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New York City Teenage and Young Adult
HIV/AIDS Peer Educators

in conjunction with

The High School HIV/AIDS Resource Center
Lower New York Consortium for Families with HIV
and The Unitarian Church of All Souls AIDS Task Force

present

A Conference of Peer Educators

"Youth Teaching Youth about HIV/AIDS"

Saturday, February 12, 1994
NYU Medical Center

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Wendy Daneri, *Member at Large*
22 years old, Henry Street Settlement
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Consultants

Joe Miller, PWA
Chair, AIDS Task Force, Unitarian Church of All Souls
John McIlveen
Teen Outreach Prevention Service (TOPS) of Bellevue/NYU Medical Center [A Program of the Lower New York Consortium for Families with HIV in partnership with the High School HIV/AIDS Resource Center]

Conference Volunteers

Adults

Martha Anderson, Kennedy Brown, Nessa Darren, Jes Dobkin, Brenda Dressler, Mara Elman, Scott Fried, Richard Haynes, Bill Hoover, Sylvia Hutchison, Jaxi Israel, Rob Lawrence, Gary Lawman, Daniel Rossy, Hilarie Sacatos, Maurice Shroder, Gwen Tarack, Michael Tucker, Deborah Wilkerson, Mark Yawger

Teenagers and Young Adults

Jason Bain, Claire Bassett, Delron Bryan, Jes Dobkin, Bevin Fredericks, Moira Holohan, Tim Horn, Nicole Kirkland, Stacy Kirkland, Maritza Martinez, Danny Singleton, Van Tsui

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More about the Conference Steering Committee

Adrienne Sacatos, *Conference Chair*
1993 graduate of Stuyvesant High School. While taking a year off before entering college, she has immensely enjoyed working on the conference.

Elliot Silverman, *Secretary*
Junior at Bronx High School of Science. Instrumental in the formation of COPE. Establisher of Student Response.

Juan Gastolomendo, *Treasurer*
Student at Bronx High School of Science, where he has done substantial peer education with Student Response. Senior Teen Peer Educator at ACQC.

Kate Barnhart, *Conference Evaluation Chair*
Instrumental in the formation of COPE. Member of Youth Education Life Line. Member of the Board of Directors for the National Child Rights Alliance.

John Won, *Media Co-Chair*
Openly gay Asian teenager. Member of the AIDS Coalition to Unleash Power (ACT-UP). Undergraduate at NYU.

Barbara Adamiak, *Media Co-Chair*
Junior at Stuyvesant High School, where she is Team Leader of the HIV/AIDS Peer Education Team. Student Advisor for BASE Grants (peer education grants program in adolescent health).

Alicia Figueroa, *Logistics Chair*
Twenty-one-year-old Latina. 1991 graduate of Humanities High School. Currently studying at CCNY. Peer educator at Hamilton Madison House.

Nashid Fareed, *Member at Large*
Works at the Empire State Coalition of Youth and Family Services and, in his spare time, writes poetry and plays.

Melodie Kuilan, *Member at Large*
Sophomore at DeWitt Clinton high School. Has received awards from the Bronx Borough President and from Effective Alternatives in Reconciliation Services (EARS) for her work as a positive role model for other youth.

Wendy Daneri, *Member at Large*
Twenty-two-year-old Latina. Employed by Henry Street Settlement. A case-worker for senior citizens.

Alana Agosto, *Member at Large*
Junior at Humanities High School. Enjoys acting and was proud to perform in an AIDS benefit at Teachers College featuring the music of Andrew Lloyd Webber.

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Morning Schedule

8:00-9:00am **BREAKFAST**

9:00-9:30am *Farkas Auditorium*

Welcome by **Adrienne Sacatos**, Conference Chair
Introduction of Conference Emcee, **Maisha Uzuri James**
Welcome by **Dr. Bill Hoover**, Teen Outreach Prevention Service
"small reflection in a bigger world unseen" by **Nashid Fareed**
Proclamation by Manhattan Borough President **Ruth Messinger**
Proclamation by City Council Member **Tom Duane**
Youth Address, **Carrol Millman**

9:45-10:45am **Workshop Sessions — 1**

Living with HIV *Farkas Auditorium*
Open to Adults/Media
Two young people with HIV talk about what it is like to live with the virus.
Carrol Millman, *People With AIDS Coalition of New York;*
Judd Kopicki

AIDS 101 *Education Room A*
Basic answers to HIV transmission/protection. Interaction between audience and facilitators.
Project S.A.F.E. of Project Reach Youth.

HIV Testing: Truth for Youth *Education Room B*
An interactive discussion about the HIV antibody test which includes related issues, emotions, and concerns.
Jaxi Israel, *Teen Outreach Prevention Service of Bellevue/NYU Medical Center.*

Teen Abstinence and Safer Sex *Education Room C*
Come to understand the different facts about Abstinence and Safer Sex, how to protect yourself, as well as the many responsibilities that come with deciding to have sex.
Chrisina Platt, Menesha Jones, *Life Force: Women Fighting AIDS, Inc.*

Peer to Peer: When Someone You Love Has HIV *Education Room D*
By sharing our experiences of having family/friends with HIV, we will develop a "protocol" for ourselves to be better peer educators.
Jen Silverman, *Bellevue Hospital AIDS Program*

Guests and Speakers

Thomas K. Duane is in his second term as a New York City Council member. Tom is the first openly gay elected member of the New York City Council. He is also the first and only HIV+ elected official in the United States and perhaps the world.

Benita Ewing has starred in the Broadway and touring companies of *Dream Girls*, as well as the National and International Tours of *Mamma, I Want to Sing*. Ms. Ewing is currently working on her first album for MCA.

Kristine M. Gebbie is President Clinton's National AIDS Policy Coordinator, and she currently is working to develop the Administration's AIDS policy. Prior to her appointment, Ms. Gebbie served as Secretary of the Department of Health for the State of Washington.

Bill Hoover is an attending physician in the Pediatric Clinics at NYU/Bellevue. Dr. Hoover works primarily in the Pediatric Infectious Disease and Adolescent Clinics. He also coordinates medical services at the Teen Outreach Prevention Service (TOPS) Clinic of Bellevue.

Maisha Uzuri James is a twenty-year-old African Caribbean woman born in Brooklyn. A graduate of City-As-School, Maisha currently works at Hetrick-Martin Institute as a HIV Health Educator. Ms. James is a board member of AIDS and Adolescents Network, and sits on the HIV/AIDS Advisory Council to the New York City Board of Education.

Judd Kopicki, age 23, has been living with HIV for ten years. He is currently studying at the Parsons School of Design. For the past couple of years, Judd has been educating youth about what it is like to live with HIV and ways to prevent HIV infection.

Ruth Messinger, Manhattan Borough President, took office on January 1, 1990. She previously served twelve years in the New York City Council, where she earned a reputation for promoting fair and open government. She has also been a teacher, college administrator and social worker. As Borough President, Messinger has championed crucial health, literacy, arts and economic development projects and played an influential role in Manhattan's land use planning.

Carrol Millman is a twenty-three-year-old who has been living with AIDS for over three years. She has a two-and-a-half-year-old son, and she spends a great deal of time educating youth about HIV prevention, working with groups such as PWAC-NY, the High School HIV/AIDS Resource Center, NJ Buddies, and The Door.

SOUTH BRONX MINISTRY NEIGHBORHOOD DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION *(Tabling)* Founded by eight Lutheran congregations in 1986 to address the problems of the South Bronx community more effectively. The organization seeks to foster community spirit and hope in a number of ways, including educating the community in AIDS prevention and reducing the risk of HIV infection in adolescents, women, and IVDUs. 718-933-1066.

SPINNER *(Tabling)* Spinner Jones is a performer and educator based at Gargoyle Mechanique, one of the few surviving collective underground artists' spaces in the Lower East Side. His performances, as he will gladly tell you, can be done by anyone. They involve nothing more exotic than light sticks, shoelaces, and movement. 212-995-2858.

STAND UP HARLEM *(Workshop)* Self-help, peer-oriented, professionally supported, gay and straight, multicultural, bilingual, holistic and spiritual community that provides HIV/AIDS support to the Harlem community. 212-926-4072.

TEEN OUTREACH PREVENTION SERVICE *(Sponsor, Tabling)* TOPS of Bellevue is comprised of two components: 1) Health Education – TOPS works with the High School HIV/AIDS Resource Center to provide workshops to adolescents throughout NYC in school- and community-based programs; and 2) Medical Services – The TOPS Clinic provides HIV counseling and testing and medical care to teens and young adults. 212-255-2900 or 212-561-6333.

UNITARIAN CHURCH OF ALL SOULS AIDS TASK FORCE *(Sponsor)* Founded in 1985, provides pastoral and direct support to people with AIDS. It is also involved in supporting other educational and direct service groups throughout the city. 212-535-5530.

YOUTH EDUCATION LIFE LINE *(Workshop)* YELL is the committee of AIDS Coalition to Unleash Power (ACT-UP) dedicated to adolescent issues in the AIDS crisis. 212-606-3772.

YOUTHLINE *(Tabling)* Youthline, of the NYC Division of AIDS Services, is a twenty-four hour per day crisis and research information service for youth and youth providers. 1-800-246-4646.

YOUTH OUTREACH UNIT OF THE NYC DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH *(Tabling, Workshop)* Addresses the needs of youth who are infected with HIV, who are at risk for infection, and/or whose family members and friends are infected. The program has four components: education, street outreach, technical assistance and training, and advocacy. 212-285-4627.

