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## **NATIONAL TRANSGENDER HIV/AIDS AWARENESS DAY IS APRIL 18**

SACRAMENTO, CA — April 18 is National Transgender HIV & AIDS Awareness Day. In the United States, it is estimated that around 1.4 million adults identify as transgender. Transgender women are at high risk of having HIV and of contracting HIV. Transgender women of color, especially Black/African American and Hispanic/Latina women, experience disproportionately high rates of HIV. There is a gap in research on HIV and transgender men; few studies have gathered HIV prevalence data for this population.

The estimated percentage of transgender women living with HIV in the United States was 22% among transgender women sampled. Among the 3.3 million HIV testing events reported to CDC, the percentage of transgender people who received a new HIV diagnosis was more than 3 times the national average.

For over 18 years, Golden Rule Services has successfully provided a variety of award -winning HIV and STD education, prevention, risk reduction and other important services. Our mission is to reduce health, education, employment and criminal justice disparities within diverse and underserved communities through the provision of culturally competent programs and resources. GRS supports the Getting To Zero Strategy: a plan that strives to achieve zero HIV infections, zero AIDS deaths and zero HIV/AIDS stigma.

**We encourage everyone to come out and get educated, get tested, get involved, and get treated around HIV/AIDS at our offices at 4433 Florin Road Suite 860, Sacramento, CA 95823. You do not need to make an appointment, although for faster service we do encourage you to call and schedule a time with us.**