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MAP Honors Legislative Leaders

Sen. John Hottinger (DFL-St. Peter), Sen. Sheila Kiscaden (IP-Rochester) and Rep. Paul Thissen (DFL-Minneapolis) are recipients of MAP's 2005 Hanson Henningson awards recognizing legislative leadership in Minnesota's fight to stop HIV. Each lawmaker has made significant contributions towards policies affecting HIV care, prevention and services.



John Hottinger



Sheila Kiscaden



Paul Thissen



Steve Kelley

Sen. Hottinger and Rep. Thissen were lead authors of a bill to bring improvements to Minnesota's HIV insurance and drug assistance program. Also, they each stepped forward to defend MAP from legislation that would impede the delivery of strong and effective HIV prevention services.

For many years, Sen. Kiscaden has been a consistent advisor and advocate in advancing thoughtful legislative responses to HIV in Minnesota. In 2005, she was once again one of the co-authors of legislation intended to improve the quality of comprehensive sexuality education offered in Minnesota's public schools.

Sen. Steve Kelley [DFL-Hopkins] is the 2005 recipient of MAP's Paul and Sheila Wellstone Lifetime Achievement Award. Sen. Kelley has been a consistent and vocal advocate for smart policies to respond to HIV in Minnesota since before he was first elected to the Minnesota House in 1992. Kelley led the effort in the Minnesota Senate in 2001 to secure first-time state funding for HIV education in Minnesota workplaces and was recognized with the MAP Hanson Henningson Award that same year. He has been a lead advocate for comprehensive sexuality education in Minnesota's public schools, playing a critical role in both advancing useful reforms and fighting back efforts to impose abstinence-only-until-marriage and anti-gay restrictions on sex education programs.

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Guiding Words

On June 4, 1990, I came to MAP as the new Executive Director. During my first months, I learned from many who were on the frontline of those first years of the HIV epidemic. As I came to know MAP, I realized what great work they had all done to create a valuable resource for Minnesota. I came to realize that as a doctor's first job may be to "do no harm," at the very least, my job at MAP was "don't mess up a good thing."

We faced a steep challenge back in 1990. MAP had grown quickly through the Eighties, but was being held back by huge debt. Changes were needed, and along the way we created a strong organization so Minnesotans and persons living with HIV could depend upon us to be there when they needed us, even if that was going to be a long haul.

Today, you can depend upon MAP staff and volunteers to provide high quality service for those living with HIV with deeply felt compassion. You can have confidence we will be persistent and draw upon all of the good science and creativity we need to get effective prevention messages and services to all who need them. And what you have today at MAP that you didn't have fifteen years ago is a loud advocacy voice calling for fair treatment of those affected by HIV, effective education and prevention, and access to needed health care and social services.

I've learned many things through my fifteen years at MAP, but the most surprising lesson is that HIV continues to be such a lightning rod. Yes, over two decades following the "discovery" of AIDS, our country and our world has yet to come to terms with how to provide solid comprehensive prevention messages and how to fairly treat those living with HIV. Does that surprise me? Frankly no – I've always believed that HIV is the "spotlight" that shines its beams on those issues most of us are uncomfortable in talking about – sex, drugs and death.

Fifteen years ago, I counseled myself not to "mess it up." But, what words guide me now? "Always stay firmly on the path of doing the right thing. And find that right thing by learning from those at risk and those living with HIV." I've heard the message – it's loud and it's clear. Give me health education in terms I understand. Give me support for making the right choices to reduce the risk of transmission. Make sure we all have health care. And finally, treat me fairly.

Thank you for the opportunity to do this work for the past 15 years. Your support through volunteering, donating and caring has made this all possible. Most of all, it remains **meaningful**, thanks to those of you who are living strongly and determinedly and who are fighting for your health and that of friends and loved ones. And thanks to those I remember who made time along their path to death to entrust me their hopes.

all over the **MAP**

At MAP

The end of July MAP will host the Minnesota Historical Society (MHS) as they excavate one of MAP's parking lots as part of an archeological learning opportunity for students. MHS is interested in our neighborhood because Elliot Park has a rich history, with homes built in this area as early as 1890. At a recent nearby dig the MHS found 12,000 artifacts including ceramic, glass and household items. Any items found during this dig will become part of the Historical Society's permanent collection. MHS welcomes visitors, so stop by MAP July 29-30 to see them at work.