10:45-11:00am BREAK

11:00am-12:00noon Workshop Sessions – 2

Living With HIV *Farkas Auditorium*
Open to Adults/Media
Two young people with HIV talk about what it is like to live with the virus. **Repeat of earlier workshop**
Carrol Millman, *People with AIDS Coalition of New York;* Judd Kopicki

HIV and the Immune System: An Introduction to the Science of AIDS *Education Room A*
Open to Adults/Media
HIV 201. An introduction to HIV pathogenesis and treatment for counselors seeking to become involved with HIV health and treatment education and activism.
Craig Sterritt, *Early Intervention Program, St. Vincent's Hospital*

Young Women and Sex: Information for Today *Education Room B*
This workshop offers information and skills of HIV prevention, especially for women. A discussion about the special needs of women will help peer educators develop materials for young women.
Maisha Uzuri James, *Hetrick-Martin Institute*

Get the 411 on HIV *Education Room C*
An informational presentation that covers basic HIV/AIDS, transmission, prevention, and risk reduction.
Gerri Black, Jennifer Calcagno, Giocanda Phillips, Colleen White, *NYC DOH Youth Outreach Unit*

You Don't Need No Degree to Talk to Me *Education Room D*
A proactive workshop using role play, group dialogue, and the experience of participants to develop strategies for peer counseling.
Larry Wharton, *Stand Up Harlem;* Melodie Kuilan, *DeWitt Clinton High School*

12:00noon-1:00pm LUNCH

Afternoon Schedule

1:00-2:00pm **Workshop Sessions — 3**

Youth, AIDS and Activism *Farkas Auditorium*
Learn how to organize in your school and community to get active around AIDS issues.
Kate Barnhart, *Youth Education Life Line;* Andrea Schlesinger, *Board of Education Student Advisory Member*

Outreach to Hard-to-Reach Populations *Education Room A*
For three years, Clinton Peer AIDS Education Coalition (CPAEC) has been doing street-level AIDS education and drug harm reduction outreach. We would like to share our history and insights with other young people who are interested in peer counseling and education.

HIV/AIDS Videos by Youth *Education Room B*
Open to Adults/Media
Youth from Schomburg Satellite Academy High School in the Bronx show and discuss public service announcements made in Dennis Joyce's HIV Video Class. Youth from Satellite Academy in Manhattan (Forsythe Street) show and discuss an HIV prevention video made in Liz Anderson's Beginning Video Class.
Bianca Bargallo, David Charriez, Jennifer Miranda, Keith Outlaw, *Schomburg;* Theresa Zieran, Nick Acevedo, Toni Sandiford, *Satellite (Forsythe Street)*

You're Not Alone *Education Room C*
A forum dealing with peer issues relating to HIV/AIDS. Students relating to issues that relate to daily problems.
Chad Barnattan, Elissa Douchy, Craig Kapilow, Sonya Knapinsky, *Student HIV/AIDS team members from Bayside High School, Queens*

Understanding Homosexuality *Education Room D*
Designed to break down homophobia and understand issues faced by gay and lesbian youth.
Emma Kramer-Wheeler, Manny Osorio, *Hetrick-Martin Institute*

2:00-2:15pm **BREAK**

2:15-3:15pm **Workshop Sessions — 4**

Teen Abstinence and Safer Sex *Farkas Auditorium*
Come to understand different facts about Abstinence and Safer Sex, how to protect yourself, as well as the many responsibilities that come with deciding to have sex.
Juan Gastolomendo, *AIDS Center of Queens County*

GMHC *(Sponsor, Tabling)* Gay Men's Health Crisis, Inc., the world's first AIDS organization, founded by members of the gay community, has as its purposes: maintaining and improving the quality of life for persons with AIDS (PWAs) and symptomatic HIV infection, and their carepartners; increasing awareness and understanding of HIV infection through education and AIDS prevention programs; and advocating for fair and effective public policies and practices concerning HIV infection. 212-807-6664.

HETRICK-MARTIN INSTITUTE *(Workshop, Tabling)* An advocacy agency for gay, lesbian, bisexual, and transgender youth. 212-674-2400.

HIGH SCHOOL HIV/AIDS RESOURCE CENTER *(Sponsor, Tabling)* The world's oldest and largest service center providing direct services, education and advocacy for high school students, their family members, and all school personnel. 212-255-2900.

HOPE PROGRAM *(Tabling)* Outreach, prevention and education program with HIV/AIDS peer educators who conduct HIV workshops in Queens. HIV support groups and referrals. 718-262-9180.

ILLUSION PRODUCTIONS *(Performance)* Uses dance and music as a vehicle for AIDS education for and by young people in NYC. They are committed to reaching all youth, regardless of socio-economic background, ethnicity, sexual orientation or HIV status, because AIDS affects everyone. Wendy Weiss, Director. 718-499-5342.

LIFE FORCE *(Workshop)* Life Force is a community-based organization made up of infected or affected women. The primary objective of Life Force: Women Fighting AIDS, Inc., is to reduce the incidence of HIV/AIDS in high-risk women and their families in underserved neighborhoods in Brooklyn. 718-797-0937.

LOWER NEW YORK CONSORTIUM FOR FAMILIES WITH HIV *(Sponsor)* Established to develop and expand HIV specialized primary care programs and to enhance linkages between existing community-based programs serving HIV-affected children and families in Lower Manhattan and Staten Island. 212-263-6426.

PEOPLE WITH AIDS COALITION OF NEW YORK *(Sponsor, Tabling)* The nation's largest self-empowerment organization for people with AIDS/HIV. Services include a Speakers Bureau, a Hotline, *PWAC-NY Newsline*, and a Spanish/English quarterly magazine, *SIDAahora*. 212-647-1415.

PROJECT S.A.F.E. *(Workshop, Tabling)* Speakout on AIDS Facts and Education at Project Reach Youth trains teens to educate their peers on HIV prevention, based on the premise that knowledge equals life. Project S.A.F.E. delivers a life-saving message to youth in a manner sensitive to culture and age. 718-768-0778.

SAFESPACE *(Workshop)* A full-service day center for homeless and throwaway youth operated by The Center for Children and Families. 212-354-SAFE.

Information

Community-based organizations, city and state agencies, school-based programs that are providing technical assistance, sponsorship, workshop facilitation, or information tables for the conference.

ACT-UP *(Tabling)* AIDS Coalition to Unleash Power is a diverse, non-partisan group of individuals united in anger and committed to direct action to end the AIDS crisis. 212-564-AIDS.

AIDS AND ADOLESCENTS NETWORK *(Sponsor)* Founded in 1987, the Network's mission is to provide a forum for a broad spectrum of organizations and individuals who recognize that adolescents are a diverse and vulnerable group being significantly impacted by the HIV/AIDS epidemic. Through education, coordination and advocacy, the Network works to address the effect of the HIV/AIDS epidemic on youth, to prevent its spread, and to ensure the provision of quality care and treatment of HIV infected youth. 212-925-6675.

AIDS CENTER OF QUEENS COUNTY *(Workshop)* ACQC is a not-for-profit community-based organization that is dedicated to providing services and information to people with AIDS and their families and friends. 718-896-2500.

BELLEVUE AIDS PROGRAM *(Workshop)* A comprehensive multidisciplinary AIDS care program. Inpatient and clinic services available include medical, nursing, pediatric, adolescent, nutritional, social work, counseling, educational, testing, and psychiatric. 212-561-4001.

BROADWAY CARES / EQUITY FIGHTS AIDS *(Grand Sponsor)* The entertainment industry's most active and vital foundation addressing the challenges of AIDS. Since 1987, BC/EFA has raised and distributed millions in the fight against AIDS as well as helping to raise tens of millions more through the mobilization of the theatrical expertise of the entertainment industry. 212-840-0770.

CHILDREN OF BELLEVUE, INC. *(Grand Sponsor)* A non-profit organization, founded in 1949 to initiate, develop and fund special programs and to act as an advocate for children and their families within Bellevue Hospital Center. Children of Bellevue is not itself engaged in patient care services, but maintains active fund raising efforts to directly benefit ongoing programs and new initiatives serving Bellevue's pediatric population. 212-561-4130.

CLINTON PEER AIDS EDUCATION PROGRAM *(Workshop)* For three years, CPAEP has been doing street-level AIDS education and drug harm reduction outreach to prostitutes, tricks, drug users, drug dealers, transsexuals, heterosexuals, gays, lesbians, bisexuals, youth, homeless, immigrants, illiterate, literate, prisoners, and anyone else who will listen. Contact person: Aaron Keppel. 212-529-4358.

EARLY INTERVENTION PROGRAM AT ST. VINCENT'S HOSPITAL *(Tabling)* Provides HIV primary care and confidential HIV testing and counseling. 212-790-8038.

