



**SOUTHERN
AIDS
COALITION**

CDC Funding Gaps in the South

Advocacy Toolkit: Georgia

The Problem

Georgia ranked **10th in the country** in the **number of deaths** among people living with HIV in 2013.¹

Georgia ranked **5th in the country** in the number of people living with HIV in 2013 with 42,067 individuals.¹

The number of men in GA who acquired HIV via **male-to-male sexual contact** increased **by 42%** from 16,986 men in 2008 to 24,101 men in 2013.¹

Georgia ranked **5th the country** in the number of **HIV diagnoses**, reporting 2,247 cases in 2014.¹

CDC Funding Inequities

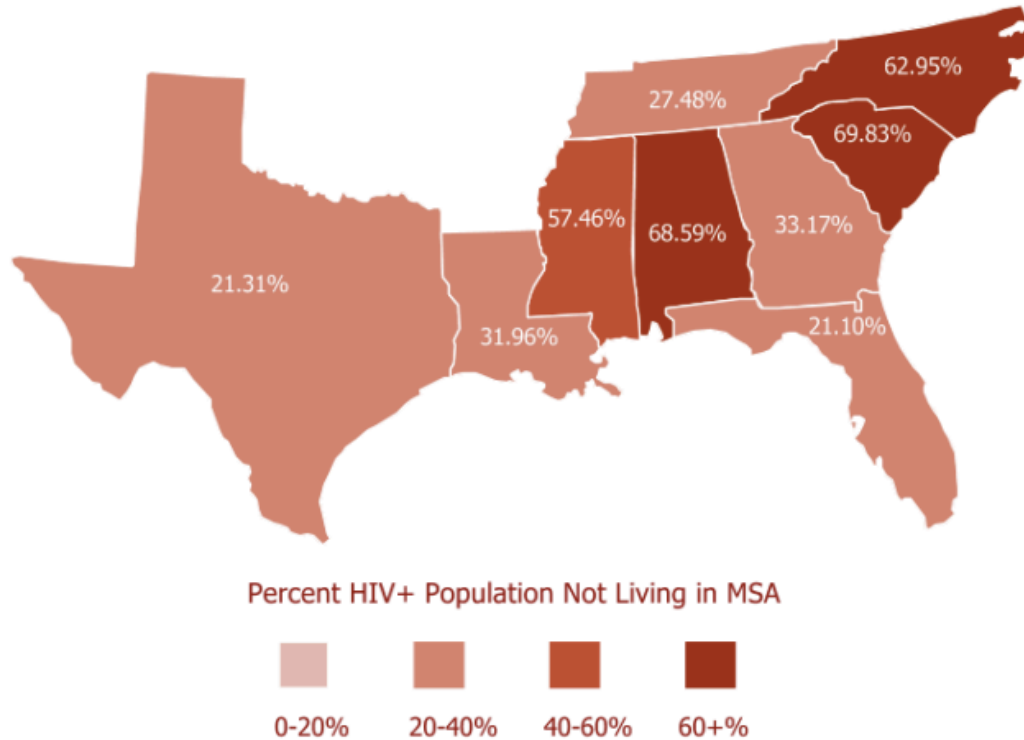
- Community based organizations are especially qualified to provide HIV testing and other prevention services for hard-to-reach communities.
- Community-based organizations **outside** of the Atlanta metropolitan area were **completely left out** in recent HIV prevention funding from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC).² (Grant No. PS15-1502)
- Community based organizations in Macon, Savannah, Columbus, Augusta etc. were **not** eligible for funding under PS15 -1502.²
- **33.1% of people living with HIV** in GA live **outside** the only city eligible for funding.³
- An estimated **37.6% of all new HIV diagnoses** in GA in 2013 were from areas **left out** of funding.³

¹ CDC Atlas Data, <http://gis.cdc.gov/grasp/nchhstpatlas/main.html?value=atlas>.

² CDC FUNDING OPPORTUNITY ANNOUNCEMENT PS15-1502, at 37 (2014), http://www.cdc.gov/hiv/pdf/funding/announcements/ps15-1502/ps15-1502_foa_ammendment.pdf.

³ McALLASTER & FANG, SOUTHERN HIV/AIDS STRATEGY INITIATIVE, ONE SIZE DOES NOT FIT ALL: WHAT DOES HIGH IMPACT PREVENTION FUNDING MEAN FOR COMMUNITY-BASED ORGANIZATIONS IN THE DEEP SOUTH? (2015), <https://southernaids.files.wordpress.com/2011/10/one-size-does-not-fit-all-updated-11-11-15.pdf>.

Percent of People Living With HIV Living in Areas Ineligible for CDC Funding³



What do we want from the CDC?

1. HIV prevention grants for community-based organizations located in smaller cities and rural areas in GA.
2. Community-based organization prevention dollars that are distributed consistent with the geographic distribution of the HIV epidemic.
3. Grants should include the opportunity to get technical assistance for smaller community-based organizations.

Make Your Voice Heard

We are collecting letters to send to Dr. Eugene McCray, Director of HIV/AIDS Prevention at the CDC, from concerned individuals, including people living with HIV, friends and family, and advocates.

Send us your letter by April 1, 2016!

Send to: Southern HIV/AIDS Strategy Initiative, Duke Law School, Box 90360
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