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National Transgender HIV/AIDS Awareness Day Is April 18

SACRAMENTO, CA — Please join us in recognizing National Transgender HIV Testing Day, to promote HIV testing, prevention, and treatment for transgender people and encourage local testing events that serve transgender communities.

Ensuring that HIV testing, prevention, and treatment initiatives reach transgender people is important, as more than 2,300 HIV infections were diagnosed among transgender people from 2009 to 2014. Of these, 52% were among blacks/African Americans, and 44% were among people living in the South.

In particular, transgender women are at high risk for HIV, accounting for 84% of these diagnoses. An estimated 22% of transgender women in the United States are living with HIV, and the percentage is much higher (an estimated 56%) among black/African American transgender women. Though data are limited, transgender men who have sex with men may also be at high risk for HIV.

We encourage transgender people to get tested for HIV and take steps to keep themselves and their partners healthy. With HIV prevention partners and transgender communities working together, we can build on the momentum of this day to reduce HIV infections among transgender people.

Call 916-427-4653 to set-up an appointment for your FREE HIV screening test. with Golden Rule Services.