How to Start a Peer Education Team in Your School *Education Room A*

Presented by two students who have started HIV/AIDS peer education programs in numerous high schools in New York City and upstate New York. Step-by-step, they go through the methods of how students can start and implement a program in their school. Shantale Maurice, *Mt. Vernon Task Force on AIDS;* Elliot Silverman, *Student Response*

Making AIDS Policy *Education Room B*

Open to Adults/Media

Q & A on how policies are developed and how to help shape them. Kristine Gebbie, *National AIDS Policy Coordinator*

Street Youth's Response to Working with Their Peers and Preventing the Spread of HIV *Education Room D*

A four-part presentation, including: 1) Fighting the powers that keep youth in the streets, 2) what services youth need, 3) overcoming obstacles faced by street youth, 4) role play: a street encounter.
Youth Outreach Committee at Safe Space

3:15-3:30pm BREAK

3:30-4:00pm Closing Session *Farkas Auditorium*

Raffle Drawing of Gifts from **The Body Shop, Donna Karan** and **Giorgio Armani**
Performance by **Illusion Productions**
"It's Your Future" by **Kristine Gebbie**, National AIDS Policy Coordinator
Introduction of Invited Guests: **Andrea Schlesinger**, *Board of Education Student Advisory Member;* **Ravinia Hayes-Cozier**, *Director of AIDS Education and Outreach, NYC DOH;* **Jean Holder**, *Program Coordinator, Adolescent Services AIDS Institute;* **Dr. Mary Ann Chiasson**, *Assistant Commissioner, NYC DOH;* **John Torres**, *Comprehensive Health Coordinator, Board of Education*
Delivery of Youth Platform, **Kate Barnhart**
Musical Performance by **Benita Ewing**
Closing Remarks, **Adrienne Sacatos**

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what is children of bellevue?

a. a non-profit organization founded in 1949
b. the founder of bellevue hospital's child life services
c. an advocate for children, adolescents and their families
d. a fund raising and grant making group located at bellevue
(e.) all of the above

who are bellevue's children?

a. children and adolescents hospitalized for surgery
b. school-age children with chronic illnesses
c. adolescent parents
d. toddlers and teens with AIDS
(e.) all of these answers are correct

what does children of bellevue spend money on?

a. special formula for infants with AIDS
b. bus fees for trips for inpatient psychiatry children
c. clothing for children on pre-interview at group home
d. arts materials for children's asthma group
(e.) all of the above

what else does children of bellevue pay for?

a. layettes for newborns of homeless mothers
b. camp fees for disadvantaged children
c. parenting education for adolescent mothers and fathers
d. support groups for children with AIDS
e. evaluations for sexually abused children
(f.) all these and much more

"the doctors couldn't find my vein 'cause it was hiding. when he comes back with that big needle, it's still gonna be hiding".....Jose, age 8

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CONFERENCE OF PEER EDUCATORS
"Youth Teaching Youth About HIV/AIDS"
Saturday, February 12, 1994
New York University Medical Center

Dear Ms Gibbs

We are delighted to offer you a workshop at the Conference of Peer Educators. We would like your workshop topic to be

Here are some details:

1) All workshops will run one hour.

2) Workshops will meet in the following spaces:

Education Room A Lecture Hall - seats 175 - microphones and blackboard

Education Room B Lecture Hall - seats 175 - microphones, VCR, blackboard

Education Room C Classroom - seats 60- blackboard

Education Room D Classroom - seats 60- blackboard

Farkas Auditorium- seats 300- microphones, sound system

3) Workshops are to be led by those who are 12-24 years old. (Older adults may assist.) exception for this workshop!

4) Workshops are to be attended by those who are 12-24 years old. (Older adults may attend selected workshops, but they will wear name tags of a different color. These older adults are *not allowed to talk* in any workshop.)

5) There will be room monitors for every workshop who will be able to offer logistical support.

6) The last 5 minutes of each workshop should be used to come up with a recommendation for the Youth Platform that will be delivered at the end of the day. Details to follow.

Regarding your workshop:

Room: Education Room B

Time: 2:15 - 3:15

You should arrive at the Conference at least one hour before the scheduled time for your workshop. Check in at the Registration Desk.

Conference Mailing Address
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FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 11, 1994

6:15a Depart Portland Airport on United Airlines flight #352/162 via Denver.

3:45p Arrive New York LaGuardia.

5:00p Meeting with Matilda Krim, AmFAR, 33 East 6th (between Park and Madison Avenues) to discuss ONAP and AmFAR activities. (1h).

6:00p Travel to Helmsley Hotel, 212 East 42nd Street. Confirmation made by Alex, Hotel Manager. Rate $117.00.

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 12, 1994

1:45p Arrive at Conference of Peer Educators.

2:15p Conference of Peer Educators conference "Youth Teaching Youth About HIV/AIDS." NYU Medical Center, 1st Avenue (between 31st and 32nd Streets). (1h).

3:30p Closing address. (5m).

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 13, 1994

3:40p Depart Penn Station on Amtrak.

7:08p Arrive Union Station.

6:00p Party for Buck at Iris Gelberg's home, 5329 Strathmore Avenue, Kensington, MD.

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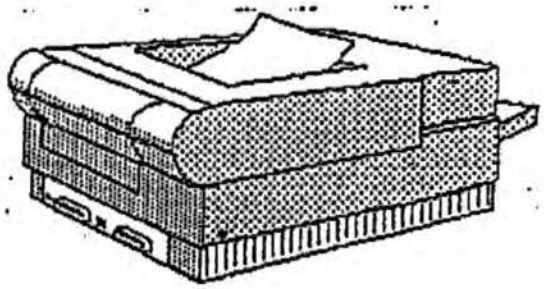

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Dear Workshop Facilitator,

You are registered to attend the Conference of Peer Educators at NYU Medical Center and to facilitate a workshop. We look forward to seeing you! Here are some important details:

Location The Medical Center is located in Manhattan, at 530-550 1st Avenue (between 30th and 33rd Streets, on the East side of the street).

Transportation *Subway:* #6 to 33rd Street and Park Avenue; walk East to 1st Avenue.
Bus: M15 up 1st Avenue to 33rd Street or down 2nd Avenue to 33rd Street.

Time You may arrive at 8:00am to check in and get your complete Conference Packet. The Conference will be over by 4:00pm.

Food Continental Breakfast will be served from 8:00 to 8:45am. Lunch will be served from 12 noon to 1:00pm.

Coat check You will be able to check your coat, but please don't bring knapsacks or other bulky items.

Registration fee We are asking for a $5.00 donation from Conference participants, in order to defray costs. (It actually costs us $40.00 per person to produce the Conference.) Some schools or CBOs are picking up this fee. However, no one will be turned away because of inability to pay.

Program The complete program will be available the day of the Conference. We have enclosed a one-page synopsis of the day's events and workshop options

Workshop Please arrive at least one hour before your workshop, if you are not planning to attend the whole conference. When you arrive, please go to the workshop registration table for assistance.

We are excited that you will be part of this important day!
See you on the 12th!

Best wishes,

Adrienne Sacatos
Conference Chair

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CONFERENCE OF PEER EDUCATORS

*Saturday, February 12, 1994 * Conference Structure & Workshop Schedule*

7:00 **SET UP:** registration & info tables; posters, banners, etc.
PRELIMINARY REGISTRATION: volunteer corps & tablers

8:00 **REGISTRATION:** all conference participants
BREAKFAST: served in lobby area

* Workshops are closed to adults & media unless marked with an asterisk. Adults & media may only audit these specified sessions, i.e. quietly observe but not participate in discussion. All other events are unrestricted.

9:00 – 9:30 **OPENING CEREMONY:** Welcome to conference participants: *Adrienne Sacatos*, COPE chair
MC: *Maisha Uzuri James; Dr. Bill Hoover;* Poetry by *Nashid Fareed*
VIP Proclamation: *Ruth Messinger, Tom Duane*
Keynote Address by young person living with HIV: *Carrol Millman*

9:45 – 10:45	F1 Living With HIV Carrol Millman, *People With AIDS Coalition (PWAC/NY)* Judd Kopicki *	A1 AIDS 101 *Project Safe*	B1 HIV Testing Jaxi Israel *Teen Outreach Prevention Services* (TOPS) Bellevue	C1 Safer Sex Chrisina Platt, Menesha Jones *Life Force*	D1 Teens Affected by HIV Jennifer Silverman *Bellevue AIDS Program*	FAIRGROUND:
11:00 – 12:00	F2 Living With HIV Carrol Millman, *People With AIDS Coalition (PWAC/NY)* Judd Kopicki *	A2 AIDS 201 Craig Sterritt *St Vincent's Early Intervention Program* *	B2 Women & HIV Maisha Uzuri James *Hetrick-Martin Institute*	C2 AIDS 101 *Jennifer Calcagno, Gerri Black, Giocanda Phillips, Colleen White* *NYC DOH Youth Outreach Unit*	D2 Peer Counseling Larry Wharton *Stand Up Harlem* Melodie Kuilan *DeWitt Clinton HS*	
12:00	**LUNCH:** all conference participants, cafeteria downstairs					
1:00 – 2:00	F3 Activism Issues Kate Barnhart, John Won *Youth Education Life Line (YELL)*	A3 Street Outreach *Clinton Peer Education Program*	B3 HIV/AIDS Videos by Youth *Satellite Academy Bronx/Manhattan* *	C3 *You Are Not Alone* Peer Issues *Bayside HS*	D3 Understanding Homophobia Emma KramerWheeler Manny Osorio *Hetrick-Martin Institute*	
2:15 – 3:15	F4 Safer Sex Juan Gastolomendo *AIDS Center of Queens County (ACQC)*	A4 * How To Start A Peer Group Elliott Silverman *Student Response.* Shantale Maurice *Mt. Vernon AIDS TF*	B4 Q&A with Kristine Gebbie *National AIDS Policy Coordinator* *	C4	D4 Issues of Importance to Street Youth *SafeSpace*	
3:15	**PERFORMANCE:** *Illusion Productions*					

3:30 – 4:00 **CLOSING CEREMONY:** VIP Address: Kristine Gebbie, *National AIDS Policy Coordinator*
Youth Platform: Kate Barnhart
"Ceremony of HOPE" by Stand Up Harlem

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TO: ALL WORKSHOP FACILITATORS
FROM: CONFERENCE OF PEER EDUCATORS
RE: **YOUTH PLATFORM**

We are really excited that you will be doing a workshop on Saturday February 12! As a final instruction before we all meet, we ask that you examine the following guidelines relating to the ***Youth Platform*** that will be delivered at the end of the day:

1. You will be provided with **newsprint** and a **magic marker** in your workshop space.

2. You should reserve the **final five minutes** of your workshop as a time to ask the participants in your workshop to come up with ideas for the Youth Platform.

