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**PHOTOCOPY
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MAP's greatest fear
is that none of their
services will be included
under HCR, & that w/
RW cuts they will have
no funds to provide
these services

MINORITY AIDS PROJECT

FACT SHEET 9/93

The Minority AIDS Project (MAP) is a Community-Based AIDS Organization, located at 5149 West Jefferson Blvd. MAP was established in 1985 by Bishop Carl Bean to address the unmet needs of people of color, afflicted with HIV disease.

MAP has successfully administered programs to thousands of individuals, in all stages of HIV disease in over eight years. Our target populations are African American and Latino/as residing in South Central/Central Los Angeles. MAP's comprehensive program includes a variety of services designed to meet the identified needs of clients. These programs include:

Extensive Outreach and Education/Prevention Service - which provides individuals and groups with information regarding HIV disease, and how to protect themselves against infection. Efforts are made to spread the message to both males and females at numerous sites - in bars, on the street, laundramats, hair salons, and at known gathering places for the homeless and substance abusers.

Youth Service Program (YES) - works with youth "at risk" for gang involvement. Participants are involved in basic skill and job training groups, which include the development of resumes, completing employment applications and interview skills. The psychosocial concerns which often impede their progress is also addressed.

Free and Anonymous Counseling and Testing - provides HIV testing to the general public one day a week.

Mobile HIV Counseling and Testing Unit - provides anonymous HIV testing to participants of substance abuse centers. This program was initiated in July, and the response from treatment centers has been very positive. Pre/Post test Counselors and Phlebotomist of both testing programs are trained and certified by the State of California.

Home-Based Program - clients requiring a higher level of care receive in-home case management and nursing services. Staff includes Registered Nurses and a Social Worker. We have recently hired a second R.N. Case Manager and expect to double the number of clients in this program.

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Psycho-social Support - The program is staffed by psychiatrists, LCSW's and MSW's. Clients may receive psychiatric assessments, psychotropic medication, individual/family therapy, or attend support groups, for men, women, residents of our Residential AIDS Shelter and Spanish Speaking clients.

Residential AIDS Shelter - homeless clients may reside in MAP's seven bed residential shelter for six months while receiving the support required for them to establish more long-term solutions to their housing situations. House Managers insure a safe, supportive environment; The In-home service staff deals with residents medical and psychosocial issues.

Adult Day Program - This is a new program that offers clients with inadequate social support systems an opportunity to participate in recreational and social activities while receiving needed case management, mental health, and/or nursing services.

Case Management - This program has been the core of the Project's Client Service Department. Case Managers conduct indepth intake interviews, assess client needs, and with the client, develops individual service plans. Clients can receive relevant information, medical referrals, assistance with benefit applications and legal issues, advocacy, and needed services either from MAP, or appropriate referral agencies.

Participants in all client service programs are also eligible and avail themselves of housing assistance via our County or City Section 8 programs, Rental Assistance, help with transportation through MTA tokens or taxi coupons, monthly disabledbus passes, visits to our Clothing Bank, and/or Food Pantry.

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50% of clients are homeless, or inadequately housed at intake; at least 42% have pre-existing psychiatric problems, or develop mental health problems after diagnosis of HIV.

Our fastest growing client groups are heterosexual substance abusers, male and female; women with families and children.

Our clients deal with a multitude of psychosocial problems and often can not provide for their basic needs of shelter, clothing, or food without the assistance of MAP.

The outreach and education efforts of our Health Education component and Anonymous Testing Unit has resulted in members of the minority HIV population coming to MAP for assistance. Clients are referred to the agency by hospitals, courts, prisons, substance abuse programs, other AIDS organizations and other clients.

Because our clients are extremely needy, many case management hours are required before clients are stabilized.

The primary needs of our clients at this time is appropriate, and affordable, long-term housing situations, detox and drug treatment, and special supportive services for women, children and families.

MAP strongly believes that all clients, regardless of physical, social or emotional status are entitled to self determination, and respect. Staff is selected not only for their educational qualifications and experience, but also for their ability to relate to clients with sensibility and acceptance.