

HIV Prevention for Hispanics/Latinos: CDC Activities and Resources

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[Announcer] This podcast is presented by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. CDC – safer, healthier people.

[Dr. Antonia Novello] And before we take viewers' questions, Dr. Romaguera has some important information about CDC activities and resources that will be related to HIV prevention among Hispanics and Latinos. Dr. Romaguera.

[Dr. Raul Romaguera] CDC is engaged in a wide range of activities to decrease the incidence of HIV/AIDS among Hispanics and Latinos. For example, CDC conducts epidemiological and behavioral research focused on Hispanics/Latinos. It supports HIV testing, prevention with positives and at-risk Hispanic and Latino populations that are conducted by community-based organizations, state, territorial and local health departments. It provides effective evidence-based interventions to organizations serving Hispanic/Latino populations. It adapts and translates interventions into Spanish for use by local programs as appropriate for Hispanic and Latino populations, and provides culturally appropriate capacity building assistance to programs that serve Hispanics and Latinos through partnerships at many levels. In 2002, to further recognize the importance of having research and programs that are culturally competent, CDC established the Minority HIV/AIDS Research Initiative. This program creates partnerships between CDC epidemiologists and researchers who are members of minority racial and ethnic groups and who work with communities of color.

In 2007, CDC established an internal committee to develop a national plan of action to reduce new HIV infections among Hispanics and to increase access to culturally appropriate prevention, care, and treatment. The plan will focus on enhancing research, policy, and community involvement to increase capacity to deliver HIV prevention to Hispanics in the United States. And CDC plans to expand its partnerships with other federal agencies, state and local health departments, academic institutions, and community-based organizations to identify specific steps to implement the national plan of action.

If you'd like more information about these programs, please visit cdc.gov and go to HIV resources and a viewer hand-out for today's program is available at the broadcast website. The handout lists recommended reading and web sites about effective interventions, materials, and technical assistance.

For a transcript of this broadcast in English and Spanish, please visit the broadcast website after December 1st. I have provided a brief summary of CDC activities and resources related to today's topic. If you have any additional HIV prevention needs, we recommend that you periodically visit our web site and contact your local and state HIV prevention community planning group and the HIV/AIDS coordinator at your local and state health department.

[Announcer] To access the most accurate and relevant health information that affects you, your family and your community, please visit www.cdc.gov.