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ADAP Advocacy Association Prepares to Host 2011 Emergency ADAP Summit in Fort Lauderdale, Florida as the AIDS Drug Assistance Programs Continue to Face Crisis; People living with HIV/AIDS are tired of waiting for the President & Congress to address the crisis

Summit Agenda Now Available Online

For Immediate Release

WASHINGTON, D.C. (January 26, 2011) – The <u>ADAP Advocacy Association</u>, also known as <u>aaa+</u>, today announced that the agenda for its upcoming 2011 Emergency ADAP Summit is available online. This summit, which is themed "**ADAPs in Crisis: Preparing for 2011**," will identify key action steps that can be taken in 2011 to secure additional federal appropriations, programmatic reforms, available private resources and other remedies to move beyond waiting lists under the AIDS Drug Assistance Program (ADAP) and improve access to care for all people living with HIV/AIDS.

"People living with HIV/AIDS are absolutely amazed that this crisis is unfolding in the United States in the year 2011," summarized **Brandon M. Macsata**, CEO of the ADAP Advocacy Association. "They hold the President and Members of Congress – regardless of their political party – responsible for over five thousand Americans living with HIV/AIDS being forced to wait for the very life-saving medications that we know will keep them healthy, productive and participatory citizens in their communities. Our Emergency ADAP Summit reflects the anger and fear that exists today."

To view the Summit agenda, go to <u>http://www.adapadvocacyassociation.org/events_01_2011_agenda.html</u>.

As of January 20th, there were 5,550 individuals in 10 states on ADAP waiting lists, including Arkansas: 23 people, Florida: 2,879 people, Georgia: 873 people, Louisiana: 603 people, Montana: 19 people, North Carolina: 103 people, Ohio: 445 people, South Carolina: 344 people, Virginia: 260 people and Wyoming: 1 person.

To learn more about the 2011 Emergency ADAP Summit, or the ADAP Advocacy Association, please contact Brandon M. Macsata by phone at (305) 519-4256 or email at <u>info@adapadvocacyassociation.org</u>.

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