



# THE NIA ALLIANCE NEWSLETTER

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## CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR NEW GRADUATES

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## NIA IS ON THE MOVE!!

BRIDGEPORT'S AIDS WALK—20 YEAR ANNIVERSARY

**“We Will Walk Until There Is a Cure”**



**GBHCC Announces Our:**

**20<sup>th</sup> Annual AIDS Walk (3.2 miles)**

**Promoting Education, Prevention and Awareness**

**Saturday, October 3, 2009**

**(Rain date 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](mailto: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.

## THE NIA ALLIANCE

GBAPP  
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### 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](mailto:nkingwood@gbapp.org) by the 10<sup>th</sup> of each month.

