

WEEK OF PRAYER EVENTS

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Date and time: March 5th from 4p – 9p

Location: Mount Aery Baptist Church, 73 Frank Street Bridgeport

Pastor: Dr. Anthony Bennett, Senior Pastor

Event details: National HIV Women and Girls Day / Dinner served / free give aways

Date and Time: March 7th – March 13th at 6a

Location: Mount Aery Baptist Church, 73 Frank Street Bridgeport

Pastor: Dr. Anthony Bennett, Senior Pastor

Event details: 6a Morning Prayer with AIDS and Prayer Ministries / light breakfast served each morning

Date and time: March 7th at 11:30a

Location: Blessed Sacrament Roman Catholic Church, 275 Union Avenue Bridgeport

Pastor: Father Reginald Norman

Event details: Mass

Date and time: March 7th at 4p

Location: East End Tabernacle Baptist Church, 548 Central Avenue Bridgeport

Pastor: Dr. CL Stallworth, Senior Pastor

Event details: KICK OFF SERVICE, Reverend David Penn, guest preacher / HIV Testing services offered / cake and beverages

Date and time: March 7th

Location: New Jerusalem Baptist Church

Pastor: Reverend Henry Floyd, Pastor

Event details: TBD

Date and time: March 9th from 6:30p – 8p

Location: East End Tabernacle Baptist Church, 548 Central Avenue Bridgeport

Pastor: Dr. CL Stallworth, Senior Pastor

Event details: Community HIV Testing

Date and time: March 12 at 8p

Location: New Vision International Ministries, 130 Gregory Street Bridgeport

Pastor: Rev Derek Calhoun

Event details: Worship service / HIV testing / Reverend Velva Tucker, guest preacher

Date and time: March 13th at 5:30p

Location: English Chapel Cathedral of Miracles, 285 Wilmot Avenue Bridgeport

Pastor: Bishop Ernest Epps

Event details: Straight Talk and Candlelight service featuring Pivot Ministries/ HIV Testing Services / Dinner served

Date and time: March 13th from 1p – 3p

Location: Greater Life Church, 955 Connecticut Avenue Bridgeport

Pastor: Reverend Parker, Senior Pastor

Event details: Youth luncheon (for ages 12 – 18), HIV/STD workshop

WEEK OF PRAYER EVENTS, CONTINUED

Date and time: March 20th from 9a – 1p

Location: Grace Baptist Church, 65 Kingsbury Street Waterbury

Pastor: Reverend Larry C. Green

Event details: Youth program

Date and time: March 21st

Location: Mt Moriah Tabernacle of Praise, 126 Wilmot Rd New Haven

Pastor: Dr David Burgess, Senior Pastor

Event details: TBD

Date and time: March 25th from 6:30p – 8:30p

Location: Christ Centered A.R.M.E.D. Ministries, 334 Granfield Avenue Bridgeport

Pastor: Johnny Garner, Sr., Senior Pastor

Event details: evening program

Date and time: March 26th at 7:30p

Location: Victory Temple Church, 2335 East Main Street Bridgeport

Pastor: Apostle Cheryl Jones

Event details: Gospel Concert / light refreshments served / HIV Testing Services offered

Date and time: March 28th at 3p

Location: Shiloh Baptist Church, 477 Board Street Bridgeport

Pastor: Reverend Carl McCluster

Event details: Youth program

Date and time: TBD

Location: Shiloh Baptist Church, 68 Van Zant Street East Norwalk

Pastor: Reverend Napoleon Harris

Event details: AIDS Ministry Development Workshop

Date and Time: TBD

Location: Cathedral of the Holy Spirit, 729 Union Avenue Bridgeport

Pastor: Bishop Kenneth Moales

Event details: TBD

Date and time: TBD

Location: New Hope Baptist Church, 1100 Park Avenue, Bridgeport

Pastor:

Event details: TBD

(For those events that are TBD, please check with the office for additional details)

NATIONAL WOMEN AND GIRLS HIV AWARENESS DAY

National Women and Girls
HIV Awareness Day

Theme: Together As One

Date: March 5, 2010

Time: 4-9 pm

Location:

Mt. Aery Baptist Church
73 Frank Street
Bridgeport, CT. 06604
Dr. Anthony L. Bennett
Sr. Pastor

Free

- HIV testing will be provided
- Dinner will be provided
- Guest Speaker

FREE

- Health Screenings
- Food
- Entertainment
- Raffles/ Giveaways

For more information please

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CENSUS 2010: IT'S IN OUR HANDS!**The Census: A Snapshot**

What: The census is a count of everyone residing in the United States.

Who: All U.S. residents must be counted – people of all races and ethnic groups, both citizens and non-citizens.

When: Census day is April 1, 2010. Questionnaire responses should represent the household as it exists on this day.

