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Director's Update

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This year has been productive with many impressive accomplishments from NCHHSTP's Divisions and our work with partners. Our Division of Tuberculosis Elimination released [guidelines](#) on treating latent TB infection. The Division of STD Prevention published [updated gonorrhea treatment guidelines](#). Our Division of Viral Hepatitis published an [MMWR Recommendations and Reports](#) with new recommendations for baby boomers to get a one-time blood test for HCV. The Division of Adolescent and School Health released biennial national, state, and local Youth Risk Behavior Survey (YRBS) [results](#). And we all welcomed colleagues from around the world to the [XIX International AIDS Conference](#)—the first in the U.S. in more than 20 years. These are just some of the milestones from last year; milestones that we could not have reached without our ongoing collaborative work with partners. Our vision, core values, and responsibility to protect the public from preventable disease threats inform and motivate our work. We look forward to the possibilities, goals, challenges, and successes of 2013! And we look forward to continuing our work with you, our partners and colleagues.

New CDC Demonstration Projects Awarded to Combat HIV and AIDS among U.S. Racial and Ethnic Minorities

CDC recently awarded \$44.2 million over the next 3 years to support projects focused on the nationwide reduction of HIV through increased HIV testing and enhanced care and prevention services in communities of color. The projects are aligned with the [National HIV/AIDS Strategy](#) and will address the social, economic, clinical, and cultural barriers to HIV testing and care in communities that are most severely affected by HIV. The awards—titled “Care and Prevention in the United States,” or [CAPUS](#)—are supported through the HHS Secretary's Minority AIDS Initiative Fund, and involve collaboration among multiple U.S. government agencies. Cooperative agreements were awarded to health departments in eight states (Georgia, Illinois, Louisiana, Mississippi, Missouri, North Carolina, Tennessee, and Virginia) to help increase HIV testing and linkage to, retention in, and re-engagement with care, treatment, and prevention; utilization of surveillance and data systems to improve care and prevention; and the consideration of social factors that can affect negatively testing, treatment and care practices.

New from CDC

[STD Syndicated Content](#)

[Homelessness and TB](#)

[2011 TB Surveillance Report](#)

[Know More Hepatitis Campaign Resources](#)

[HHS' Hepatitis Message to Baby Boomers](#)

Upcoming Events

November 10–18, 2012

[National Hunger and Homeless Awareness Week](#)

November 14, 2012

[Engaging Parents to Foster Healthier, More Successful Students Webinar](#)

December 1, 2012

[World AIDS Day](#)

December 12–14, 2012

[2012 HIV Diagnostics Conference](#)

December 13, 2012

[STD Prevention Science Series 2012](#)

World AIDS Day 2012

Summer 2012 welcomed the world to Washington, D.C. for the XIX International AIDS Conference. This landmark event built momentum for us to say with confidence that we can achieve an AIDS-free Generation. On December 1, [World AIDS Day](#) (WAD), we will continue this call as we focus on and unite those fighting HIV and AIDS. The 2012 theme is “Working together toward an AIDS-free generation.”

Each of us can contribute to ending AIDS. If you are a CDC prevention partner, reach out to those at risk. Help those infected connect to medical treatment to help them stay healthier longer and to keep from passing HIV to others.

Take this time to talk, test, tweet, and share. Learn the facts and talk to your friends and family about HIV prevention and then get tested. Tweet about what you are doing to stop HIV/AIDS (hashtag: #WAD2012) and smile for the camera and help reduce stigma and put a face to AIDS through the [Facing AIDS photo sharing initiative](#).

On the Web

[HHS Facing AIDS App](#)