3. The ideas should relate to the **workshop that you are facilitating**.

4. The ideas may be **recommendations, observations, demands, statements, etc.**

5. It is fine to **simply write down suggestions** from the workshop participants directly on the newsprint, without putting the ideas in any particular order.

6. Once the workshop is over, please **bring your newsprint with ideas to the Tabling Area,** and drop them off at the **Conference Youth Platform Table**.

7. **Kate Barnhart** will be delivering the Youth Platform, and will also be compiling recommendations from the various workshops throughout the day.

8. **Kate can answer any questions you have** about this on the day of the conference, **or you may call 212-255-2900** before the conference for further information.

The Youth Platform is an opportunity for youth at the conference to state their needs, concerns, and wishes relating to HIV/AIDS peer education, prevention, treatment, etc. Thanks for your help in making this possible.

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MEMO

To: Steve Lee
From: John McIlveen
RE: Conference of Peer Educators
1/14/94

We are very excited that Kristine will participate in the conference. After Igot off the phone with you, I called a number of youths who are organizing the conference and they were quite pleased.

Here are some preliminary details:

Workshop: We have scheduled Kristine to lead a workshop from 2:15-3:15 that would basically be a forum for youth to address issues of concern to Ms.Gebbie. The workshop will take place in Education Room B, which can hold a maximum of 175 people. This workshop may or may not be open to press and adults, depending on the wishes of Ms. Gebbie and the youth. (I will check with them, if you can check with her.)

Education Room B is a lecture room. It will have mikes available, both neck and table.

Ideas generated from this workshop will be incorporated into a youth platform that will be delivered, immediately following Kristine's remarks to the conference (Closing Session).

Closing Session: We have scheduled tohave Kristine address the conference from 3:30-3:45. (We have allocated 15 minutes, although 10 minutes would also be fine.) Her address could focus on recent trends of HIV infection in youth, and the importance of peer education.

Conference Program
Next week we will send you a form to fill out that will determine the name of Kristine's workshop, and the title of her VIP address (if she wants to call it something!) The program will be ready for distribution on January 30. You will have a copy as soon as it is ready.

Press Release
Our media coordinator, John Won, will contact John Gurrola (sp?) next week about press releases and press contacts.

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Taking Care of Ourselves & Our Friends

A Conference for → ***12-24 year old HIV/AIDS Peer Educators***
at→ ***NYU Medical Center***
on→ ***February 12, 1994***
including→ ***Breakfast & Lunch***
Focus On→ ***Facts about HIV/AIDS***
Peer Education skills
Advocating for our needs

TO REGISTER CALL➡

JOHN MCILVEEN (212) 255-2900
HIGH SCHOOL HIV/AIDS RESOURCE CENTER
& BELLEVUE ADOLESCENT HIV/AIDS CLINIC

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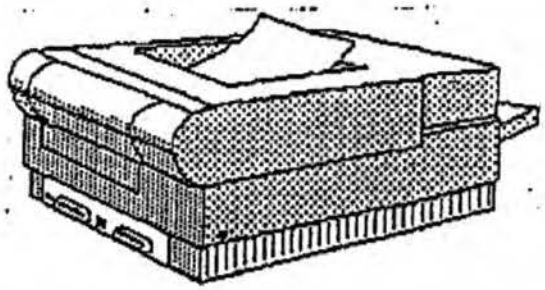

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TOPS CLINIC BELLEVUE HOSPITAL- 27TH ST AND 1ST AVE NYC 10016 212-561-6333 212-561-2474 FAX

(1) Congratulations & thanks

(2) ~~Focus on~~ Policy

(3) Reality of HIV to the 12-24 age group —
part of world since birth / awareness
gets worse when people see no future & lack information

(4) Policy areas of research / services / prevention

(5) whatever works — works locally —
individual decisions
community decisions

(6) commitment of administration
wise investment of $'s
openness to issues / dialogue

(7) ~~Need~~ your commitment —

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Please let us know:

Name of Workshop: _____

Two sentence description of Workshop for Program:

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Name(s) of presenter(s):

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Name of your school/agency/organization:

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Do you need any materials from us? Technical support? If so, please describe:

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Please describe your curriculum: NA - This is a question/answer panel.

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Please send or fax this form back to us ASAP at the address or the number below.

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Conference Location:

NYU Medical Center

Between 31st and 32nd Street on First Avenue

Walk through the Skirball Lobby and you will see information tables for the conference.

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:
January 26, 1993

CONTACT: John Won
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Kristine Gebbie, National AIDS Policy Coordinator, Says She Will Attend Youth Conference

NEW YORK CITY -- The White House confirmed this week that Kristine Gebbie, the National AIDS Policy Coordinator, will address the first Conference Of Peer Educators (COPE) on Saturday, February 12, 1994 at the NYU Medical Center. The one-day event has been hailed as "the first AIDS conference organized for young people by young people." Up to three hundred high school and college students and young people from throughout the five boroughs of New York City are expected to attend. COPE organizers say the conference will accomplish simultaneous goals of youth empowerment and adolescent HIV risk prevention through a technique called peer education, or "youth teaching youth about HIV/AIDS."

Gebbie's acceptance follows on the heels of Chancellor Cortines's cancellation last week of a scheduled appearance at the COPE conference which left many students working on the conference disappointed

Gebbie is currently scheduled to conduct an afternoon Question & Answer session with approximately one hundred youth. Discussion is expected to range from questions probing Gebbie's support of condom availability programs for adolescents to national AIDS prevention/education policies to the status of adolescents in AIDS clinical trials. This Q&A session will be the one exception to the rule that all twenty COPE workshops be youth-led. This workshop will also be open to adults and media, whereas the majority of COPE workshops will only admit youth.

During the closing ceremony, Gebbie will address the entire conference of youth. In return, the National AIDS Policy coordinator will receive the Youth Platform, a consensus of findings and recommendations compiled by youth in each of the twenty workshops convened that day. Also receiving the Youth Platform will be Board of Education Student Advisory Member Andrea Schlesinger, members of the HIV/AIDS Advisory Council, and the Chancellor's Student Advisory Council.

Members of the media are required to register in advance of the conference date and will subsequently receive detailed information about COPE, including profiles of a cross-section of youth peer educators who will be available for interview.

COPE has been generously sponsored by *Broadway Cares/Equity Fights AIDS* and *Children of Bellevue*. Other sponsors include the *AIDS & Adolescents Network of New York* (AANNY), *AIDS Institute, All Souls Unitarian Church, Alternative High Schools & Programs, Chemical Bank, Elton John Foundation, Gay Men's Health Crisis* (GMHC), *Giorgio Armani Fragrances, High School HIV/AIDS Resource Center, Lower New York Consortium of Families with HIV, NYC Division of Youth Services, New York University Medical Center, People With AIDS Coalition of New York* (PWAC/NY), and *Teen Outreach Prevention Service* (TOPS) of Bellevue Hospital.

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THE SIGNIFICANCE OF PEER EDUCATION & CASE STUDY: STUDENT RESPONSE

BY ELLIOTT SILVERMAN, SHANTALE MAURICE, & KATE BARNHART

AIDS is the leading cause of death among young people in the United States. STD rates in our age group are soaring. This situation is more than scary, it's deadly.

One method of making sure that students receive the information we need in the form which is most accessible to us is peer education. At The Bronx High School of Science and Stuyvesant High School, and Mt. Vernon High School we have a group of student AIDS educators who are available for both formal classroom presentations and informal encounters in the hallways, gym, cafeteria, party or wherever other students choose to approach us with questions.

Peer educators, on the whole, are much more accessible than adults for a variety of reasons. We can be approached outside the classroom so that questions of an intimate nature do not have to be voiced in front of an entire class. Whereas adults are only available during the school day, and often only during 40 minute class periods, peer educators take advantage of every minute of the day. We can correct misinformation when HIV/AIDS comes up in casual conversations, we can bring up the topic any time it seems appropriate, and we can be called at home if questions arise outside of school. There are very few real peer education programs despite an abundance of groups that identify themselves as such. The difference between genuine peer education and impostors is its origins. Peer education must originate within the target community. Outsiders, no matter how well intentioned, cannot design a program and then recruit members of a community to carry it out and expect it to be a successful peer education program. The vast majority of HIV prevention education programs specifically geared toward young people only peripherally involve young people themselves.

