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ADAP Advocacy Association Announces 2019 HIV/AIDS Fireside Chats

Retreats designed to assemble key stakeholder groups to discuss pertinent issues facing people living with HIV/AIDS

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WASHINGTON, D.C. (January 23, 2019) – The ADAP Advocacy Association today announced it would host its **2019 HIV/AIDS Fireside Chat Retreats**, assembling key stakeholder groups to discuss pertinent issues facing people living with HIV/AIDS. In continuing the organization's strong commitment to patient-centric advocacy, each will include local patient-advocates to ensure *“that the voice of persons living with HIV/AIDS shall always be at the table and the center of the discussion.”*

The following HIV/AIDS Fireside Chat Retreats will convene this year:

- Monterey, California in March 2019
- Detroit, Michigan in June 2019
- Richmond, Virginia in September 2019
- New York, New York in December 2019

The HIV/AIDS Fireside Chat Retreats will replace the organization's Annual ADAP Conference, which has been held annually since 2007. The change comes in light of the current political environment and the need for more local engagement to influence federal public policy.

“We have long prided ourselves on providing a neutral platform whereby various groups with differing agendas can assemble to tackle the challenges facing our community, notably with respect to Ryan White services and the AIDS Drug Assistance Program,” said Brandon M. Macsata, CEO of the ADAP Advocacy Association. “As we've witnessed our national dialogue boil over into *‘us versus them’* or *‘red versus blue’* or *‘urban versus rural’* or the even more egregious *‘you're either with us or you're against us’*, it is important to remember there is an inherent value in advocacy partnerships. Our Fireside Chats move us one step closer to that goal.”

To learn more about the AIDS Drug Assistance Programs, 2019 HIV/AIDS Fireside Chats, or the ADAP Advocacy Association, please email info@adapadvocacy.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 programs, and foster greater community collaboration.