



THE NIA ALLIANCE NEWSLETTER

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NIA LIVE—SPREADING THE WORD!!

The Nia Alliance has been blessed with another medium in which to educate the community on issues related to HIV/AIDS! Every Thursday at 4pm ET, Nia's very own Rev Peggy Hill serves as host of Nia Live on 1530AM WDJZ Radio where she spiritualizes her questions to make her guests feel at home as they discuss topics that are of importance to our growing number of listeners.

Since our very first segment, GBAPP, as well as some of our guests, have received phone calls and letters from those in our listening audience requesting prayer and assistance. In keeping in line with our mission and purpose, GBAPP, Nia as well as our guests, have all responded to meet the needs of the community.

Please tune in every Thursday afternoon to 1530AM WDJZ Radio at 4pm to support Nia Live!

Our upcoming guests include:

- ◇ Thu, Oct 8th – Pastor Napoleon Harris will discuss his AIDS Ministry at Shiloh Baptist Church in Norwalk
- ◇ Thu, Oct 15th – Ms. Aleese Moore-Orbih will discuss Domestic Violence and the Black Church

Some of our previous guests and topics have included:

- ◇ Dr CL Stallworth, Pastor of East End Baptist Tabernacle Church discussed The Black Church and AIDS
- ◇ Victoria Dicks of GBAPP discussed local HIV/AIDS community services/ resources
- ◇ Rev. Velva Jean Tucker of the Nia Alliance discussed the impact substance abuse has on the rate of HIV infection
- ◇ The GBAPP staff discussed HIV Prevention services at GBAPP
- ◇ Nancy Kingwood, Bobbi Brown and Rev. Peggy Hill discussed The ASHA Conference
- ◇ Mary Roacher and Margaret Peabody-Jones representing the GBHCC discussed the AIDS Walk
- ◇ Ravinia Hayes-Cozier, Director, Government Relations and Public Policy discussed the role of the National Minority AIDS Council (NMAC)
- ◇ Dr. Jerome Streets discussed AIDS and the Black Church and his recent trip to Africa
- ◇ Dr. Miriam Evans from the Bridgeport Department of Health discussed the state of AIDS in Bridgeport

** Copies of each show are available at no charge. Please send an email to neenee67@optonline.net to request your copy**

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BRIDGEPORT'S AIDS WALK - 20 YEARS OF WALKING FOR A CURE

“We Will Walk Until There Is a Cure”

GBHCC Announces Our:

20th Annual AIDS Walk (3.2 miles)

Promoting Education, Prevention and Awareness

Saturday, October 10, 2009

9:00am-3:00pm

Kickoff at McLevy Green:

Registration begins promptly at 8:00am

**Free Giveaways, Music, Poetry, and Displaying of
AIDS Quilts, and Memory Quilt Available (to sign)**

Walk begins at 10:30am

Contact: Mary E. Roacher (203) 953-3372/ (203) 530-5198

or

Margaret Peabody-Jones (203) 332-6747/ (203) 218-2007



NIA EVENTS - WE LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING YOU!

Save the Date for World AIDS Day Weekend!

Date: Saturday and Sunday, November 28th & 29th

All other details to be announced

UPCOMING
EVENTS:

ENGAGE!
EDUCATE!
ENJOY!

NIA LIVE!!

NIA IS LIVE ON THE RADIO!!

Listen in to our own Rev. Peggy Hill and her guests as they educate the listening audience of WDJZ about various topics related to HIV/AIDS.

Tune in every Thursday at 4pm on 1530AM!

NIA ON THE WEB



Nia is now on Facebook! You can become a fan at: **Nia Alliance for People of Color**

Online you'll find updates, inspirations, pictures and other relevant information regarding the Alliance. As always, if you would like to submit content, please send your

content to: nkingwood@gbapp.org

RESOURCES: WHERE TO FIND IT...

Need HIV, STD or Static 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 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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NEXT MONTH'S EDITION

Next month we will discuss Cultural Competency and best practice approaches for working with people of different cultures and faiths.

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.