



GOLDEN RULE SERVICES PRESS RELEASE

4433 Florin Road, Suite 860, Sacramento, CA 95823
goldenruleservicesacramento.org

Clarmundo Sullivan, Executive Director
916-427-4653, clarmundos4grs@aol.com

March 10, 2019

NATIONAL WOMEN'S AND GIRL'S HIV/AIDS AWARENESS DAY

SACRAMENTO, CA — Women account for 19% of new HIV diagnoses. Of these, 87% are attributed to heterosexual sex and 12% to injection drug use. But among white women, 28% of new HIV diagnoses were attributed to injection drug use. The proportion of AIDS diagnoses reported among women has more than tripled since the early days of the epidemic, from 7% in 1985 to 24% in 2016.

Of the total estimated number of women living with diagnosed HIV at the end of 2015, 59% were African American, 19% were Hispanic/Latina, and 17% were white. African Americans and Hispanics represent 30% of people in the U.S. but they account for approximately 78% of women living with HIV.

It's important that every woman protect herself from getting HIV, no matter what her race or ethnicity. The national strategy to fight HIV/AIDS encourages all women and girls older than 15 get tested at least once to find out their HIV status.

Golden Rule Services encourages all women to learn more about HIV/AIDS, obtain a free rapid HIV antibody test, enter treatment as soon as possible if HIV positive, and get involved in the fight against HIV/AIDS.

On this National Women's and Girl's HIV/AIDS Awareness Day we encourage every sexually active woman and girl to call 916-427-4653 to set-up an appointment with us to get your FREE HIV screening test.

MBC