

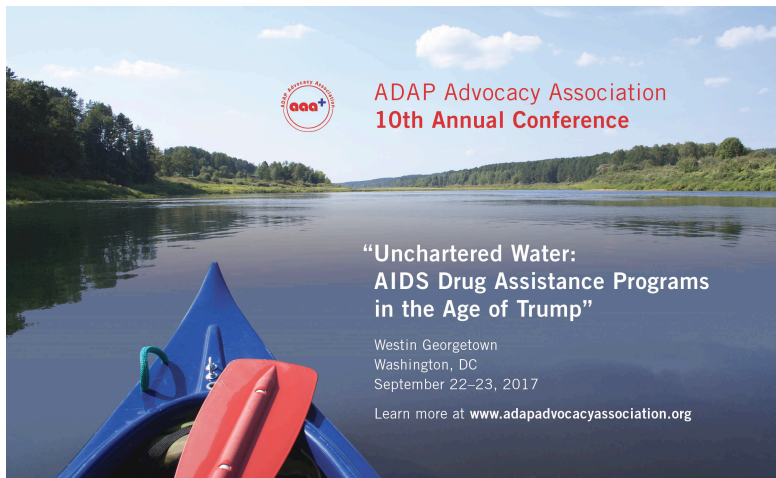


## Promoting & Protecting the AIDS Drug Assistance Program

# ADAP ADVOCACY ASSOCIATION



## 2017 Annual Report



The ADAP Advocacy Association (**aaa+**) is a national 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization incorporated in the District of Columbia to promote and enhance the AIDS Drug Assistance Programs (“ADAPs”) and to improve access to care for persons living with HIV/AIDS.

**aaa+** 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.

The following value statements are the foundational ideals under which **aaa+** operates. **aaa+** consistently strives to achieve them, while encouraging its supporters to do the same.

- That the voice of persons living with HIV/AIDS shall always be at the table and the center of the discussion.
- That HIV/AIDS advocates should welcome the opportunity to join the skills, experience and voices with others on issues of disability and access to adequate healthcare for all Americans.
- That advocacy efforts targeted to our federal government shall always carry the needed messages applicable at the state and local level.
- That messages and information shall be in accessible formats understandable to – and also deliverable by – grassroots advocates in any setting.

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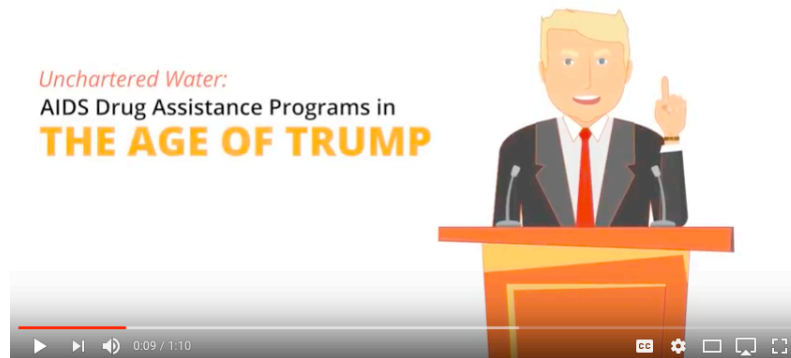
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### SUMMARY:

Last year, 2017, marked the ADAP Advocacy Association's 10th Anniversary, and it certainly wasn't without new accomplishments by our efforts, as well as plenty of political fireworks in Washington. It is clear that the uncertainty present at the start of the year remained as the year came to a close. In fact, World AIDS Day — often viewed as an opportunity to reflect and grow — was widely tempered by the uncertainty being perpetuated by the man occupying the White House. Closing the book on 2017 was truly bitter sweet!

