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ADAP Advocacy Association Releases 2017 Annual Report

Celebrating 10 Years of Promoting & Protecting the AIDS Drug Assistance Program

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WASHINGTON, D.C. (May 2, 2018) – The ADAP Advocacy Association today released its 2017 Annual Report – which reflects on the organization’s ten years of advocacy to promote and protect the AIDS Drug Assistance Program (“ADAP”). The report also highlights ongoing threats to the public safety net and mapping a new course to protect it.

“Last year marked the 10-year anniversary for the ADAP Advocacy Association, built upon an idea by our founder and co-chair, Bill Arnold, and a small start-up grant from Ramsell Corporation,” said **Brandon M. Macsata**, CEO of the ADAP Advocacy Association. “It has bloomed into a national voice for advocates, but throughout these ten years one thing has remained true, that the voice of people living with HIV/AIDS shall always be at the table and the center of the discussion.”

As the national healthcare landscape has changed, so has ADAP and how it serves people living with HIV/AIDS.

According to the National Alliance of State & Territorial AIDS Directors (“NASTAD”), “in CY2015, 47 ADAPs reported using funds for insurance purchasing, representing \$337.6 million in actual expenditures (17% of the ADAP budget) for 124,099 ADAP clients (55%), with an average cost per client of \$2,720.”^[1] Additionally the “majority (77%) of all clients served by ADAPs in calendar year (CY) 2015 were reported as virally suppressed, defined as having a viral load that is less than or equal to 200 copies/mL.”^[2]

A copy of the 2017 Annual Report can be downloaded online:
<http://www.adapadvocacyassociation.org/publications.html>.

To learn more about the 2017 Annual Report, ADAP Directory, or the ADAP Advocacy Association, please email 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+**® 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.

[1] National Alliance of State & Territorial AIDS Directors (May 2017). *National ADAP Monitoring Project: 2017 Annual Report* (p. 43). Retrieved from <https://www.nastad.org/ADAPreport>.

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