

AIDS in America's goals for Obama

These could be done in first 100 days

AIDS in America, an umbrella HIV/AIDS advocacy group has written the Obama-Biden transition team, requesting that greater attention be paid to the domestic HIV/AIDS epidemic within the first 100 days of Obama's presidency. Here are some of their suggestions to the new president:

- Increase funding for HIV prevention and surveillance by at least \$200 million in fiscal year 2009 and \$877 million in fiscal year 2010 for a total of at least \$1.569 billion.
- Increase overall funding for the Ryan White Program by \$100 million for FY2009 and \$614.49 million for FY 2010 for a total of at least \$2.78 billion.
- Increase funding for the AIDS Drug Assistance Program (ADAP) by \$28.3 million in FY2009 and by

\$134.6 million in FY2010 for a total of at least \$943.5 million.

- Increase funding for Ryan White, Part C, by \$6.2 million in FY2009 and by \$100.5 million in FY2010 for a total of at least \$299 million.
- Increase funding for the AIDS Education and Training Centers by \$600,000 in FY2009 and by \$15.9 million in FY2010.
- Increase overall funding for the National Institutes of Health by \$1.65 billion in FY2009 and by \$4.38 billion in FY2010 and include an increase of \$450 million for HIV/AIDS research.
- Support lifting the federal ban contained in appropriations bills on all syringe exchange programs to allow for the broader implementation and scale up of evidence-based, proven HIV prevention programs for injection drug users (IDUs).
- Support evidenced-based sexuality education by discontinuing funding for abstinence-only until marriage programs, including those funded through the Community-Based Abstinence Education.