



Minority AIDS Project

Minority AIDS Project (MAP) is the first community-based HIV/AIDS organization established and managed by people of color in the United States. **Minority AIDS Project** was established in 1985 to address the unmet HIV/AIDS needs of people of color. Since its' inception, more than thirty years ago, **MAP** has provided a unique continuum of services that offers comprehensive wrap around HIV/AIDS prevention, care and treatment support for economically marginalized people of color who experience multiple vulnerabilities and are at high risk of HIV infection or transmission. Until the doors opened at **MAP**, these communities had little or no real access to preventive education and essential health care services. **MAP's mission is “to reduce suffering and deaths due to HIV infection in the African-American and Latino communities by making HIV/AIDS-related health services and education available and accessible to them”.**

MAP's services and educational programs are community-wide and available to all people. However, from the beginning, the primary focus of our services and outreach has been the African-American and Latino communities in Central and South Los Angeles. Our goal is to ensure community based access to respectful and efficient health promotion and disease prevention services through the provision of critical support that works to bridge the gap of services for our multi-ethnic clients.

Minority AIDS Project's approach to Care and Prevention is based on a unique Model of Early Intervention through the use of a Comprehensive and Culturally Relevant Continuum of Care that offers a broad range of services in response to the social, economic and medical challenges facing our community. **MAP** provides comprehensive services to low-income individuals that include: Mental Health Services, Psycho-Social Support, Linkage to Care Case Management, Substance Abuse Screenings, Food, Clothing, Transportation, Health Education Risk Reduction, Transgender Services, HIV Testing, HIV Intervention and Prevention Services, Public Benefits Services, Housing Referrals, Psycho-Social Support groups (mono-lingual & English) and In-Home Nursing/Attendants. Additionally, **MAP** delivers an array of additional educational services to the public including: AIDS 101 Classes, Staff Training in HIV/AIDS issues for Social Services agencies, Speakers for Public Events, Information at Health Fairs and Community Festivals, and Conference Workshops.

MAP staff includes; Program Managers, Coordinators, Certified Case Managers, Licensed Social Workers, Marriage and Family Therapists, Psychiatrists, Registered Nurses, Certified HIV Testing Counselors, Outreach Workers, Health Educators and Administrative Support delivers a broad range of services in response to the dilemmas and difficulties facing those infected and affected by HIV and AIDS.

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