



# MISSISSIPPI AIDS ADVOCACY COALITION

## PREVENT AN ECONOMIC CRISIS: SUPPORT HIV CARE FUNDING

### THE FACTS:

Infection with the Human Immunodeficiency Virus (HIV) is not curable but may be controlled through early detection and access to specialty care, including antiretroviral medications

The Mississippi Department of Health (MDH) reports 8,330 people living with HIV disease as of December 31, 2005; and 4, 244 (51 %) of these Mississippians did not receive care in 2005

People living with HIV disease who are not in care are more likely to transmit HIV

People infected with HIV and another sexually transmitted disease (STD) are more likely to transmit HIV

STD/HIV prevention reduces the risk of becoming infected with HIV

The life expectancy of people with HIV 24.2 years and costs \$618,900.00

There is only one STD/HIV specialty center in Mississippi and North and South Mississippi needs one as well

Mississippi's AIDS Drug Assistance Program (ADAP) is federally supported but these funds are about to become insufficient to support Mississippi's total need.

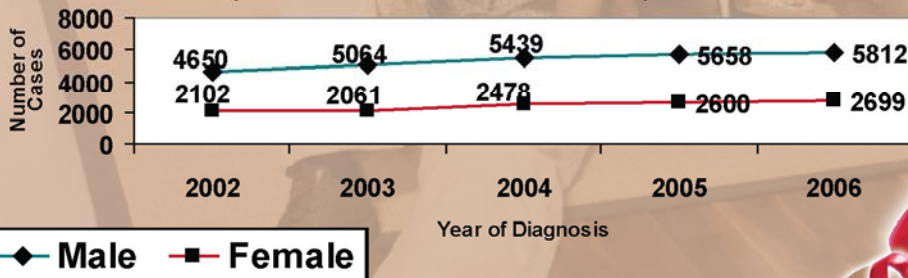


# HIV DOES NOT DISCRIMINATE!



"Estimated Number of Mississippian Living With HIV Disease by Year"

**Mississippians Living With HIV Disease<sup>1</sup>, 2002 - 2006**  
 (<sup>1</sup> includes HIV infection and AIDS)



## THE BOTTOM LINE:

The lifetime cost of treating HIV disease is \$618,900.  
 ~Support increased funding for HIV care now or taxpayers will pay more later.~

51% of Persons Living with HIV Disease in Mississippi in 2005 received no care or services.  
 ~One of the worst records in the nation.~

## TREATMENT IS PREVENTION!

~HIV/AIDS treatment leads to a reduction in new HIV infections.~

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