

# **HIV/AIDS PREVENTION WEB SITES FOR COMMUNITIES OF COLOR**

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## PREFACE

While new treatments have significantly reduced the number of AIDS-related deaths, data from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) show that new HIV infections remain unacceptably high. There are an estimated 800,000 to 900,000 people currently living with HIV in the United States, with approximately 40,000 new HIV infections occurring each year. Newly diagnosed HIV infection cases are disproportionately represented in people of color. As HIV infection rates in communities of color continue to rise, health professionals and community-based organizations must increase efforts to disseminate culturally relevant prevention education information and materials.

The Internet is a good starting point for finding current, culturally relevant resources, including educational materials, best practices, funding information, newsletters, and medical journals/databases. Additionally, the Internet provides 24-hour availability and access to newsgroups and listservs for people with similar concerns. Anyone with an Internet connection can access valuable prevention information.

The National Library of Medicine's Specialized Information Services Division is providing this document to health care professionals and community-based organizations to increase awareness of the wealth of prevention information and educational materials focused on communities of color that is available on the Internet. This information can be used to educate those with HIV/AIDS and those who have not been exposed to effective prevention messages, and may be of special interest to those in rural areas without access to a large health library and those who wish to find information anonymously to protect their privacy.

This document is also available on the Web at <http://www.orau.gov/meo/manuals/prevention>.

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