatric Clinic Community Advisory Board Meeting. 10:30 AM. All are welcome. For additional information, contact Patty Yu at phouston@howard.edu or (202) 865-4578.

October 31st – Conference: 'Legends and Young'uns: Phenomenal Women Living Longer with the Challenge of HIV.' Pikesville Hilton, Baltimore MD. 8 AM – 4:30 PM. Contact Dorcas Barker (443) 287-4779.

Community Speak Out on HIV/AIDS & Neighborhood March

Saturday, November 3rd, 2007

As part of this year's American Public Health Association annual meeting in Washington, DC, the Metropolitan Washington Public Health Association and DC Fights Back! Welcome you to join us for a community Speak Out & Neighborhood March on HIV/AIDS.

Neighborhood March: 12:00 Noon, November 3rd, starting from the corner of Malcolm X and MLK, SE.

11/3 Speak Out: 2:00 PM, November 3rd, Washington Highlands Library.

For more info contact Karyn Pomerantz at Kpomeran@gwu.edu or (202) 416-0408

DC FIGHTS BACK RESOURCE DAY



Resource Fair: 10:00 AM – 2:00 PM
Panel Discussion Beginning at 11:00 AM

Opening remarks from Dr. Shannon Hader

Tuesday October 16th
Westminster Presbyterian Church
401 I Street S.W. Washington, DC
Waterfront/SEU Metro Stop

The DC Fights Back Resource Day is an opportunity for service providers and people living with HIV in DC to learn about resources in the District including housing, employment assistance, substance abuse, and mental health services.

Participants include: AIDSinfo, Community Education Group, Covenant Baptist Church Conversation Center, Damien Ministries, DC Fights Back, Food and Friends, Housing Works, Lincoln Financial Group, Metro Teen AIDS, NOVAM-Northern Virginia AIDS Ministry, Our Place DC/ Camille's Place, Patients not Patents, Inc., Regional Addiction Prevention (RAP Inc), Vaccine Research Center NIAID NIH, Women's Collective.

www.dcfightsback.org



October 15th / 15 de Octubre

National Latino HIV/AIDS Awareness Day Community Forum

The National Latino HIV/AIDS Awareness Day Community Forum takes place from 10 :00 AM to 2 :30 PM at All Souls Church, 1500 Harvard St. NW. Talk to community members about HIV/AIDS and hear from Health Department Representatives. Ask questions and get answers! For more information contact Omar Reyes at (202) 464-0154. Hosted by the National Latino AIDS Awareness Day Coalition of Metropolitan Washington, DC.

Investigación de Vacunas del VIH

Una observación en la investigación de vacunas del VIH en Perú y el área metropolitana de Washington, DC

Voceros Ofrecidos:

Pedro Goicochea, Impacta Perú (www.impactaperu.org)

Dr. Barney Graham, Centro De Investigación de Vacunas, NIAID, NIH (www.vrc.nih.gov)

Jeff Stanton, Academia Para el Desarrollo Educativo (www.aed.org)

Acompañenos para una Observación a fondo acerca de la investigación de la vacuna del VIH. Jeff Stanton de la Academia para el Desarrollo Educativo proporcionará una descripción de la implicación en la comunidad en la investigación del VIH. Pedro Goicochea compartirá su experiencia con la investigación de la vacuna del VIH en Lima, Perú. El Dr. Barney Graham compartirá su experiencia trabajando con nuestra comunidad local. Refrigerios ligeros serán proveídos.

La información será presentada en español directamente por los presentadores, o con la ayuda de traductores.

Este acontecimiento honra el Día Nacional del Conocimiento del HIV/AIDS Latino, que ocurre el 15 de Octubre. Para aprender más sobre El Día Nacional del Conocimiento del HIV/AIDS Latino, por favor visite la pagina electronica del web: www.nlaad.org.

October 15, 2:30PM
DC CARE Consortium
1156 15th Street, NW, Suite 500, Washington DC
DC CARE está situado lo más cerca posible a la parada del metro de McPherson Square.

Patrocinadores: DC CARE Consortium, Capital Area Vaccine Effort, Vaccine Research Center, Vineeta Foundation.

HIV Vaccine Research

A look at HIV Vaccine Research in Peru and the DC Metropolitan Area

Featured Speakers:

Pedro Goicochea, Impacta Peru (www.impactaperu.org)

Dr. Barney Graham, Vaccine Research Center, NIH, NIAID (www.vrc.nih.gov)

Jeff Stanton, Academy for Educational Development (www.aed.org)

Join us for an in-depth look at HIV Vaccine Research. Jeff Stanton from the Academy for Educational Development will provide an overview of community involvement in HIV Vaccine Research. Pedro Goicochea will share his experience with HIV Vaccine Research in Lima, Peru. Dr. Barney Graham will share his experience working in our local community. Light refreshments will be provided.

Information will be presented in spanish either directly from the presenters, or with the assistance of translators.

This event honors National Latino HIV/AIDS Awareness Day, which takes place October 15th. To learn more about National Latino HIV/AIDS Awareness Day, please visit: www.nlaad.org.

October 15th, 2:30 PM
DC CARE Consortium
1156 15th Street NW, Suite 500, Washington DC
DC CARE is located closest to the McPerson Metro Stop.

Sponsors: DC CARE Consortium, Capital Area Vaccine Effort, Vaccine Research Center, Vineeta Foundation.