

## About this *Directory*

The Office of AIDS Administration, Alameda County Public Health Department, is committed to working in partnership with the community to eradicate the transmission of HIV, stop the spread of AIDS, and provide care and treatment for people living with HIV/AIDS.

We believe that when individuals can easily obtain accurate information about available resources, they are better able to make decisions, advocate for themselves and improve their health, well-being and standard of living. We hope that this updated *2008 Positive Resources Directory* will assist consumers to more easily access the health and human services available in Alameda County.

### **Purpose of the *Directory***

Positive Resources identifies resources available to meet the human service needs of persons living with HIV/AIDS in Alameda County, as well as provides information for HIV education and prevention services.

### **General criteria for inclusion are:**

- Governmental or private non-profit organization providing health care, social services, legal assistance, vocational training, counseling, etc.
- Located in Alameda County or a key agency outside the county that provides services to county residents.

### **The following categories generally are not included in the *Directory*:**

- Private, for-profit service providers
- Professional organizations
- Housing facilities, except those with accommodations and/or services for people living with HIV/AIDS

Inclusion of an agency does not imply endorsement, nor is exclusion a reflection on the value or quality of an agency's services. New agencies, or agencies that we only recently became aware of, may not be included simply because their information was not received in time.

Agencies listed in this *Directory* were contacted between December 2006 and March 2008. Information in this *Directory* reflects the information that the agency provided to the Office of AIDS Administration.

New services are constantly being added to the database and we welcome information about new agencies or programs. We urge users to contact the Office of AIDS Administration about omissions, additions or changes in the services listed in this *Directory* or about possible new listings. See the ***Suggestion Sheet*** at the end of this *Directory*.

# How to use this *Directory*

## *Using Positive Resources*

This *Directory* contains agency and program descriptions arranged alphabetically by their complete formal names. Public agencies are listed under their political jurisdiction, e.g. “Alameda, County of” or “Oakland, City of”. Programs are listed under their parent agency. Each entry includes the names, address, phones, website, days and hours, fees, eligibility, geographical area served, nearest public transportation, accessibility for the disabled and languages spoken by staff. A brief narrative about each agency describes services offered.

Providers and consumers of HIV/AIDS related services are our target population.

Two indexes are provided to assist you in locating appropriate resources:

- 1. Agency/Program Name Index (Pages 4 through 6)** lists HIV service providing agencies alphabetically by their complete formal names
- 2. Services Category Indexes (Pages 6 through 11)** list agencies by the kinds of services provided. An agency will be listed under each of the following service categories which describe a service that they offer.

AIDS Drug Assistance Program	Housing Services
Alternative Health Care	Immigration Services
Benefits / Entitlement Counseling	Legal Assistance Service
Case Management	Mental Health Services
Dental Care	Pastoral Care & Counseling / Spiritual Support Services
Disability Services	Primary Care / Medical Services
Education and Prevention	Re-entry / Ex-Offender Programs
Employment Services	Respite / In-Home Support Services
Financial Assistance Services (Food, Housing, Transportation & Utilities)	Shelter
Food Services	Substance Abuse Services
Harm Reduction / Needle Exchange	Support Groups
HIV Counseling & Testing	Treatment Adherence
Hospice	Van Transportation
Hotlines / Information and Referral	Youth

The OAA periodically revises this *Directory* to reflect the changes and updates in our community. We acknowledge the fact that our community is constantly changing and by the time this publication is distributed some things may have already changed. We appreciate your patience and feedback on this matter, as we rely on your input to further improve the *Directory* in future years. See the ***Suggestion Sheet*** on the page 250.

### **How to obtain additional copies of the new *2008 Positive Resources Directory*?**

For a CD-ROM copy, contact the OAA at (510) 268-7630. The *Directory* is posted on the Alameda County Public Health Department's website under Data & Reports – HIV/AIDS @ <http://www.officeofaids.org>. After you obtain your new *Directory*, please dispose of the old edition in an environmentally friendly manner such as recycling.

## **Overview of the Oakland TGA**

This ***2008 Positive Resource Directory*** will serve as a resource guide to HIV/AIDS related services in Alameda County, surrounding counties and in some cases National services. The *Directory* covers various kinds of local services, community based organizations, collaborative efforts, national and informational services and websites.

This *Directory* is inclusive of, but not limited to, the Oakland Transitional Grant Area (TGA).

The Oakland TGA is a geographically large, multi-jurisdictional entity comprising the health departments of Alameda County, Contra Costa County and the City of Berkeley. The size of the TGA, differences in health services among its health jurisdictions and variation in the epidemic's demographic profile across the TGA have required different service delivery approaches to insure effective outreach and treatment and equivalence of services across the entire TGA...

The ***OAKLAND, CALIFORNIA ELIGIBLE METROPOLITAN AREA 2006 – 2009 COMPREHENSIVE HIV SERVICES PLAN*** identified the following care and treatment goals for the Oakland TGA:

1. To ensure access to a comprehensive coordinated TGA-wide continuum of HIV care that incorporates HIV prevention activities.
2. To ensure parity of HIV service access throughout the Oakland TGA through culturally competent services that strive to reach all HIV+ people in our region.
3. To ensure that persons with HIV have access to high quality evidence based system of care that measures health outcomes and incorporates continual assessment and planning.
4. To support a comprehensive, coordinated continuum of HIV care throughout the Oakland TGA

The new **Ryan White HIV/AIDS Treatment Modernization Act of 2006** consists of the following five parts which are explained in greater detail by the **HIV/AIDS Bureau (HAB), Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA)**, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, at [www.hab.hrsa.gov](http://www.hab.hrsa.gov).