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## ADAP Advocacy Association Announces Webinar Series in Partnership with the Professional Association of Social Workers in HIV/AIDS

*"Linkages to Care: Promoting Access to Care & Treatment for People Living with HIV/AIDS"*

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WASHINGTON, D.C. (March 20, 2017) – The [ADAP Advocacy Association](#), also known as [aaa+](#)<sup>®</sup>, today announced that it will host a series of educational training webinars over the next several months. The webinar series – held in partnership with the [Professional Association of Social Workers in HIV/AIDS](#) (PASWHA) – is being themed as the *"Linkages to Care: Promoting Access to Care & Treatment for People Living with HIV/AIDS."*

“One of the most important — and arguably most under appreciated — stakeholder groups in the fight against HIV/AIDS are social workers,” said **Brandon M. Macsata**, CEO of the ADAP Advocacy Association. “Social workers specializing in HIV/AIDS-related supports and services often facilitate critical linkages to care for their patients. The webinar series is designed to offer social workers, patients, and others the information, resources and tools needed to better link patients to timely, appropriate care and treatment.”

The webinar series will include the following topics:

- Wednesday, May 31st – **Plugging the Treatment Gap: Navigating Patient Assistance Programs**
- Wednesday, June 28th – **Housing is Healthcare: Linking Stable Housing & Medication Adherence**
- Wednesday, July 26th – **Transgender Healthcare: Removing Barriers to Healthy Cultural Expectations**
- Wednesday, September 27th – **Body & Soul: Combatting the Dual Epidemic of HIV-Infection and Substance Abuse**

“The series offers our members and social workers working in the field of HIV/AIDS care necessary tools and resources to address the ever evolving challenges faced by our clients.” said **Rusty Bennett**, Executive Director of PASWHA. “We are excited about the partnership with the ADAP Advocacy Association and raised awareness on social work's role in ending the HIV/AIDS epidemic.”

Registration is open to all stakeholders. Registration is complimentary for PASWHA members, and it is also complimentary for patients living with HIV/AIDS. All others may register for only \$50 per webinar, or \$150 for all hour webinars. Continuing education credits are pending approval.

To register, go to [www.adapadvocacyassociation.org](http://www.adapadvocacyassociation.org).

To learn more about the ADAP Advocacy Association or its PASWHA Linkages to Care webinars, please email [info@adapadvocacyassociation.org](mailto:info@adapadvocacyassociation.org) or [tony@paswha.org](mailto:tony@paswha.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.

***About the Professional Association of Social Workers in HIV/AIDS:*** The Professional Association of Social Workers in HIV & AIDS (PASWHA) energizes and supports social workers and other professionals providing social work services to impact the infection through education, research, policy/advocacy, networking, and professional development.