

Directory of Black/ African American Resources

NASTAD has long prioritized addressing racial and ethnic health disparities as an overarching goal of its work, setting the stage for forward movement toward policies and programs that seek to reduce health disparities and promote health equity in vulnerable, yet resilient populations. HIV/AIDS and viral hepatitis continue to have a devastating impact on domestic Black/African American communities, with one in 16 Black men and one in 30 Black women being diagnosed with HIV in their lifetime. Most new HIV infections in the United States occur among men who have sex with other men and African American youth. The [National HIV/AIDS Strategy](#), introduced in 2010, provides the template for NASTAD's on-going work with Black and African American communities. NASTAD has worked with health departments and their community partners to develop and implement timely and relevant tools and resources to effectively address HIV/AIDS at the national, state and community levels.

General objectives of NASTAD's work to address health inequities include:

- Increase leadership and develop the programmatic skills of minority staff in state and local health departments;
- Develop policy and program recommendations that enhance state and local health departments' response to racial and ethnic minority communities;
- Encourage state and local health departments to enhance synergy with community stakeholders in order to share ideas and lessons-learned;
- Examine challenges and barriers that health departments and communities face as they develop and administer effective programs targeting racial and ethnic minority communities; and
- Reduce stigma and create more culturally appropriate approaches to HIV/AIDS, viral hepatitis and sexually transmitted disease (STD) prevention, care and treatment activities through jurisdiction program examination.

NASTAD utilizes several mechanisms and mediums to communicate, inform, educate and collaborate with our health department staff and community partners serving Black/African American communities including:

- Peer-to-peer technical assistance;
- Technical assistance (TA);
- Surveys and program assessment;
- Meetings;
- Issue briefs and policy documents;
- Trainings; and
- Work groups, committees, and various listservs.

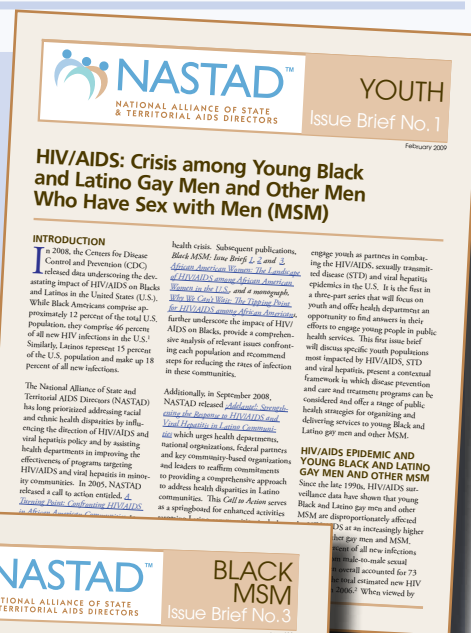
The following is a comprehensive inventory of the resources available to health departments and community providers working with Black/African American communities.



ISSUE BRIEF SERIES:

NASTAD's issue briefs provide a succinct, easy to read discussion or summary of relevant topics or survey data. Several issue briefs have been produced over the course of the last four years. Here is a listing of issue briefs developed specific to Black/African American youth, women and men who have sex with men:

- [Youth Issue Brief 1: HIV/AIDS: Crisis among Young Black and Latino Gay Men and Other Men Who Have Sex with Men \(MSM\)](#)
- [African American Women's Issue Brief No. 1: The Landscape of HIV/AIDS Among African American Women in the United States](#)
- [African American Women's Issue Brief No. 2: Black Women and HIV/AIDS: Findings from Southeast Regional Consumer and Provider Focus Group Interviews](#)
- [Black MSM Issue Brief No. 1: Standing At the Crossroad of the HIV/AIDS Epidemic in the United States](#)
- [Black MSM Issue Brief No. 2: Survey of Health Department HIV Prevention Activities Directed Toward Black Men Who Have Sex with Men \(MSM\)](#)
- [Black MSM Issue Brief No. 3: Findings from Targeted Interviews on HIV Prevention Activities Directed Toward Black Men Who Have Sex With Men \(MSM\)](#)



OTHER DOCUMENTS OF SIGNIFICANCE:

[African American Researchers' Directory](#)

The *African American Researchers' Directory* is a "living document" of scientists/ researchers who perform work relevant to Black/African American populations and HIV/AIDS. This document is intended for:

- State and local health departments, CBOs and other HIV service providers to access researchers related to specific Black/African American populations; and
- Individuals looking for collaborative partners in research to define and develop effective, science-based interventions for Black/African American populations.