Our World AIDS Day message to President Donald J. Trump summed up the "bitter" part of that statement. In the one year since Trump was sworn into office as the 45th President of the United States, he had wreaked havoc in the hearts and minds of the people living with HIV/AIDS in the United States because he continually demonstrated a flagrant disregard for the public health system designed to help them. The hashtag **#SaveOurCare** had come to symbolize the very real concerns felt by people living with HIV/AIDS (and many others) in this country. However, World AIDS Day provided a unique opportunity to send a stern message to him that the 1.1 million people in the United States living with HIV/AIDS would not tolerate it.



But the year wasn't without the "sweet" moments, and that much should be celebrated! We were proud to partner with the Professional Association of Social Workers in HIV/AIDS to educate social workers and other key stakeholders about some key issues impacting our community. They included experts presenting on various issues, such as patient assistance programs, housing, transgender health, and substance abuse.

Our 10th Annual ADAP Conference lived up to its reputation as being the premier event for people living with HIV/AIDS concerned about the AIDS Drug Assistance Programs. With one of our most diverse line-up of conference speakers, it certainly challenged conference attendees to think outside of the box in the Age of Trump! Last year we had advocates from 23 states in attendance, while also funding 50+ scholarships! We also roasted our organization's founder, William "Bill" Arnold, as our way of saying thank you for his leadership.

In 2017, improving access to care among transgender men & women living with HIV/AIDS under Ryan White/ADAPs was one of our focus areas. To that end, we made available a series of important resources — including an infographic, policy white paper, as well as hosted a Twitter chat.

There were other advocacy activities throughout the year, which can be viewed at [adapadvocacyassociation.org](http://adapadvocacyassociation.org).



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### HIGHLIGHTS:

- Released its Annual Report highlighting 2016 accomplishments;
- Increased the size of the organization's listserv by approximately 8.6 percent;
- Garnered support from thirty-three (33) corporate entities;
- Renewed strategic partnerships with the **Flowers Heritage Foundation, Great Lakes ADA Center, Housing Works, HealthHIV, NeedyMeds, and The Partnership for Safe Medicines.**
- Added new strategic partnership with **PASWHA & RAD Remedy;**
- Added a **Hepatitis C** therapy information to its patient-centric ADAP Directory, <http://adap.directory>;
- Sponsored the Community Access National Network's **2<sup>nd</sup> Annual National Monitoring Report on HIV/HCV Co-Infection;**
- Sponsored the Community Access National Network's Community Roundtable on **Linkages to Care for Current/Former Incarcerated Citizens Living with Hepatitis C;**
- Published an infographic and policy paper under its **Transgender Health Project** & hosted **Twitter Chat;**
- Hosted an ADAP Regional Summit on **Issues facing the AIDS Drug Assistance Program (ADAP) under the Affordable Care Act** in Raleigh, North Carolina;
- Hosted its **10<sup>th</sup> Annual ADAP Conference, Uncharted Water: AIDS Drug Assistance Programs in the Age of Trump** in Washington, DC;
- Hosted its **7<sup>th</sup> Annual ADAP Leadership Awards Dinner**, headlined by **Lynne Maureen Hurdle;**
- Hosted online workshop, **Plugging the Treatment Gap: Navigating Patient Assistance Programs;**
- Hosted online workshop, **Housing is Healthcare: Linking Stable Housing & Medication Adherence;**
- Hosted online workshop, **Transgender Health: Removing Barriers to Healthy Cultural Expectations;**
- Hosted online workshop, **Body & Soul: Combatting the Dual Epidemic of HIV-Infection and Substance Abuse;**
- Seated one new member to its Board of Directors: **Guy Anthony;**
- Funded fifty-nine (59) scholarships;
- Supported fifty-three (53) national sign-on letters addressing various HIV/AIDS and healthcare initiatives;
- Penned Op-Ed published in the Washington Blade, **Drug Importation Policy is a Hard Pill to Swallow;**
- Distributed thirteen (13) press releases;
- Published thirty-four (34) blogs about ADAP and healthcare-related issues;
- Posted one video on YouTube;
- Increased support on Twitter to 4,559 Followers (up from 3,979); and
- 32,594 unique user sessions were logged on its patient-centric ADAP Directory (53.4% increase).



