

CONNECTIONS

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Director's Update

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Greetings NCHHSTP partners and colleagues! I am pleased to share with you the first issue of *Connections* for 2013. As the Acting Director of this Center, I am very proud of its strong legacy of working with partners and colleagues across the country. Your knowledge and input are greatly valued, and we are committed to keeping you up to date on our shared progress. Through *Connections*, you have a cross-cutting view of the Center's products and programs from our five Divisions and the Office of the Director in an at-a-glance format. I would welcome your feedback on how useful this product is to you and your ideas of how to make it even better suited to your needs. Please feel free to take a few minutes to write me with feedback or ideas at the [NCHHSTP Director mailbox](#). Lastly, our search for the permanent NCHHSTP Center Director is underway, and I hope you might help us spread the word about this important position announcement. Please click on this link for more [information](#).

HIV Incidence

CDC released an HIV surveillance report—[Estimated HIV Incidence in the United States, 2007–2010](#)—in December. This report provides data on new HIV infections in the United States. Factors such as age, sex/gender, route of transmission, and race/ethnicity are all included. The report shows that new U.S. HIV infections are stable at about 50,000. However, the data show two noteworthy trends among hard-hit populations. From 2008 to 2010, new cases among African-American women decreased by 21%, which led to a reduction in incidence among women overall. In addition, CDC continued to see troubling increases among young gay and bisexual men—aged 13–24 years—as documented in this report and in the November edition of [Vital Signs](#). Young black gay and bisexual men continue to bear the heaviest burden—and now account for more new infections than any other subgroup. To learn more about new HIV cases, please visit the [Incidence Web site](#).

National Black HIV/AIDS Awareness Day

February 7 is National Black HIV/AIDS Awareness Day (NBHAAD)—a coast-to-coast HIV/AIDS testing and treatment community mobilization initiative targeted at African-American communities. This year marks the 13th annual commemoration of this observance day, which is presented by the NBHAAD Strategic Leadership Council. NBHAAD focuses on four critical areas—getting educated about HIV in order to empower people to take action against HIV; getting tested for HIV to promote knowledge of ones' HIV status; getting treatment if positive; and getting involved in the fight against HIV through awareness events and activities across the country. If you are hosting an HIV awareness event, please don't forget to register your event at the NBHAAD [Web site](#). Also, please join us for a Twitter Chat on February 5 at 2 pm ET. Follow the hashtag #NBHAADchat. CDC also has released three videos on [Factors Driving the HIV Epidemic Among African Americans](#), [HIV Among African American Women](#), and [HIV Among African Americans](#). We invite you to review these.

New from CDC

[NCHHSTP Annual Report](#)

[NCHHSTP Strategic Priorities Dashboard, FY 2012–2013](#)

[Latent TB Infection Fact Sheets \(Isoniazid, Rifampin, and Isoniazid and Rifapentine\)](#)

[“Let's Talk About Sexual Health” Video](#)

Upcoming Events

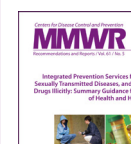
February 7, 2013
[National Black HIV/AIDS Awareness Day](#)

February 9–12, 2013
[Association of Maternal and Child Health Programs Annual Conference](#)

February 15–17, 2013
[Center for Excellence in School Counseling and Leadership's Annual Conference](#)

March 3–6, 2013
[Conference on Retroviruses and Opportunistic Infections \(CROI\)](#)

On the Web



[PWUD Recommendations](#)

