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NATIONAL YOUTH HIV/AIDS AWARENESS DAY IS APRIL 10

SACRAMENTO, CA — April 10 is National Youth HIV & AIDS Awareness Day. Youth with HIV are the least likely out of any age group to be linked to care and have a suppressed viral load. Addressing HIV in youth requires us to provide young people the information and tools they need to reduce their risk, make healthy decisions, and get treatment and care if needed.

Current statistics show that 80% of new HIV diagnoses occur in young people aged 20 to 24. 81% of HIV diagnoses were among youth with infections attributed to male-to-male sexual contact. African Americans accounted for 54% of infections attributed to male-to-male sexual contact, Hispanics/Latinos accounted for 25%, whites accounted for 16%, and other races/ethnicities accounted for 5%.

For over 19 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.