Case Study→ Student Response

The purpose of Student Response is to educate high school age students about HIV/AIDS, other STD's and drugs; and to assist other students start a peer-education team in their school. It serves as a model of a peer-education program started, and run by students, in which peer-education in classes is the goal. The Bronx High School of Science in New York City is the school where this program was started.

Student Response was started by students, and has been totally nurtured from the embryonic stage to its early development by the dedicated students who saw the need to do something about the serious plights that surround them in a way that only teen-agers can understand and tackle. The students decided to take action to help themselves. The

plans were not known yet, and the job ahead was realized as a near impossibility. The group still started, and the teams were formed. The ideas started pouring in, and the plans started to come together, as is the case currently where the new team of students prepare for their difficult *life-saving* job ahead. Every member of Student Response and has a significant role in achieving our goal. Our goal is to help stop the spread of the diseases that are rampant in the teenage community, and to support fellow students who are in special need. There will always be the students who don't want to learn and who will choose to ignore the message. All we can do is to put the information out, peer-educate, keep the memory alive for all who have suffered and died from this plague, and not allow the message learned to be forgotten. By doing this, those that are willing to learn can be helped. If our peer educators can reach just one person and if we save even one life, we will be successful.

Education is the key to stopping the spread of STD's and teenage pregnancy, not only HIV. We could not wait any longer for a program to be started, so we, the students did it ourselves. What we accomplish is total peer education. What we mean by total is that the students teaching are the same people that are in their peers' classes and their friends. This makes it much more personal. Each Peer Educator is easily recognizable outside the classes they teach. Each peer educator is constantly in contact with their friends. Their influence and presence is always helping to shape their friends thoughts and practices. This breaks the intermittent education barrier and makes it constant.

Each year we have a set goal and plan of action. The support of the faculty is crucial. All grades get two 40 minute teaching sessions back to back. This allows plenty of time for the class of students to get comfortable with the two partner peer educators, allows enough time for the peer leaders to answer all questions, and allows the sessions to be relaxed, not intimidating, and to a certain extent fun. The peer educators make it clear how to identify them outside of class, and that they are happy to answer questions outside of class. This is easy since the peer educators are not from an outside organization; they are students from the same school. This is a crucial part of the plan.

Step by Step How S.R. Started:

1. Formed students who were interested in forming a HIV/AIDS peer ed. team. People in S.R. in the beginning: 16
2. Write up a proposal, including your goals for the program, including how it could be integrated into the existing setup, and how it could be accomplished including who was going to train you to become peer educators.
3. Submit this proposal to a couple of faculty members and ask if they would become your faculty advisor.
4. Discuss the proposal with the faculty advisor and then submit it to principal.
5. Set up peer education trainings. We used the High School HIV/AIDS Resource Center.
6. Talk to teachers to implement your peer ed. sessions into health classes, gym classes, biology classes, wherever you can get in.
7. Congratulations you have just started a HIV/AIDS peer education program.

Facilitators:
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"YOUTH TEACHING YOUTH ABOUT HIV/AIDS"

CONFERENCE SCHEDULE: A WORK IN PROGRESS!!!

7:00- 8:00 AM	Setting up of registration and information tables. Hanging appropriate signs and banners. ALL TABLERS ARE REQUESTED TO BE THERE AT THIS TIME. ALL VOLUNTEERS ARE REQUESTED TO BE THERE AT THIS TIME.
8:00-8:45 AM	Registration of conferees Breakfast served in Lobby
9:00-9:30 AM	**OPENING SESSION**
9:00-9:05 AM	Welcome to conferees by conference emcee
9:05-9:10 AM	Reading of Poem by Nashid Fareed
9:10-9:20 AM	VIP welcomes- Mayor Giuliani Borough President Ruth Messinger (Confirmed) City Council Member Tom Duane (Confirmed)
9:20-9:30 AM	Keynote Address by young person living with HIV - Carrol Millman of PWAC-NY
9:45-10:45 AM	WORKSHOP SESSION 1
10:45-11:00 AM	BREAK
11:00-12:00 AM	WORKSHOP SESSION 2
12:00-1:00 PM	LUNCH
1:00-2:00 PM	WORKSHOP SESSION 3
2:00-2:15 PM	BREAK
2:15-3:15 PM	WORKSHOP SESSION 4
3:15-3:30 PM	ENTERTAINMENT
3:30-4:00 PM	**CLOSING SESSION**
3:30-3:45 PM	VIP Address- Kristine Gebbie, National AIDS Policy Coordinator
3:45-4:00 PM	Delivery of Youth Platform by Kate Barnhart
4:00 PM	Closing song, poem, or other performance

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Kristine M. Gebbie
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Dear Ms Gebbie

AIDS is a leading cause of death among young people in the United States. The rates of STD (Sexually Transmitted Diseases) in our age group are soaring. This situation is more than scary. **It's deadly**.

On February 12, 1994, hundreds of current and prospective young HIV/AIDS Peer Educators will convene at The New York University Medical Center. This first ever conference of young educators from the New York metropolitan area is being organized **by and for youth who teach other youth about HIV infection and AIDS**.

Participants will include representatives from community-based organizations (large and small), street outreach programs, high school and college education efforts, adolescent and young adult activists, and church social groups — as many young people as we can reach.

We are working successfully to care for ourselves and our friends.
We have information and inspiration to share.

To share this information and inspiration, we need your support. We would like to have you attend this conference, if you are available. The conference will run from 9:00- 4:00 on Saturday, February 12. We will be contacting you in the next week or so to see if you are available for either the opening of the conference (9:00 AM) or the closing (3:30). Meanwhile, if you have any questions, please call John McIlveen of the Bellevue Adolescent HIV/AIDS Program and the High School HIV/AIDS Resource Center at (212) 255-2900. We look forward to a positive response!

Sincerely,

Adrienne Sacatos

Adrienne Sacatos, Co-Chair

John Won

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NYU Medical Center
2:15 - 3:15 workshop

Closing
3:30 - 10-15 mn.
Farkas Auditorium

Kristine —
Title for workshop — ~~outline~~ Making AIDS Policy Q & A. on how policies are developed & how to help shape them.
Title for closing. "It's your future"

Thanks

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

OFFICE OF NATIONAL AIDS POLICY
PUBLIC HEALTH SERVICE FY 95 BUDGET INFORMATION

Summary

The FY 1995 budget includes $2.7 billion in budget authority for the PHS for research, prevention and other related activities in the battle against AIDS and HIV infection. This is an increase of $177 million, or 7 percent, over the FY 1994 appropriations. The funds requested for HIV/AIDS activities are included in the budget for each of the PHS components. The tables below summarize the entire PHS-wide HIV/AIDS effort, both by PHS agency and by function.

For FY 1995, the President's Budget proposes a $93 million, or 16 percent, increase for HRSA's Ryan White AIDS health care services, and a $78 million, or 6 percent increase for NIH basic and preventive research on AIDS. (More detailed discussions of these program increases for AIDS are included in the individual agency sections.)

HIV/AIDS FUNDING BY PHS COMPONENT
(Dollars in millions)

	1993 Actual	1994 Approp.	1995 Request	+/-
FDA.....	$73	$72	$72	–
HRSA.....	390	608	701	+$93
IHS.....	3	4	4	–
CDC.....	498	543	543	–
NIH.....	1071	1301	1379	+78
SAMHSA.....	26	28	33	+5
AHCPR.....	10	11	12	+1
OASH.....	5	5	5	–
TOTAL, HIV/AIDS Budget Authority.....	2077	2572	2749	+177

SUBSTANCE ABUSE DOLLARS

In FY 94 $1.1 Billion was appropriated for block grants to states for substance abuse treatment. Through the efforts of the Office of the National Drug Control Policy Coordinator an additional $310 Million will be added to FY 95. This money is to be used by states for the most severe substance abuse cases, such as injecting drug abusers, who are at great risk for HIV transmission. $15.5 Million of the new money will be specifically earmarked for HIV-related substance abuse programs. Of the original $1.1 Billion, approximately 25 Million is also specifically earmarked for HIV related programs. (This number will be adjusted based on number of states that qualify in the coming weeks.) Because such abusers are at high risk for HIV transmission, this budget line is a significant part of federal AIDS prevention programs.

THE WHITE HOUSE

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PRESS RELEASE

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE
FEBRUARY 7, 1994

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FEDERAL AIDS BUDGET FOR 1995 INCREASES

WASHINGTON, D.C. -- Kristine M. Gebbie, President Clinton's National AIDS Policy Coordinator discussed the increases in the Federal budget on AIDS today. "In a time of over-all budget cuts and other budget-related program reductions, the President's continued commitment to HIV/AIDS is shown in a budget increase of nearly ten percent" Gebbie said. The Office of National AIDS Policy has three focus areas in its mission -- research, treatment/services and prevention. The budget requests for these three areas and the requests for the specific departments that are closely related to HIV/AIDS issues are described below.

The President's Budget proposes a 6% increase in NIH basic and preventive research for HIV and AIDS. This provides $1.379 billion for NIH AIDS research, a 29% increase since 1993. The President proposes an additional $231 million for AIDS research in other federal agencies, bringing the total federal investment to $1.61 billion.

This investment is combined with the Administration's commitment to improved management of AIDS research planning and budgeting at the NIH, and to enhancing government-wide and

private sector coordination.