Why: The U.S. Constitution requires a national census once every 10 years. The census will show state population counts and determine representation in the U.S House of Representatives.

The importance of the Census Date: The 2010 Census will help communities receive more than \$400 billion in federal funds each year for things like:

- ◇ Hospitals
- ◇ Job training centers
- ◇ Schools
- ◇ Senior centers
- ◇ Bridges, tunnels and other-public works projects
- ◇ Emergency services

From a community-based organization's perspective, the census data can affect the amount of dollars that are allocated to our state and local level government and agencies, thus either providing adequate (if there is such a thing as it relates to funding) or inadequate funding to those issues that are of importance to us, such as HIV/AIDS.

Census data can also be used for writing grant proposals as community planners and governments rely on census data to determine where there is a need for additional social services and funding.

We know that historically persons of color have been reluctant to disclose any type of information to the governments, and really, we can't blame them. The government has not always come to our assistance, remembering Tuskegee. However, as the rate of HIV/AIDS, Diabetes, Heart Disease, STI'S and the mis-education and under-employment continue to rise in our communities, **WE SHOULD NOT LEAVE MONEY ON THE TABLE!**

"It's In Our Hands – We need to raise our hands and be counted!"

By law, the Census Bureau cannot share an individual's questionnaire responses with anyone, including other federal agencies and law enforcement entities.

Here's the timeline for the 2010 Census:

February – March 2010: Census questionnaires are mailed or delivered to households

April 1, 2010: Census Day

May – July 2010: Census takers visit households that did not return a questionnaire by mail.

December 2010: By law, Census Bureau delivers population counts to the president for apportionment.

March 2011: By law, Census Bureau completes delivery of redistricting data to states.

With only 10 questions, the 2010 Census questionnaire is the shortest in history and should take just 10 minutes to complete.

As a community, we thank you for your participation in this year's census.

For more information regarding the census, please go to www.census.gov/2010census

RESOURCES: WHERE TO FIND IT...

Need HIV, STD or statistical info and not sure where to find it?
See the list of resources below.

FREE LOCAL HIV TESTING LOCATIONS**GBAPP**

258 Mill Hill Ave, Bridgeport, CT 06604
Hours: Mon-Fri., 9am-5pm
203- 384-3629

Optimus Health Care Incorporated

982 East Main St, Bridgeport, CT 06608
Hours: Mon-Fri., 9am-5pm
203-696-0085

Southwest Community Health Center

361 Bird St, Bridgeport, CT 06605
Hours: Mon-Fri., 8:30am-5pm
203-330-6000

Yale-New Haven Hospital (AIDS Care Program)

20 York St, New Haven, CT 06651
Hours: Mon., 9am-3pm; Tues., Thurs., Fri., 8:30am-5pm; Wed., 9:30am-3pm
203-688-3298

Norwalk Health Department

137 East Ave, Norwalk, CT 06851
Hours: Mon-Fri., 9am-5pm

HIV/AIDS Statistics

Local Stats: CT Department of Public Health (DPH)

<http://www.ct.gov/dph/cwp/view.asp?a=3135&q=393048>

National Stats: Center for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC)

<http://www.cdc.gov/hiv/topics/surveillance/resources/reports/index.htm>

Other Related Information:

STD info: Fact Sheets, Statistics, STD testing Sites, etc:

<http://www.cdc.gov/std/default.htm>

Substance Abuse: Treatment facilities, etc:

<http://www.ct.gov/DMHAS/site/default.asp>

2-1-1: referral services for the entire state of CT:

<http://www.infoline.org/>

REFERRAL
SOURCES:

TESTING
SITES,
STATISTICS,
ETC...

ABOUT NIA

THE NIA ALLIANCE

GBAPP
158 Mill Hill Avenue
Bridgeport, CT 06610
Tel: 203-366-8255
www.gbapp.org

The Nia Alliance is an initiative with the goal to develop a volunteer network of men and women who are dedicated to learn and respond to the growing HIV epidemic among women of color. In August 2006, GBAPP, Inc. developed a training curriculum to prepare men and women of color to serve as volunteer liaisons to faith-based organization. Objectives for participants completing the training workshop are 1) enhance knowledge of HIV, 2) develop skills to engage peers in HIV-related services, and 3) serve as community liaisons and planning body for HIV awareness events sponsored by GBAPP.

NIA ALLIANCE MISSION STATEMENT

The Nia Alliance is a community mobilization initiative dedicated to equip people of African descent to respond effectively and emphatically to the AIDS epidemic in communities of color through education, advocacy, direct services and community collaboration. Grounded in faith, we recognize the importance of being inclusive and nonjudgmental as we empower our participants to make informed decisions.

For more information regarding the Nia Alliance and GBAPP, please contact:

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Would you like to contribute to the newsletter?

Please email your article, event, pictures, etc to nkingwood@gbapp.org by the 10th of each month.

