

Finding Resources for People Living with HIV/AIDS

The Federal Government funds a number of HIV/AIDS-related programs. These include education and prevention, counseling and testing, direct medical and social services, and housing. Most of these services are delivered by state and local governments and by local non-profit agencies.

- For a “One Stop Shopping” source of information, go to: www.aids.gov
- For general medical and scientific information, go to: www.nih.gov/topics/AIDS
- For the National Prevention Information Network, go to: www.cdcnpin.org
- For direct HIV/AIDS services (Ryan White Programs), go to: hab.hrsa.gov
- For HIV/AIDS Housing services (HOPWA Programs), go to: www.hudhre.info/hopwa

For people who are at risk for HIV infection:

- There are places that offer the test to see if a person is infected with HIV; the test is confidential and usually available at a low cost—or no cost at all
- Call your local or state health department to find out where those places are
- Go to www.hivtest.org to find a testing site near you

For people who have recently discovered they are HIV positive:

- Medical services are usually provided by a local primary care provider (PCP—a doctor or a clinic) that has experience treating people with HIV infection
- Social support is often provided by a local AIDS Service Organization (ASO). ASOs can help find a PCP as well as provide social support
- Call information (411) and ask for the telephone number of a local ASO
- Go to www.asofinder.com to find an ASO near you

For people with HIV-related illnesses or people diagnosed with AIDS:

- People who are sick with HIV-related illnesses may need help in addition to primary care and social support: they may need case management to help find services such as:
 - Health insurance coverage (such as Medicaid)
 - Disability benefits (such as Social Security Disability or Supplemental Security Income [SSI])
 - Recovery programs (substance abuse treatment)
 - Mental health services
 - Affordable housing
 - Pastoral care
 - Personal care attendants (day-to-day assistance in the home)
- To find agencies that provide case management in your community:
 - Contact a local ASO
 - Contact your local or state health department
 - Go to www.asofinder.com

For people with HIV infection who are seeking faith-based services:

- Many people infected by HIV may want services that are based in religious traditions
- To find out more about faith-based services in your area, contact:
 - Your local minister, priest, rabbi, or imam
 - Traditional faith-based social service agencies in your local area, such as:
 - Catholic Charities
 - Islamic Community Centers
 - Jewish Family Services
 - Lutheran Social Services
- A variety of faith-based resources, including sermon and health communication materials, are offered by The Balm In Gilead: <http://www.balmingilead.org/>