HIV/AIDS treatment and care services are primarily funded through the Ryan White CARE Act. The Administration is recommending an increase in these treatment funds of 16.1% for a dollar increase of 93 million dollars. These funds will be split between the four titles of the Act as follows: Title I (cities) 39 million, Title II (states) 30 million, Title III (primary care systems) 19 million, Title IV (pediatric and maternity care centers) 5 million.

In FY 94 $1.1 billion was appropriated for block grants to states for substance abuse treatment, of which approximately $25 million were specifically earmarked for HIV related programs. The FY 95 budget shows an increase of $310 million for substance abuse treatment under the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration. This amount will go to the block grants given to states and will have direct impact on HIV prevention for persons with chronic substance abuse issues, including injecting drug users. This number will be adjusted based on the number of states that qualify in the coming weeks. Of the new amount, $15.5 million have been specifically earmarked for HIV prevention activities. Since drug abusers are at high risk for HIV transmission, we consider this budget line a significant part of our Federal AIDS prevention programs. HIV prevention activities under the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention will receive the same level of funding as in FY 94.

The Department of Health and Human Services, budget requests an increase of 592 million dollars over the 1994 level of spending. This raises the 1995 AIDS spending for HHS to nearly 6.0 billion. The increases within the Public Health Service include 93 million for the Ryan White AIDS services, 78 million for NIH and one million at AHCPR.

At the Department of Defense the 1995 budget request is divided between research, prevention and services/treatment money. $14 million is earmarked for research; $22 million for prevention and $63 million for treatment services for military members and their families.

The Department of Housing and Urban Development's (HUD) FY 95 budget requests $257 million towards the housing needs of people with HIV and AIDS. HUD funds can be used for a wide range of housing related services to prevent homelessness. Services can include emergency housing, transitional housing, and permanent housing arrangements; and the acquisition, rehabilitation and leasing of existing housing. Appropriate supportive services must be provided as part of HUD's HIV-related housing and include such activities as health and mental health services, permanent housing placement, chemical dependency treatment and counseling, day care, nutritional services, intensive care when required, and assistance in gaining access to local, state and federal government benefits and services. Housing Opportunities for People with AIDS remains stable at $156 million.

The Department of Veterans affairs, through its large system of hospitals, provides AIDS prevention education, performs research and provides treatment services to Veterans. The total VA budget request for FY 95 is increased by $18 M overall. Of the $349 M requested for FY 95, $312 M is earmarked for treatment services; $6 M for research and $31 M for prevention education.

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HHS HIV/AIDS Funding

(Dollars in thousands)

	1993	1994	1995		
			Pres.	Chg. +/-	
	Enacted	Approp.	Budget	'94 Approp.	% Chg.
PUBLIC HEALTH SERVICE:					
FDA	$72,628	$72,399	$72,399	$0	0.0%
HRSA:					
Ryan White:					
Title I	$184,757	$325,500	$364,500	$39,000	12.0%
Title II	115,288	183,897	213,897	30,000	16.3%
Title III	47,968	47,968	66,968	19,000	39.6%
Title IV	--	22,000	27,000	5,000	22.7%
Sub, Ryan White	$348,013	$579,365	$672,365	$93,000	16.1%
Other HRSA AIDS	42,328	28,431	28,431	0	0.0%
Sub, HRSA	$390,341	$607,796	$700,796	$93,000	15.3%
IHS	$3,303	$3,556	$3,556	$0	0.0%
CDC	$498,253	$543,253	$543,253	$0	0.0%
NIH	$1,071,457	$1,301,045	$1,379,052	$78,007	6.0%
SAMHSA	$25,655	$28,111	$32,986	$4,875	17.3%
AHCPR	$9,624	$10,624	$12,000	$1,376	13.0%
OASH	$5,330	$5,323	$5,323	$0	0.0%
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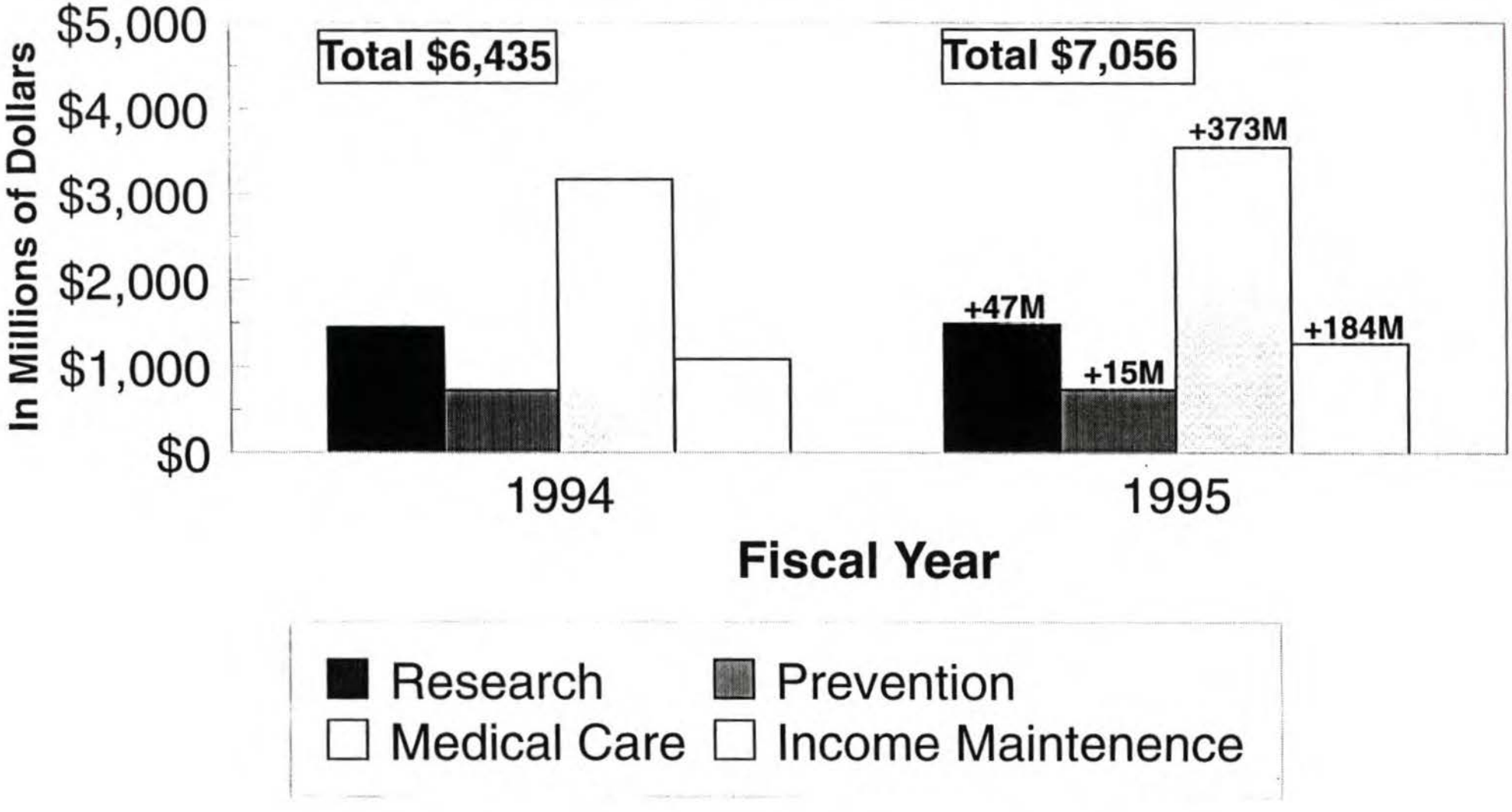

