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ADAP Advocacy Association Announces 2011 Annual Conference; 4th Annual Conference to Focus on Insufficient Federal Appropriations for the AIDS Drug Assistance Programs as ADAP Waiting Lists Continue to Grow

AIDS DRUG ASSISTANCE PROGRAM Crisis: When will Washington come to the rescue

For Immediate Release

WASHINGTON, D.C. (April 5, 2011) – The [ADAP Advocacy Association](http://www.adapadvocacyassociation.org), also known as **aaa+**, today announced that it is hosting its 2011 Annual Conference, together with its Lead Sponsor the [AIDS Healthcare Foundation](http://www.aidshealthcarefoundation.org) (AHF) – in partnership with the [Community Access National Network](http://www.cann.org) (CANN) and [Housing Works](http://www.housingworks.org) – on Tuesday, July 5th - Thursday, July 7th in Washington, DC. This summit, themed "**AIDS DRUG ASSISTANCE PROGRAM Crisis: When will Washington come to the rescue**," will be open to all ADAP stakeholders nationwide. The event represents **aaa+**'s 4th Annual Conference.

The AIDS Drug Assistance Program is in crisis. The purpose of the conference is to identify key action steps to secure additional federal appropriations, programmatic reforms, and available public and private resources to alleviate the ongoing cost-containment strategies that are putting thousands of people living with HIV/AIDS on ADAP wait lists or program disenrollment.

“As we prepare to host our 4th Annual Conference, thousands of Americans living with HIV/AIDS are languishing on ADAP waiting lists as Washington succumbs to partisan politics, spends billions on three unnecessary and costly wars, all while trying to balance the federal budget on the backs of the poor, disabled and elderly,” argued **Brandon M. Macsata**, CEO of the ADAP Advocacy Association. “Both the President and Congress dating back to 2005 have not appropriated adequate federal funding for the AIDS Drug Assistance Program – a program known to provide an excellent ‘Return on Investment’ to the taxpayer. ADAPs improve the nation’s public health system by keeping people living with HIV/AIDS healthy and out of the hospital, but also by reducing transmission of HIV.”

To learn more about the 2011 Annual Conference – including how to register or apply for a scholarship, go to <http://www.adapadvocacyassociation.org/events.html>.

As of April 1st, there were 7,745 individuals in 11 states on ADAP waiting lists, including Arkansas: 51 people, Florida: 3,905 people, Georgia: 1,278 people, Idaho: 11 people, Louisiana: 831 people, Montana: 22 people, North Carolina: 189 people, Ohio: 311 people, South Carolina: 565 people, Virginia: 579 people and Wyoming: 3 people.

To learn more about the 2011 Annual Conference, ADAP waiting lists, or the ADAP Advocacy Association, please contact Brandon M. Macsata by phone at (305) 519-4256 or email at info@adapadvocacyassociation.org.

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