[Why We Can't Wait: The Tipping Point for HIV/AIDS Among African Americans](#)

NASTAD released this updated version of its 2001 African American Monograph in 2007. The original document, "*HIV/AIDS: African American Perspectives and Recommendations for State and Local Health Departments*," was released to increase

synergy between the public health system and African American communities in order to halt the devastation of HIV/AIDS. Consistent with NASTAD's updated strategic map and the overarching priority of addressing racial/ethnic health disparities, an ever-changing political landscape, and the advent of new technologies, this updated monograph seeks to further heighten the response to HIV/AIDS in African American communities by calling for coordinated and decisive action among health departments and the jurisdictions they serve.

[A Turning Point: Confronting HIV/AIDS in African American Communities](#)

In 2005, NASTAD released this Call to Action, which focuses attention on the devastating impact of HIV/AIDS on African Americans in the U.S., and calls on state and local health departments, African American leaders, federal agencies, and policy makers to strengthen their responses to this public health crisis.

TOOLS TO ADVANCE COMMUNITY CHANGE: A POLICY TRAINING

Tools to Advance Community Change is a full-day advocacy training designed to provide strategies to engage decision-makers and foster community mobilization. The training is also designed to:

- Direct specific actions toward coalition building for the purpose of influencing policy-makers to change health policies, positions and/or programs;

- Build skills in policy education;
- Increase the use of available data to inform the policy education process; and
- Encourage effective policy education efforts.

MEDIA TOOLS:

NASTAD's Black Gay Men's Podcast Series: *Connecting the Dots*

NASTAD Podcast: BGM #1

Part one explores the influences of identity, masculinity and femininity and sexual objectification and mystique of Black gay men.

NASTAD Podcast: BGM #2

Part two of the *Connecting the Dots* podcast series explores racism, gender identity and sexual roles.

NASTAD Podcast: BGM #3

Part three of the *Connecting the Dots* podcast series explores pop culture and media.

NASTAD Podcast: BGM #4

Part four of the podcast series explores self-value and power and privilege, and will discuss how all issues covered in the podcast series work directly and indirectly to influence the health and wellness of Black gay men.

Street Conversations: Black Women's Perspectives on HIV

In 2010 NASTAD released a video toolkit entitled, *Street Conversations- Black Women's Perspectives on HIV*. In 2009, NASTAD distributed mini personal video recorders to members located in selected southern jurisdictions to interview Black women in their community about the effects of HIV/AIDS. The video highlights the perspectives of Black women in the south, and provides an opportunity for health department staff to engage and discuss relevant issues affecting Black women in their jurisdictions. This resource is intended to foster dialogue on strategies to better serve Black women in jurisdictions. The toolkit consists of a ten minute video and a discussion guide for the facilitator, which is ideal for a one-hour brown bag lunch time discussion.

Street Conversations-Gay Men and HIV/AIDS: Is Prevention Working?

NASTAD released the video toolkit *Street Conversations-Gay Men and HIV/AIDS: Is Prevention Working* in 2010. In 2010, NASTAD took to the streets and spoke to gay men about the effects of HIV/AIDS prevention. The video highlights the perspectives of gay men in Washington, DC, and provides an opportunity for health department staff to engage and discuss relevant issues affecting gay men in their jurisdictions. This resource is intended to foster dialogue on strategies to better serve gay men in your jurisdiction. The toolkit consists of a ten minute video and a discussion guide for the facilitator, which is ideal for a one-hour brown bag lunch time discussion.

HIV/AIDS and viral hepatitis continue to have a devastating impact on Black and African American communities and require our full commitment to change the tide of the epidemics. NASTAD remains steadfast and committed to providing accurate, timely and innovative ideas and solutions, including engaging in partnerships that foster and encourage collaboration and coordination in order to have a greater impact and combine resources. An example of this is the [Statement of Urgency](#) issued between NASTAD and the National Coalition of STD Directors (NCSDD) in 2010. The Statement of Urgency highlights and emphasizes the need for an aggressive response to the crisis of HIV/AIDS and STDs among gay and bisexual men of all races and ethnicities.



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