Minnesota AIDS Project (MAP) Legal Services now provides consultation with an immigration attorney at two sites: MAP's Minneapolis office, 1400 Park Ave, and at Hennepin County Medical Center.

Consultations will be held at HCMC on July 5 and are available only for individuals receiving care through HCMC. To schedule an appointment, call 612-873-6118.

Immigration clinics at MAP's Minneapolis office are also staffed by volunteer attorneys and will be held July 12 and 19 beginning at 3 pm. Consultations are by appointment only. For more information, an intake or to schedule an appointment, contact Dan Kelly at 612-373-2426.



MAP and PrideAlive, a program of MAP are pleased to have received Certificates of Appreciation in recognition of steadfast partnership and ongoing collaboration with the Minneapolis Urban League in providing service to our community.

In Minnesota

The Minnesota Department of Health (MDH) reports that infectious syphilis cases have nearly doubled compared to last year. As of June 1, 2005 there have been 47 infectious syphilis cases reported, compared to 25 cases during the same time period in 2004. Ninety-one (91) percent of these cases are among gay and bisexual men.

Sexually active gay and bisexual men are encouraged to use latex condoms for anal, oral and vaginal sex and be checked for syphilis or other sexually transmitted diseases (STDs) if they have had unprotected sex, including oral sex with multiple partners. Testing and treatment are available at the Red Door Clinic in Minneapolis and the Room 111 Clinic in St. Paul for those who don't have a health care provider.

Physicians are encouraged to follow the current syphilis screening guidelines from the CDC, assess the sexual risk in all their male patients and provide annual screenings for syphilis and other STDs. For gay, bisexual and other men who have sex with men, the guidelines also recommend more frequent STD screenings, every three to six months, for those at highest risk.

For confidential information about the prevention, testing locations and treatment of STDs, call the Minnesota Family Planning & STD Hotline, at 1-800-78-FACTS (voice or TTY) or the MAP AIDSLine, 612-373-2437.

Around the Nation

At the CDC's recent 2005 National HIV Prevention Conference in Atlanta, officials from the Los Angeles Gay & Lesbian Center reported that crystal methamphetamine use continues to fuel a rising number of HIV cases among white men who have sex with men. Over the last four years staff at the Los Angeles Gay and Lesbian Center asked MSM (men who have sex with men) if they had used crystal meth since their last HIV test or in the previous two years, whichever was more recent. Data showed almost one in three MSM who tested positive in 2004 said they had used crystal meth, nearly triple the rate of meth use among MSM testing HIV-positive in 2001, Center officials said. Many experts agree that meth use is a "growing threat" to MSM nationwide because it increases arousal and reduces inhibition, often encouraging people to seek multiple sexual partners, which could put MSM at an increased risk of contracting HIV.

Excerpted from Kaiser Daily HIV/AIDS Report

PrideAlive

URNS PREVENTION THEORY INTO ACTION

The Minnesota AIDS Project firmly believes that key to winning the fight against HIV is a strong, healthy community of gay and bisexual men. PrideAlive affirms this by engaging participants to become leaders, mentors, and partners in the fight. PrideAlive encourages men to build forthright, caring relationships that permit discussion of uncomfortable topics, including sexual activities, relationships, mental and chemical health and conflict resolution. The PrideAlive staff serve as peers and role models, providing programming and event support while also publishing educational materials. These materials aim to reach those most at risk for HIV infection. At its essence, PrideAlive builds relationships through which gay and bisexual men may receive and pass on accurate HIV and other STD prevention messages that affirm their lives and choices. The program recognizes that such relationships require ongoing work; flexibility, patience, and the ability to learn from mistakes. Ultimately, MAP believes this dynamic process will empower gay and bisexual men to build a community strong and healthy enough to win the long-range battle against HIV.

Gay and bisexual men have been at the center of the fight against HIV since the epidemic's early emergence. Minnesota AIDS Project was founded in 1983 by a group of concerned and affected gay men. In 2004, approximately 44 percent of all new infections in Minnesota were related to male-to-male sexual contact. While this rate is alarming and disproportional, compare it to 1990, when gay and bisexual men accounted for 75 percent of new infections. Researchers, clinicians, and activists have utilized a wide variety of HIV prevention methods over the years targeting gay and bisexual men. Now, changing times and circumstances have reshaped the needs, knowledge, and comfort levels of gay and bisexual men.