## IMPROVING ACCESS to Care Among Transgender Men & Women Living with HIV/AIDS under the AIDS Drug Assistance Program (ADAP)

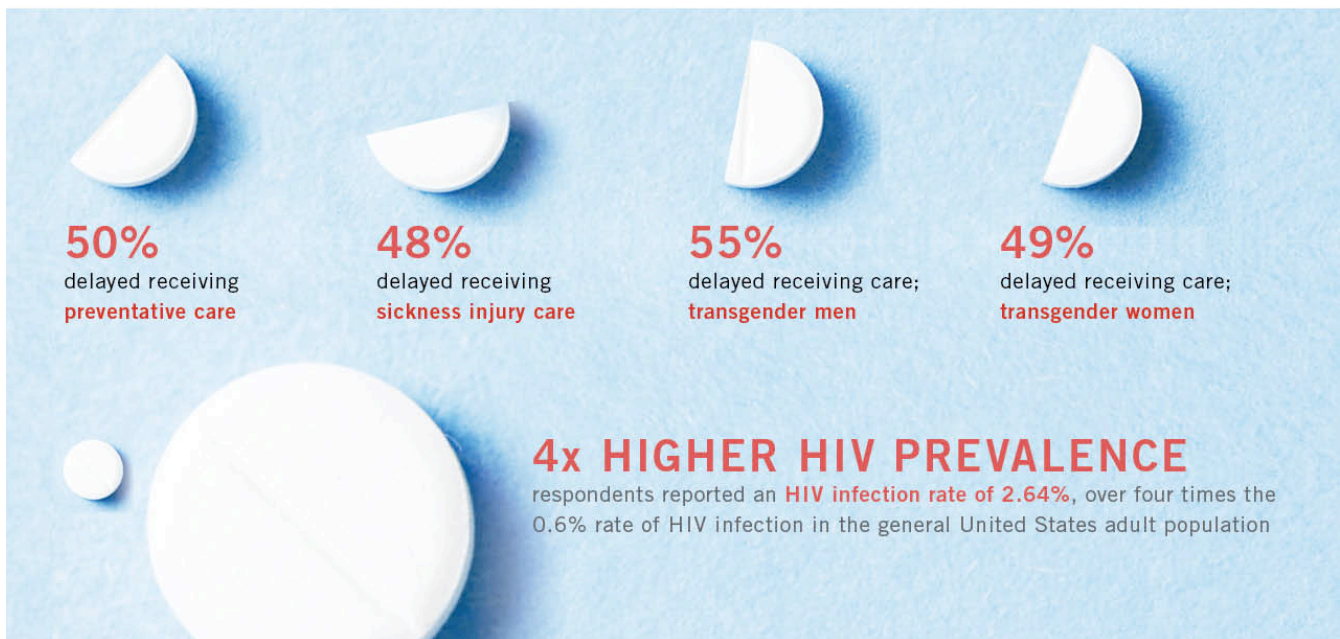
According to a 2011 study\*, barriers to healthcare access included:

**50%** respondents having to **teach providers** about some aspect of their health needs

**28%** respondents being **verbally harassed** by medical staff

**6%** respondents being **physically attacked** in a medical setting

Source: National Transgender Discrimination Survey, 2011.







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### TIMELINE OF EVENTS:

**January 1, 2017** – The ADAP Advocacy Association unveiled its new, mobile-friendly website.

**March 1, 2017** – The ADAP Advocacy Association – together with the Community Access National Network (CANN) – announced that it would host its **10th Annual Conference** on **September 22-23, 2017**. The conference was themed as "*Uncharted Water: AIDS Drug Assistance Programs in the Age of Trump.*"

**March 7, 2017** – The ADAP Advocacy Association announced that it would host an **ADAP Regional Summit** in Raleigh, North Carolina on April 14, 2017. The summit – held in partnership with AIDS Alabama, AIDS Healthcare Foundation (AHF), and the Community Access National Network (CANN) – would focus on specific issues facing the AIDS Drug Assistance Program (ADAP) under the Affordable Care Act.

