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ADAP Advocacy Association Releases Correctional Health Policy Paper

Policy Paper Promotes Access to Care Among Former Inmates Living with HIV/AIDS under the AIDS Drug Assistance Program (ADAP)

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WASHINGTON, D.C. – The ADAP Advocacy Association today released a comprehensive policy paper as part of its ongoing project, “**Improving Access to Care Among Formerly Incarcerated Populations with HIV/AIDS under the AIDS Drug Assistance Program (ADAP).**” The correctional health project aims to raise awareness about issues confronting formerly incarcerated populations living with HIV/AIDS (and/or Hepatitis C) who also access care and treatment (or whom could benefit from such care and treatment) under the AIDS Drug Assistance Program (“ADAP”), as well as provide useful resources and tools to the communities serving them.

Janssen Therapeutics, Gilead Sciences, Merck and ViiV Healthcare funded the correctional health project. It included several elements, such as data collection, an infographic and numerous blogs. The policy paper is available online at <http://www.adapadvocacy.org/publications.html>.

While this policy paper is an effort to sharpen the scope and focus on the need for improved access to care and treatment for HIV-infection (including co-infection with Hepatitis C) among formally incarcerated populations, it is equally important to widen the lens on incarceration in the United States (“U.S.”). Incarceration rates are highest in the U.S out of any country, which translates to 910 per 100,000 adults (*The Lancet HIV, 2017*). When you factor in the 1.2 million people living with HIV in the U.S, a sixth of this population are entering prisons and jails and also transitioning back into their communities. This sets the stage for an enormous urgency to address the needs of these populations so that the public health system may begin to seal the cracks that they fall through by utilizing accurate assessments, and combining it with proactive case management to link them to care.

To learn more about the ADAP Advocacy Association or its correctional health project, 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.