The Center for AIDS Prevention Studies at the University of California-San Francisco found in the mid-1990s that young gay men, who are often most in need of accurate prevention messages, were avoiding traditional HIV prevention services. The reasons cited included fear of the stigma associated with HIV, not knowing anyone living with HIV and lack of social support for effective risk-reducing sexual behaviors. Moreover, many

young gay men indicated that their most pressing needs were social opportunities, specifically alternatives to bars or other sexually charged venues. HIV prevention messages had not traditionally been provided outside of the bar scene or other sexual venues.

The University of California San Francisco developed and researched, a prevention method known as The Mpowerment Project. MAP has trained its staff and implemented this model for both PrideAlive and MAP Gay/Bi Health Services. This successful approach has been outcome-tested and approved for use by the Centers for Disease Control. At its essence, the program infuses safer sex and harm reduction messages in to the context of social events and community building activities. The intervention model includes key components such as the hiring of coordinators from the target population, having a participant-led Core Group, a user-friendly drop-in area (PrideAlive's "QueerSpace"), regular social events, small educational groups, social environment outreach, and a marketing campaign. The intervention allows for minor adaptation and tailoring, which PrideAlive has utilized to include adult gay men of all ages.

Teen Education Partnership Has a Great First Year



Mosaic

This year the Minnesota AIDS Project and Washington-based Advocates for Youth, embarked on an exciting journey together. The two agencies formed Minnesota Teens for AIDS Prevention (MN-TAP). MN-TAP began its first year with interested youth groups representing five different metro area communities: Edina High School; Moundview High School; Neighborhood House's "Hablando Claro (Speaking Frankly) Program"; District 202 (a GLBT youth center); and Mosaic Youth Center (serving the north-west suburbs of Minneapolis). All of the teens working with this program received permission from their parents to become involved.

Advocates for Youth, a national organization dedicated to creating programs and advocating for policies that help young people make informed and responsible decisions about their reproductive and sexual health, held a retreat weekend to provide training for these inaugural members of MN-TAP. The weekend consisted of an HIV 101 presentation, understanding the differences between abstinence only and comprehensive sexual health education and learning how each of these strategies is supported or opposed by various governmental and private groups. Participants were then encouraged to formulate their own opinions on these strategies. They then learned about and practiced media and communication techniques, how to lobby their elected representatives and set goals for the coming year. Most importantly, this diverse group of teens learned respect for the diversity and experiences each brought to the project. Following this intense training weekend, MN-TAP officially began meeting twice a month at MAP to discuss, at greater depth, different

topics they had learned about during the training weekend. For example, one meeting began with a legislative update on the comprehensive sexual health education and minors' consent bills that were being considered in the state legislature. In April, participants reviewed newly released Minnesota HIV statistics and worked to understand where in these data youth were represented. They also practiced at greater depth their communication and lobbying techniques.

This active group of teens didn't stop there. They held a petition drive for comprehensive sexual health education and retaining Minnesota's minors' consent law; they organized a lobby day at the Capitol; worked on putting together teams for the Minnesota AIDS Walk; wrote and distributed a 'Zine (newsletter); and finally, planned for a screening party for a documentary about comprehensive sex education held at TPT TV-studios in June.

MN-TAP was launched thanks to a lead contribution from DIVA-MN (formerly DIFFA Minnesota).

Plans are already underway for expanding the MN-TAP program to include additional youth communities starting in September. If you are interested in more information or know of a youth community that might like to participate, contact

Kate Nelson, knelson@mnaidsproject.org or 612-373-9162

The Power of Citizenship

On the evening of May 4, 17 young people came to the State Capitol as citizen advocates ready to lobby their legislators about comprehensive sexual health education.

For the past three months, these young people have helped create a new service at MAP. They are part of MN-TAP – Minnesota Teens for AIDS Prevention, a unique partnership between MAP and Advocates for Youth. Advocates for Youth is a nationally recognized resource for creating programs and advocating for policies that help young people make informed and responsible decisions about their reproductive and sexual health.



These teens had been through a weekend retreat where they learned about how to prevent sexually transmitted infections, including HIV, and how to promote healthy sexual growth. They also learned advocacy – how to teach and talk with friends, family, the media, elected leaders – anyone who they can influence, who might then influence others. Each of the teens had received written permission from their parents to become a part of this important program.