**March 20, 2017** – The ADAP Advocacy Association that it would host a series of educational training webinars. The webinar series – held in partnership with the Professional Association of Social Workers in HIV/AIDS (PASWHA) – was themed as the "Linkages to Care: Promoting Access to Care & Treatment for People Living with HIV/AIDS."



**April 6, 2017** – The ADAP Advocacy Association released two important resources – an infographic and policy white paper – as part of its ongoing project, "Improving Access to Care Among Transgender Men & Women Living with HIV/AIDS under the AIDS Drug Assistance Program (ADAP)." The project raised awareness about issues confronting transgender men and women living with HIV/AIDS who also access care and treatment (or whom could benefit from such care and treatment) under ADAP, as well as other public health programs.

**April 14, 2017** – The ADAP Advocacy Association convened its ADAP Regional Summit in Raleigh, NC.

**May 4, 2017** – The ADAP Advocacy Association opened nominations for its 2017 Annual ADAP Leadership Awards. The awards would recognize individual, community, government and corporate leaders who are working to improve access to care and treatment under the AIDS Drug Assistance Programs.

**May 24, 2017** – The ADAP Advocacy Association released its 2016 Annual Report. The report also highlighted the mounting uncertainty surrounding the HIV safety net under the Trump Administration.

> Download 2016 Annual Report: <http://adapadvocacyassociation.org/publications.html>



**June 15, 2017** – The ADAP Advocacy Association announced that **Maria Mejia** (left) would deliver the opening keynote at its 10th Annual ADAP Conference.

**June 22, 2017** – The ADAP Advocacy Association announced that Lynne Maureen Hurdle (right), an internationally recognized conflict resolution strategist, would deliver the keynote at its 7th Annual ADAP Leadership Awards Gala.



**June 27, 2017** – The ADAP Advocacy Association hosted a Twitter Chat on transgender healthcare.

**July 27, 2017** – The ADAP Advocacy Association announced the recipients for its 2016-2017 Annual ADAP Leadership Awards. The leadership awards were presented during the 7<sup>th</sup> Annual ADAP Leadership Awards Dinner held on Saturday, September 23rd, 2017, in Washington, DC.



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The award recipients included **Paul Arons, M.D. & Paulette Heath** for Lifetime Achievement; **Britten Pund**, National Alliance of State & Territorial AIDS Directors for "William E. Arnold" Champion; **Khadijah Abdullah**, RAHMA and Muslim Nannies for Emerging Leader; **ViiV Healthcare** for Corporate Partner; **The Resource Group, Inc.** (Houston, TX) for Community Organization; **Honorable Marilyn Avila**, General Assemblywoman (N.C.) & **Honorable Scott Wiener**, State Senator (Calif.) for Lawmaker; **Positively Dee Discussions**, by Davina Conner for Social Media Campaign; **Network Empowerment Project (NEP)** by SERO Project for Grassroots Campaign; and "**America's Hidden H.I.V. Epidemic**" by Linda Villarosa, published in the New York Times on 06/06/17 for Media Story.

**August 10, 2017** – The ADAP Advocacy Association named to its Board of Directors, **Guy Anthony**, Founder of Black, Gifted & Whole.

**September 22, 2017** – The ADAP Advocacy Association added information about Hepatitis C (HCV) drug therapy coverage to its flagship ADAP Directory. The add-on offers a glimpse into the State ADAPs covering HCV drug therapy as part of their approved drug formulary.



> Go to the ADAP Directory: <http://adap.directory>

**October 12, 2017** – The ADAP Advocacy Association 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).

**ADAP Advocacy Association**  
**11th Annual Conference**

**“Mapping a New Course to Protect the Public Health Safety Net”**

Westin Georgetown  
 Washington, DC  
 September 20–21, 2018

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Patient Advocacy Network Fndn. – Associate Member  
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#### **Strategic Partners**

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#### **HIV Community Roast: A Surprise Tribute to Bill Arnold**

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