



National African Immigrant and Refugee HIV and Hepatitis Awareness (NAIRHHA) Day

Lead Organizations

- Multicultural AIDS Coalition (MAC)
- Africans For Improved Access (AFIA) Program
- Hepatitis B Foundation
- Coalition Against Hepatitis for People of African Origin (CHIPO)



Goals of NAIRHHA Day

- **raise awareness** about HIV/AIDS and viral Hepatitis to eliminate stigma
- **learn** about ways to protect against HIV, viral Hepatitis and other related diseases
- **take control** by encouraging screenings and treatment, including viral Hepatitis vaccination
- **get involved** by advocating for policies and practices that promote healthy African immigrant families, communities and individuals



Importance of NAIRHHA Day

The current 13 federally recognized HIV awareness days are inclusive but not specific in addressing the determinants that fuel the epidemic in this population.

- Risk factors
 - Heterosexual sex
 - Burden on women
- Not enough data
 - Foreign and US born
- Social, cultural and linguistic diversity
- Among hard to reach populations
- Increased stigma



NAIRHHA Day: 2014

- Inaugural city-wide events
- City proclamations
- National petition



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BOSTON CITY COUNCILLOR CHARLES C. YANCEY

NATIONAL AFRICAN IMMIGRANT AND REFUGEE HIV/AIDS AND HEPATITIS AWARENESS DAY

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Petitioning U.S. House of Representatives and 6
others

**Establish the National African
Immigrant & Refugee HIV/AIDS
and Hepatitis Awareness Day
#NAIRHHADay**

September 9th has been designated as National African Immigrant and Refugee AIDS and Hepatitis Awareness Day (NAIRHHA Day); and

purpose of NAIRHHA Day is to bring national and local attention - in a culturally linguistically appropriate manner - to the HIV and viral hepatitis needs of African grants living in the United States; and

an immigrants, unlike those of other communities, do not have a federally
gnized awareness day that promotes education and prevention about HIV/AIDS, viral
titis, and other related diseases; and

of the current health awareness days are inclusive of sub-groups within African
grant communities, but do not comprehensively address the unique social and
ral factors within African immigrant communities; and

number of African immigrants moving to the United States grew from 35,000 in 1990 to over 1.6 million in 2010, according to the US Census; and

many organizations leading efforts to institutionalize National African Immigrant Refugee HIV/AIDS and Hepatitis Awareness Day include: The Cameroon American cil, the African National HIV/AIDS Alliance, the Congressional African Immigrant us Institute, and the Multicultural AIDS Coalition's Africans For Improved Access ram; Be It Therefore

the Boston City Council, in meeting assembled, congratulates the Multicultural Coalition and other organizations for raising public awareness of HIV/AIDS and hepatitis; for educating the community about ways to protect against HIV, viral hepatitis and other related diseases; and for promoting healthy African immigrant families, communities, and individuals throughout the country; and Be It Further

the Boston City Council, in meeting assembled, proclaims Tuesday, September 16,
as National African Immigrant and Refugee HIV/AIDS and Hepatitis Awareness
in the City of Boston.

Refugee HIV/AIDS and Hepatitis Awareness
Big Smelan

2015

NAIRHHA Day: 2015

- Thunderclap
- NAIRHHA Day Toolkit
- Delegation on Capitol Hill in Washington DC
- Press release



NAIRHHA Day Toolkit Request Form

Please return this form to sslopadoe@mac-boston.org.

Name of Your Organization: _____

Address: _____

Phone Number: _____

Contact Person's Name and Email Address: _____

#NAIRHHADay

by National African Immigrant and Refugee HIV/AIDS and Hepatitis Awareness (NAIRHHA) Day

category: **Health**

"HIV and HepB among African immigrants in the US is a "hidden epidemic". Join us! Educate others. Take action.

<http://thndr.it/1INDMr7>



National African Immigrant a...

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SUPPORTERS

130 of **100**

130% of goal supported

SOCIAL REACH

541,656

People

TIME LEFT

Complete

Request Toolkit: Email: cnnaji@mac-boston.org

Resources

NAIRHHA Day Toolkit



**National African Immigrant & Refugee HIV/AIDS
and Hepatitis Awareness (NAIRHHA) Day**

A Toolkit for Partner Organizations and Community Members

Request Toolkit: Email: cnnaji@mac-boston.org

National African Immigrants and Refugees HIV/AIDS and Hepatitis Awareness Day

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2016

NAIRHHA Day: 2016

- OMB Standards for Federal Data on Race and Ethnicity
- National Viral Hepatitis Roundtable (NVHR) blog
- Twitter chat - #AIHHchat



Join us for a Twitter Chat!

 **#AIHHchat**

Tuesday, September 13 • 2pm EST



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@HHS_ViralHep
@AfricanServices
@HepEduProject
@supportichs
@EthnoMedUW
@hepfreenyc
@NVHR1
@hepbunited
@HepBUnitedPhila

2017

NAIRHHA Day: 2017

- National webinar on barriers and strategies
- Official request to HIV.gov (*formerly AIDS.gov*)
 - *Part 1. HIV/AIDS and Hepatitis in African immigrants*
 - *Part 2. Resources, sustainability and evaluation of*
 - *Part 3. Stakeholder involvement in NAIRHHA Day*

NAIRHHA DAY FACT SHEET

The purpose of **National African Immigrant and Refugee HIV and Hepatitis Awareness (NAIRHHA) Day** on September 9th is to bring national and local attention to the HIV and viral Hepatitis needs of African immigrants living in the U.S. in a culturally and linguistically appropriate manner. The creation of a national awareness day will also support the eradication of other epidemics fueling or related to HIV disparities among African immigrants, including Tuberculosis, Substance Use and Mental Health. On September 9th for NAIRHHA Day, organizations, communities, families and individuals will:

- raise awareness about HIV/AIDS and viral Hepatitis to eliminate stigma
- learn about ways to protect against HIV, viral Hepatitis and other related diseases
- take control by encouraging screenings and treatment, including Hepatitis B vaccination
- get involved by advocating for policies and practices that promote healthy African immigrant families, communities and individuals.



WHY IS ANOTHER



2018

NAIRHHA Day: 2018

- A panel discussion on HIV and Hep B Stigma Among African Immigrants
- Social media campaign



#STOPSTIGMA



#STOPSTIGMA



“Nobody tells you when you first find out that you have Hepatitis B or are HIV/AIDS positive **that you will be discriminated against and stigmatized** because of the viruses that we carry... **Just know that you are not alone. We are warriors and we keep fighting.** Don't give up or lose hope.”

BRIGHT A.
#JUSTB STORYTELLERS
HEPATITIS B FOUNDATION



“Many of our **cultural practices affect how we view infectious diseases like hepatitis B** since they have the potential be spread through sexual contact. For this reason, many in our communities are **reluctant to get screened or even talk about the disease.**”

MOHAMMED ABDUL-KADIR, MPH, MAIS
HEPATITIS B COALITION OF WASHINGTON COORDINATOR
NW REGIONAL DIRECTOR OF THE NATIONAL TASK FORCE ON
HEPATITIS B

Challenges

- Website
- Tracking engagement in NAIRHHA Day
- Support from national and federal organizations
- Community initiatives for promoting NAIRHHA Day
- Provider engagement
- Advocacy for NAIRHHA Day



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September 9th



ACTION STEPS!

- Talk with your local health departments and HIV/hepatitis organizations
- Contact the HIV.gov Team at @HIVGov
- Plan for 2019!
- Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/NAIRHHA>
- Twitter: @NAIRHHADay

Thank you!