Javier was one of those teens. He lives in St. Paul's Rondo neighborhood. He attends St. Paul's Creative Arts High School. He's also part of Hablando Claro, a youth leadership program based on St. Paul's West Side.

He had never met with a State Legislator.

Javier was comfortable working in a group. He and his peers in Hablando Claro came to the Capitol on May 4, expecting an easy meeting with Rep. Carlos Mariani who represents St. Paul's West Side and is a neighbor of one of the teens in the group.

That didn't turn out to be the case for Javier. He doesn't live on the West Side, so he had to meet with his State representative alone.

He was nervous.

Everything he had learned through MN-TAP workshops and semi-monthly meetings about comprehensive sexual education, honing your message, effective advocacy and the finer points of having a fast yet effective meeting with an elected official seemed to immediately vanish from his brain.

MAP staff jumped in to coach. We spent time with Javier until he was comfortable telling his story. Then we took Javier up to the rotunda of the State Capitol so he could pull his legislator off the floor of the House chamber and explain to him what he knew about the need for comprehensive sexual education for Latino youth. Alone.

And it happened. Rep. Cy Thao responded to Javier's note asking for a meeting in the Rotunda, and came out to meet with him. Javier explained the results of a survey he and others at Hablando Claro did that showed how important sex education in schools was for Latino teens. Then Rep. Thao talked about how similar it was for Hmong teens. They chatted for a quick but meaningful five minutes before Thao got called back for a vote.

Javier beamed.

His meeting with his legislator worked perfectly. He knew the power of citizenship.



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The Hanson Henningson Awards and Wellstone Award will be presented as part of MAP's annual community forum series this fall. Keep an eye on us at www.mnaidsproject.org for forum announcements.



Hanson Henningson Award

The Hanson Henningson awards are presented annually to members of the Minnesota Senate and Minnesota House who demonstrate leadership in Minnesota's fight to stop HIV through thoughtful and responsive legislative action. The award honors the legacy of Dick Hanson and Burt Henningson, two men from Glenwood, Minnesota whose story about living with HIV was featured in the 1987 Pulitzer Prize-winning series "AIDS in the Heartland" published by the St. Paul Pioneer Press. They spent the last years of their lives teaching about HIV prevention and care to communities across Minnesota, as well as the Minnesota State Capitol.



Paul and Sheila Wellstone Lifetime Achievement Award

The Paul and Sheila Wellstone Lifetime Achievement Award is presented annually to an individual who has been a consistent leader and advocate for thoughtful and responsive public policies to advance Minnesota's fight to stop HIV. The award honors the legacy of Minnesota's U.S. Senator Paul Wellstone and Sheila Wellstone who extended a steady, consistent presence in Minnesota's fight to stop HIV. Not only did Sen. Wellstone stand up as a champion on national legislative issues affecting HIV, but he and Shelia showed up every year at the Minnesota AIDS Walk – calling it the "AIDS march" – a recognition of their belief that good things happen in public policy by people getting involved, staying involved, and organizing, organizing, organizing.

Visit the MAP public policy home page at www.mnaidproject.org to learn about previous award recipients.

MAP at the Capitol

During the 2005 legislative session, MAP advanced legislative proposals to:

- Improve the quality of comprehensive sexual health education in all Minnesota public schools.
- Ensure effective HIV prevention by working against proposals to restrict the content of HIV prevention messages and to eliminate MAP's eligibility for provide prevention services with state funding
- Ensure uninterrupted access to health care for low income Minnesotan's living with HIV by strengthening the State's HIV drug and insurance reimbursement program.
- Secure additional State funding for general education and awareness targeting the emerging HIV epidemic in Minnesota's African communities.

Keep up-to-date on what's happening with HIV in Minnesota and in Washington, D.C. Join the e-mail list service to receive the MAP Advocate.

