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ADAP Advocacy Association Announces 2011 Virtual Conference Trainings on Pharmaceutical Patient Assistance Programs

“Accessing & Understanding HIV/AIDS Patient Assistance Programs”

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WASHINGTON, D.C. (October 19, 2011) – The [ADAP Advocacy Association](http://www.adapadvocacyassociation.org), also known as **aaa+**, today announced that it is hosting its 2011 Virtual Conference Trainings “**Accessing & Understanding HIV/AIDS Patient Assistance Programs**” in partnership with the [Community Access National Network](#) (CANN), [HealthHIV](#), [AIDS Alabama](#), [Broward House](#) and the [Great Lakes ADA Center](#). The virtual trainings are being held to raise awareness about pharmaceutical patient assistance programs (PAPs), in an effort to alleviate the ongoing crisis facing the AIDS Drug Assistance Programs (ADAPs). There will be an introductory training for ADAP stakeholders who have little or no knowledge about PAPs, and an advanced training for ADAP stakeholders who are well versed with PAPs, but seek additional information.

“As the ongoing ADAP crisis continues to unfold, we’re alarmed at the number of people who are still unaware of the short-term solutions that are available to people living with HIV/AIDS being denied access to treatment under the AIDS Drug Assistance Programs,” summarized **Brandon M. Macsata**, CEO of the ADAP Advocacy Association. “Most notably, patient assistance programs have provided an invaluable resource for hundreds, if not thousands of patients currently on ADAP waiting lists. Therefore, we’ve invited every pharmaceutical company to virtually exhibit and present information about their respective patient assistance programs.”

According to Macsata, a virtual conference provides the most accessible platform for ADAP stakeholders, especially during these tough economic times. No new hardware is needed. Participants only need a PC with a soundcard, headset, and a high-speed connection to the Internet. **[Registration is free!](#)**

- **WHAT:** Virtual trainings on pharmaceutical patient assistance programs for HIV/AIDS medications
- **WHEN:** Level 1 Training = November 16th; Level 2 Training = November 17th (2-3:30pm EST)
- **WHO:** ADAP stakeholders (patients, caregivers, social workers, case managers, pharmacists)
- **WHY:** ADAP stakeholders continue to identify the need for alternative resources

To learn more about the 2011 Virtual Conference on Patient Assistance Programs – including how to register, go to <http://www.adapadvocacyassociation.org/events.html>.

As of October 13th, there were 7,299 individuals in 10 states on ADAP waiting lists, including Florida: 3,389 people, **Georgia:** 1,763 people, **Idaho:** 5 people, **Louisiana:** 790 people, **Montana:** 11 people, **North Carolina:** 58 people, **Ohio:** 0 people, **South Carolina:** 18 people, **Utah:** 51 people and **Virginia:** 1,044 people.

To learn more about ADAP waiting lists, PAPs, 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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