



# HEALTH AWARENESS

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## Today is National Women and Girls HIV/AIDS Awareness Day

From The Black Church & HIV initiative in speaking up about HIV's disparate impact on African American women.

Today is National Women and Girls HIV/AIDS Awareness Day (NWGHAAD), an annual day on which we raise awareness of the unique impact of HIV on women and girls, and the prevention and care resources available to them.

African American women are uniquely impacted by this epidemic: of new HIV diagnoses among women, more than 60 percent are African American. This is a senseless statistic that has impacted countless families and communities across Black America. NWGHAAD is an important reminder that to change the course of the epidemic, we need to break the silence that exists around it.

The Black Church & HIV initiative embraces the power of the church and its deep impact on our communities and the fight for social justice by arming our faith leaders and parishioners with the knowledge and empowerment to drive real change.

If we do not alter the current course of the epidemic, it is projected that 1 in 48 African American women will be infected with HIV in her lifetime – that's compared to 1 in 880 for white women.

Share this graphic on Facebook to arm your community with the powerful knowledge they need to inspire action and change.

We also encourage you to visit our blog where Dr. Marjorie Innocent, Senior Director of Health Programs at NAACP, shares her personal connection to the day: "As women, we are natural caretakers and nurturers for our communities. Today, on National Women and Girls HIV/AIDS Awareness Day, we are reminded of the importance of giving this same care to ourselves, by taking control of our sexual health and inspiring our fellow women to do the same."

Together, we can and must change the course of the HIV epidemic for Black women across the country, and we appreciate your support in this important mission.

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