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WISE @ WORK

A service of the Minnesota AIDS Project

The Wise @ Work program provides an opportunity for Minnesota businesses to get smart about HIV. As more Minnesotans with HIV live longer, it's important to educate business owners, employers and employees about how to support HIV-positive workers and how to make sure management is aware of legal rights and responsibilities. Here are three areas in which Wise @ Work has recently made a difference:

Client Referral and Service

A Minnesota AIDS Project case manager referred one of her clients to Wise @ Work for assistance with an employment issue. The client had just been hired for a full-time position at a company that offers its employees health insurance. The client was concerned that signing up for new health insurance would force her to disclose her HIV status when she was not ready to do so. Yet, gaining health insurance through work would finally allow her to meet not only her medical needs, but those of her spouse and family. Wise @ Work consulted with our law and insurance partners to provide assistance to the client. We were able to assure her that large group health insurance enrollment forms do not ask specific medical questions about HIV and that prescription drug reports routinely made to employers do not tie HIV medications (or any others) to specific employees. The client was able to enroll herself and her family in her employer's health program without fear that doing so would result in disclosing her HIV status.

Educating Minnesota Businesses

In conjunction with the 2005 Minnesota AIDS Walk, Wise @ Work conducted on-site educational presentations to employees for over 20 Minnesota companies, from American Express to Target; from Allianz to Dorsey & Whitney, to name just a few. At the Guidant Corporation, "PACE", the Guidant GLBT employee network, sponsored a Wise @ Work presentation for their members. Participants reviewed and were updated on basic HIV facts, learned about best practices for both managers and co-workers who may

encounter an HIV-positive colleague and were motivated to join the AIDS Walk. When the PACE group sponsored a team for the Minnesota AIDS Walk, their team of 21 people raised over \$5,000. Congratulations to Guidant and all the other companies who saw a need for education about HIV and contacted us.

Minnesota Work Force Centers

Wise @ Work is funded in part by a grant from the Vocational Rehabilitation program at the Minnesota Department of Employment and Economic Development. This is the state agency that operates WorkForce Centers across Minnesota. Earlier this year, Wise @ Work presented HIV 101 to staff members of the Anoka County WorkForce Center. Many at this site work with clients who have disabilities who are finding it difficult to develop the skills and capacity so that they might return to the workforce. Some of these clients are living with HIV and thus it is important for these state employees to "get the facts" about HIV so that they might serve their clients even more effectively.

This free service is available to all Minnesota-based employers and employees. If you'd like more information about how to reduce the impact of HIV in your business or workplace, contact Doug Flateau, dflateau@mnaidsproject.org or 612-343-2409.





Legal Services Expanding to Serve More

Beginning in July 2005, MAP Legal Services will offer a sliding scale fee-for-service representation in key areas for individuals living with HIV who earn more than 300 percent of the federal poverty guidelines (e.g. \$29,000 annual for a single person). Those earning less than 300 percent of poverty are eligible for these services free of charge.

“This expansion of programming is a winner in several ways,” says Lynn Mickelson, MAP legal services manager. MAP will now be able to provide these critical and specialized services for an important segment of the community who have not previously qualified due to income restrictions required by the Ryan White Care Act. “Now that we can offer a sliding-scale fee, estate and disability planning becomes more accessible for those who may find market rate fees prohibitive. And importantly, the fee-for-service component of our program will provide additional income, enabling MAP to provide continuing services at no cost to very low-income individuals.”

Andy Ansell and Steve Wolfgram, MAP Positive Link health education coordinators see this as an exciting development. “There are many working people with HIV who feel like they can’t afford legal services. This will provide a more manageable option with the added benefit of coming to an agency such as MAP that they know understands the impact HIV has on their lives,” says Ansell.

MAP legal services will continue to refer clients with other HIV-related problems to our strong and experienced base of private attorneys. “I think it is one of the best kept secrets that we have an excellent legal referral system comprised of many of the ‘super lawyers’ in the Twin Cities, adds Mickelson.” These attorneys have experience working with HIV-related issues and have demonstrated support of the HIV community.

Initially, the fee-for-service work will be limited to basic estate and disability planning and representation of individuals seeking social security disability benefits. Currently, the program has two attorneys – Lynn Mickelson and Warren Ortland. Mickelson has managed the legal program since 1995 and Ortland joined the staff last fall as an Equal Justice Works Fellow. Warren’s time is split between direct client services and public policy. Dan Kelly, program assistant, rounds out the staff by handling all new intakes amongst other duties. Although the staff only numbers three, they are very excited to begin this new work. “We’ll be balancing our time between our commitment to pro bono services and fee work,” says Mickelson. “And if we can’t help you right away, we’ll direct you to an attorney who can.”