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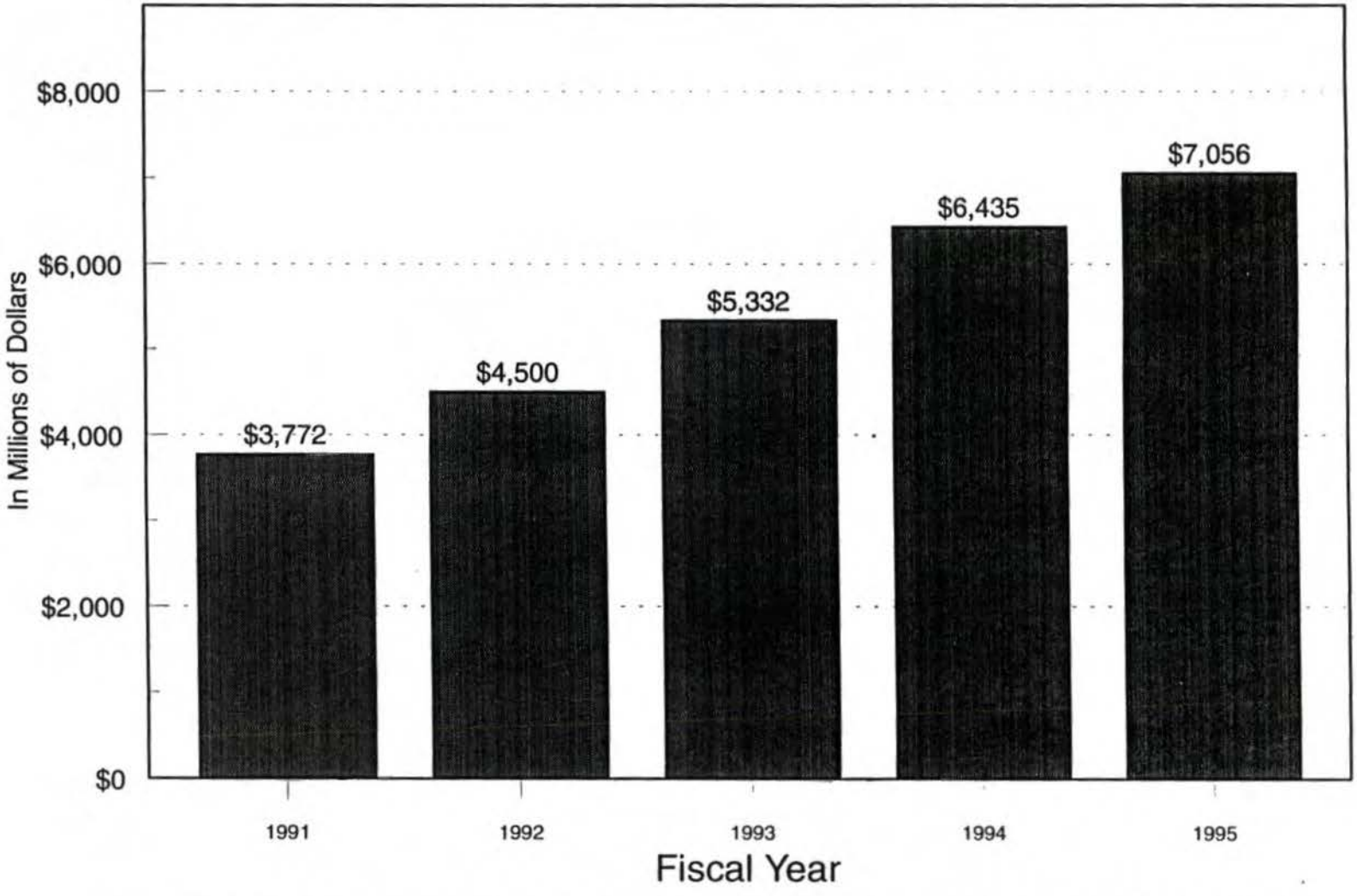

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(Dollars in millions)

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HRSA.....	390	608	701	+$93
IHS.....	3	4	4	–
CDC.....	498	543	543	–
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SAMHSA.....	26	28	33	+5
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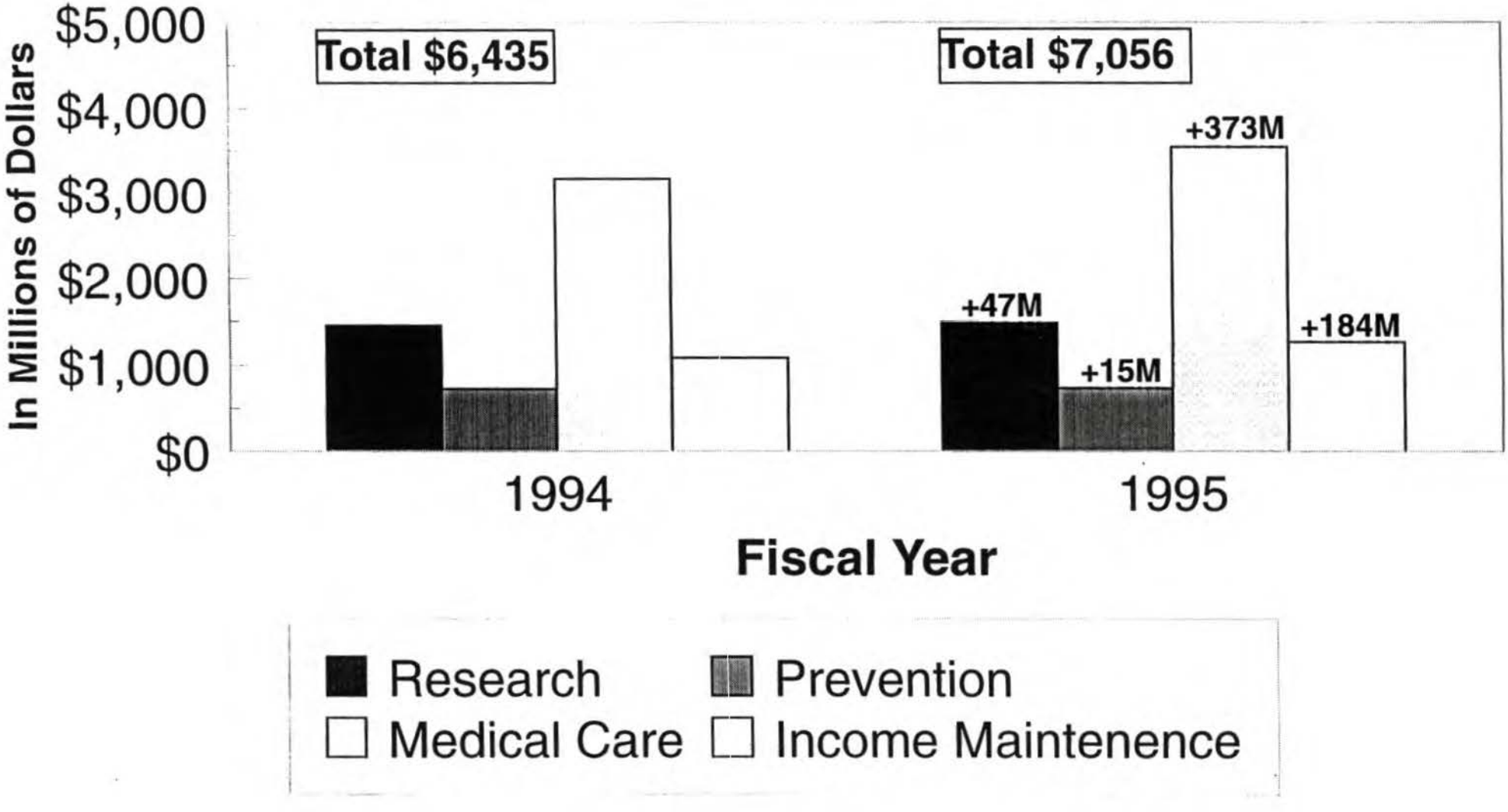

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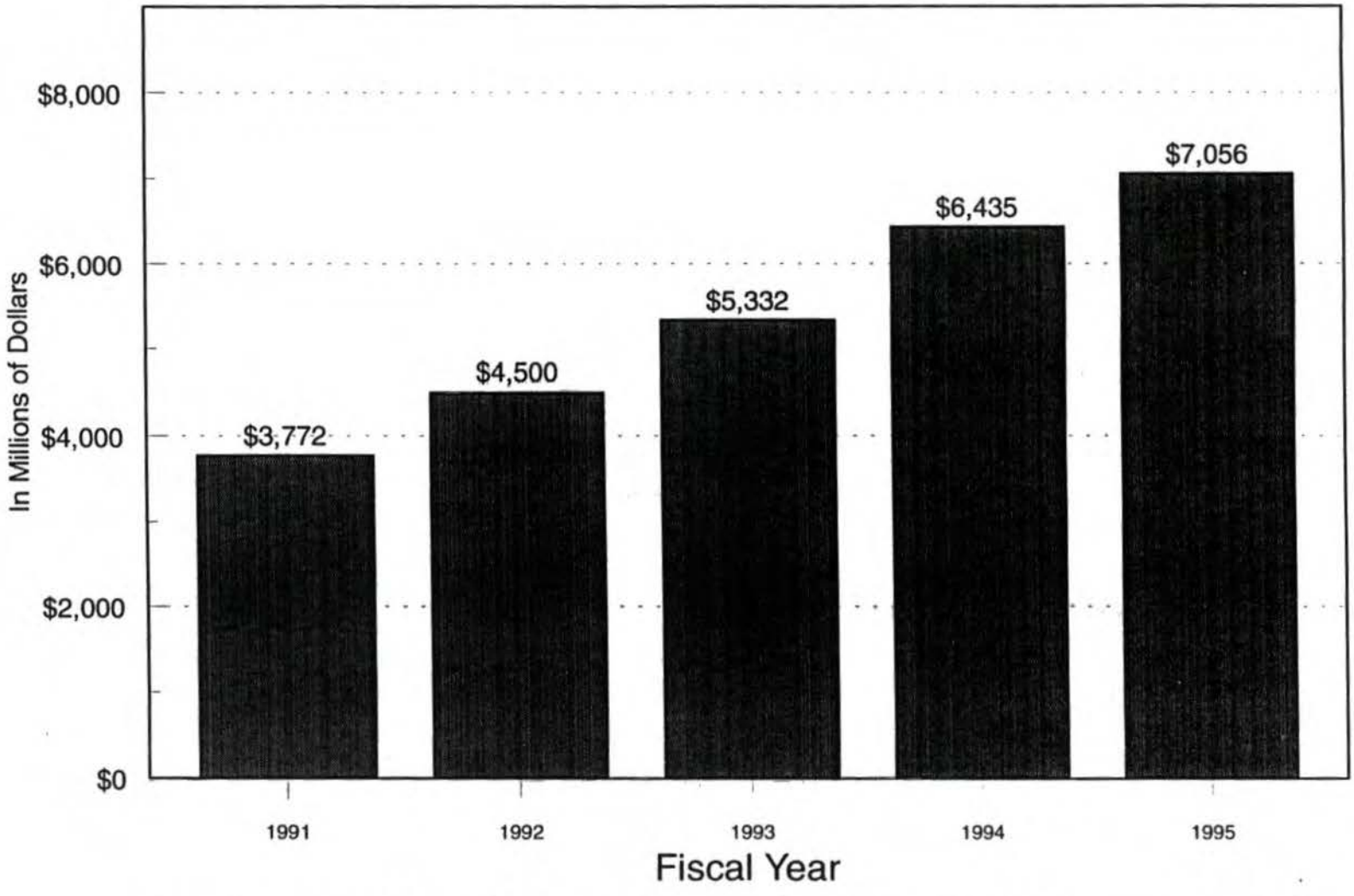

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Summary: Some states cover additional services under federally matched Medicaid programs. Under the HSA, a number of programs will become available at each state's option. To assure that there is not a loss of services to the person with AIDS, Ryan White will continue to act as the safety net to assure needed services reach all people in need. The expanded use of case management, will help follow individual needs and assure services are provided.

