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## ADAP Advocacy Association Launches Correctional Health Project

### *Improving Access to Care Among Formerly Incarcerated Populations with HIV/AIDS under the AIDS Drug Assistance Program (ADAP)*

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WASHINGTON, D.C. (October 12, 2017) – The [ADAP Advocacy Association](http://adapadvocacyassociation.org), also known as **aaa+**<sup>®</sup>, today announced that it has launched a new project to improve access to care and treatment for correctional inmates living with HIV/AIDS who are transitioning back into community life. The project – “**Improving Access to Care Among Formerly Incarcerated Populations with HIV/AIDS under the AIDS Drug Assistance Program (ADAP)**” – aims to raise awareness about issues confronting formerly incarcerated populations living with HIV/AIDS (and/or Hepatitis C) who also access care and treatment (or whom could benefit from such care and treatment) under the AIDS Drug Assistance Program (ADAP), as well as provide useful resources and tools to the communities serving them.

Janssen Therapeutics, Gilead Sciences, Merck and ViiV Healthcare are funding the correctional health project. It will include several elements, which unfold over the coming months.

“The data on the number of formerly incarcerated populations infected with HIV/AIDS (and/or HCV), in many cases, simply isn’t available. In fact, most states’ epidemiology reports that *did* report HCV numbers didn’t account for incarcerated populations,” said **Brandon M. Macsata**, CEO of the ADAP Advocacy Association. “What data *is* available is woefully out of date, using data four years or older. The data on HIV isn’t much better.”

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) website, updated on March 14, 2017, cites numbers from 2010 – seven years prior to the most recent update. The data cited is obtained from a 2012 report by the Bureau of Justice Statistics (BJS) – revised in March 2015 – that looked at HIV in prisons and jails from 2001-2010. What used to be an annual report with yearly updates from 1993-2008, has apparently been shelved, over the past decade.

To learn more about the ADAP Advocacy Association or its Correctional Health Project, please email [info@adapadvocacyassociation.org](mailto:info@adapadvocacyassociation.org).

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**About the ADAP Advocacy Association:** The ADAP Advocacy Association mission is to promote and enhance the AIDS Drug Assistance Programs (ADAPs) and improves access to care for persons living with HIV/AIDS. **aaa+**<sup>®</sup> works with advocates, community, health care, government, patients, pharmaceutical companies and other stakeholders to raise awareness, offer patient educational program, and foster greater community collaboration.