To learn more about this new expansion of legal services, contact Dan Kelly, legal program assistant at 612-373-2426.

In Memory Of

All the beautiful ones
in NYC circa 1989.

Laura Sherr

All who have left us

Jonathan Icasas

Two friends since departed

Beth Bednar

Andy

Kathy Boyd

Angel

Robert Jaworski

Benjamin

Todd Masman

David

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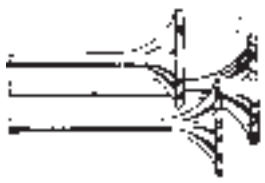
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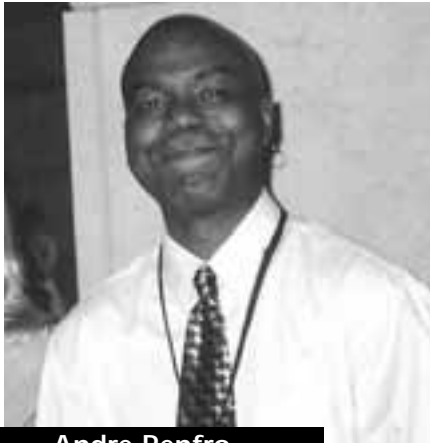
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Spotlight on Volunteers: Andre Renfro



Andre Renfro

The 2005 MN AIDS Walk would not have been possible without the help of hundreds of volunteers. They donated their time and talents throughout the months leading up to the event, as well as on Walk Day. One of these volunteers is André Renfro.

many AIDS Walk Poster Blasts, and helped out at both the annual Hollywood event and the Minnesota AIDS Walk. When asked about his most memorable volunteer experience, he replied, "I remember the look on the faces of the people who thanked me for volunteering at the Minnesota AIDS Walk. All the smiles and all the nice comments." He says that what keeps him volunteering at MAP is "the good feeling I get from the staff at MAP for helping others."

In addition to the great things he does for MAP, André volunteers in many other areas of the community. He mentors children and adults in computer skills, and teaches English to immigrants. Three days a week, he tutors in a North Minneapolis youth outreach program. André is very proud of his work on the board of the Tesfa Foundation, which recently opened a kindergarten school for underprivileged children and AIDS orphans in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia.

When he's not volunteering, André is busy working for IBM, and training as a runner six days a week. He runs all kinds of races, from 5Ks to marathons, and calls running his "first love."

Thanks to André and all of the other volunteers that make what MAP does possible! For information on volunteering for MAP, contact [Jessica at volunteer@mnaidsproject.org](mailto:volunteer@mnaidsproject.org) or 612-373-9160.

André has been volunteering for MAP events for several years. He became interested in the fight against HIV in 1991 when Magic Johnson announced that he was HIV-positive. As André says, "It made me realize everyone is vulnerable." He discovered MAP when he came to buy an AIDS awareness bracelet. The receptionist explained what we do, and he decided to become involved. Since beginning this volunteer work, André has been part of a wide variety of fun and unique experiences. He has been part of the "Human Red Ribbon" at a Twins' game in 2001, helped distribute materials at

Volunteer Opportunities

Tuesday Niters

Tuesday Niters are drop-in volunteer nights held at the MAP office. Tuesday Niters help with mailings, preparing for events, packing safer sex kits and helping in a variety of other important ways. Please consider joining us on any of the following dates. They run from 4:30 – 7 pm, but come when you can and leave when you need to. Call Jessica at 612-373-9160 or email volunteer@mnaidsproject.org for more information or to RSVP.

July 12, August 9, September 13,
October 11, November 8, December 13

Once again MAP will have a booth at the 2005 State Fair and you're invited to join us in sharing information about HIV with citizens from throughout the State. This year the fair runs from Thursday, August 25 through Monday, September 5. We will pay your admission to the Fair so when you're finished you can enjoy all the corn dogs, cheese curds and farm animals you'd like. A brief HIV 101 training is required of all new State Fair volunteers and is recommended for all returning volunteers. Trainings will take place at MAP on the following dates:

Saturday, August 13 at 10 am
Monday, August 15 at 6 pm
Thursday, August 18 at 6 pm

For more information or to register for a shift, contact [Jessica at volunteer@mnaidsproject.org](mailto:volunteer@mnaidsproject.org) or 612-373-9160.

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