10. Public Health System Core Functions

Issue: What is the nature of the funding for research on behavior, health services and Core Functions of Public Health Programs?

Summary: The Health Security Act will provide funding for AIDS specific research and public health initiatives that will have to be provided under the authority of the Public Health System. Behavioral research into those behaviors that may cause or contribute to disease will be conducted by the National Institutes of Health. The Act will also provide funding for strengthening the public health core function of states, including those components related to diseases of public health significance. This support will allow communities to maintain strong programs to prevent the spread of HIV, tuberculosis, and other conditions of public health importance.

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Public Health Service
Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC)
Atlanta, Georgia 30333

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DATE February 9, 19 94

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February 11-12, 1994
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Kristine M. Gebbie, RN, MN		National AIDS Policy Coordinator
NAME (PRINT)	SIGNATURE	TITLE

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CONFERENCE OF PEER EDUCATORS

"youth teaching youth about HIV/AIDS"

New York University Medical Center

February 12, 1994

Dear

On February 12, 1994, a conference of teenage and young adult HIV/AIDS Peer Educators will be held at New York University Medical Center. The event is organized by and for current and prospective peer educators. We welcome and invite your involvement.

Conference Focus Areas:

- ✷ Providing technical information to peer educators about HIV/AIDS
- ✷ Sharpening skills to make peer educators more effective
- ✷ Creating a forum to discuss youth advocacy issues surrounding peer education.

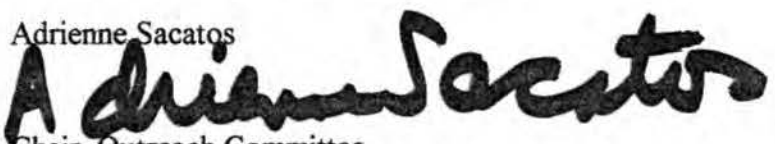
Contained in this Packet:

- ✪ ***Fliers*** that advertise the conference. Please copy and post at your school/organization.
- ✪ ***Pre-registration forms*** for any 12-24 year olds who will attend and/or help plan the conference (those older than 24 are welcome to table, audit and/or co- facilitate designated workshops).
- ✪ ***A tabling/workshop facilitation form*** for you or appropriate people in your school/organization to fill out.

We look forward to your participation. This conference will be an outstanding opportunity for peer educators from the greater New York City area to improve our knowledge base, network, and to advocate for issues important to our work.

As a peer educator myself, I am excited about this event and hope to see you in February.

Adrienne Sacatos



Chair, Outreach Committee

For more information contact:

John McIlveen
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CONFERENCE OF PEER EDUCATORS
"Youth Teaching Youth About HIV/AIDS"
Saturday, February 12, 1994
New York University Medical Center

Information Sheet

Steering Committee:

Name	Title	Age	Affiliation
Adrienne Sacatos	Co-Chair	18 yrs	1993 graduate, Stuyvesant High School
John Won	Co-Chair	18 yrs	NYU class of 1997; member of Youth Education Life Line
Elliot Silverman	Secretary	17 yrs	Founder, Student Response, Bronx HS of Science
Juan Gastolomendo	Treasurer	17 yrs	Senior Teen Peer Educator, ACQC
Tim Horn	Programming Chair	22 yrs	Class of 1993 BA Hampshire College;
Kate Barnhart	Conference Evaluation Chair	18 yrs	Class of 1997 Hampshire College; member of Youth Education Lifeline
Barbara Adamiak	Public Relations/ Advertising Chair	17 yrs	Class of 1995 Stuyvesant High School
Danny Singleton	Co-Chair, Logistics	20 yrs	Safespace
Alicia Figueroa	Co-Chair, Logistics	20 yrs	Teen Outreach Project of Hamilton Madison House
Nashid Fareed	Member at Large	20 yrs	Empire State Coalition

Consultants:
Joe Miller,PWA, Chair, AIDS Task Force, Unitarian Church of All Souls
John McIlveen, Lower NY Consortium for Families with HIV (NYU Medical Center/Bellevue), High School HIV/AIDS Resource Center

Conference Fiscal Sponsor:
Unitarian Church of All Souls (AIDS Task Force)

Conference Mailing Address:
COPE
c/o John McIlveen
High School HIV/AIDS Resource Center
351 West 18th St, Suite 133, New York, NY 10011

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TABLING

There will be twenty information tables at the conference. The tables are for Community Based Organizations/Agencies that work specifically with adolescents/young adults. If you are interested in securing and staffing a table, please fill out the following. (*An Organization Profile will be included in the Conference Program.)

Name _____

* Organization _____

Mailing Address _____

* Services Provided _____

Names of Two Tablers _____

Phone _____ Fax _____

This conference is quite expensive to produce. We would be grateful if your organization could donate $50.00 to help defray costs. Organizations making such a donation will be listed as Sponsors in the program. Their tablers will also be entitled to breakfast and lunch and an opportunity to *audit* designated workshops.

Checks should be made payable to the fiscal sponsor of the conference, the Unitarian Church of All Souls (AIDS Task Force).

Address all correspondence to John McIlveen at the High School HIV/AIDS Resource Center, 351 West 18th Street, Suite 133, New York, New York 10011, Phone (212) 255-2900, Fax (212) 924-6956. We will send you a confirmation letter with details concerning set-up time, etc. (We will provide the tables.)

Even if you cannot pay, we still want you to participate in the conference.

WORKSHOP FACILITATING

Based on the proposed set of workshop topics (listed in the Registration Form), are there any workshops that you are particularly qualified to facilitate? We are looking for teenage/young adult peer educators to lead workshops and to pair up with "adult types" for certain designated workshops. If you are interested, please fill out the following:

Name _____

Organization _____

Mailing Address _____

Phone _____ Fax _____

Are you A Teenager/Young Adult ☐ An Adult Type ☐

Topic(s) of Interest _____

_____

Once you have completed both parts of this form, mail or fax it to John McIlveen at the High School HIV/AIDS Resource Center, 351 West 18th Street, Suite 133, New York, New York 10011, Phone (212) 255-2900, Fax (212) 924-6956.

Registration Form

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Registration Form

This is a conference of current and prospective teenage/young adult peer educators that will focus on the following areas:

* Providing more technical information to peer educators about HIV/AIDS
* Sharpening skills to make peer educators more effective
* Creating a forum to discuss youth advocacy issues concerning HIV/AIDS peer education.

If you are interested in attending and you are between the ages of 12 and 24, please fill out the following. *IMPORTANT:* **One** form is to be filled out for **each person** who will attend.

Name _____ Age _____

Mailing Address _____

School or Organization (if applicable) _____

Phone _____ Fax _____

Would you like to be called to help plan the conference? Yes ☐ No ☐

We would appreciate a contribution of $5.00 per person. Can you afford this? Yes ☐ No ☐

Which workshops are you interested in? **Check no more than FOUR of the following.**

Providing more information to peer educators about HIV/AIDS

- ☐ Sex options, from abstinence, outercourse to eroticizing safer sex
- ☐ HIV/AIDS: how it affects women
- ☐ Alcohol, drug abuse & HIV
- ☐ Self-esteem & decision making
- ☐ Teens whose family and/or friends are infected
- ☐ Living with HIV: personal testimony from a young person living with the virus
- ☐ AIDS 101 (beginning)
- ☐ AIDS 201 (advanced)
- ☐ HIV: to test or not to test?

Sharpening skills to make peer educators more effective

- ☐ Peer counseling
- ☐ How to negotiate with your institution so that you will be heard and be effective
- ☐ Outreach for hard-to-reach youth
- ☐ Dealing with homophobia
- ☐ Teaching about the wonderful world of latex
- ☐ Tools & techniques: using theater, video, etc. to make your point

Creating a forum to discuss youth advocacy issues

- ☐ Issues of importance to street youth
- ☐ How to start a group in your high school, college, organization or community
- ☐ Looking at successful activist programs
- ☐ Different cultures, different languages: Is the message getting out? Is it making a difference?

In addition to the workshops discussed above, a workshop entitled *A Call to Action* will run throughout the day. All are encouraged to attend. *A Call to Action* will define the concerns and needs of youth and peer educators in the age of AIDS. It will set the stage for the creation of a **coalition** of peer educators (COPE).

This will serve as your registration form. We will send you the program in January as confirmation of your intention to attend. Please return the completed form to John McIlveen at the High School HIV/AIDS Resource Center, 351 W 18th St, Ste 133, NY, NY 10011. Phone (212) 255-2900, Fax (212) 924-6956.