National Youth HIV & AIDS Awareness Day (NYHAAD) takes place on April 10th to educate the public about the impact of HIV/AIDS on young people. Many young people do not see themselves at risk and do not know how to protect themselves from infection.

**UNITED STATES**

- In 2015, 22% of all new HIV diagnoses in the US were among youth age 13-24 years old.
  * 20-24 year olds made up 80% of the youth diagnoses.

- In 2015, of persons aged 13-24 years diagnosed with HIV infection, 55% were black, 22% were Hispanic/Latino, and 17% were white. Black young adults have been disproportionately affected by HIV. In 2015, blacks accounted for 64% of HIV infection in 13-19 year olds and 53% of HIV infection among 20-24 year olds.

- In 2015, the CDC released a supplemental report with 2013 data that focused on metropolitan areas across the nation. In 2013, the Baton Rouge MSA ranked 1st in the nation for HIV case rates among 13-24 year old females and 7th among 13-24 year old males. The New Orleans MSA ranked 3rd in the nation among 13-24 year old females and 1st in the nation for 13-24 year old males.

**LOUISIANA**

- In 2015, in Louisiana, 26% of all new HIV diagnoses were among youth age 13-24 years old.
  * 20-24 year olds made up 77% of the youth diagnoses.

- In 2015, of persons aged 13-24 years diagnosed with HIV infection, 84% were black, 10% white, and 5% Hispanic/Latinos.
  * Among persons just 13-19 years old at diagnoses, 96% are black, 3% Hispanic/Latino, and 1% white.
  * Overall in Louisiana, blacks make up only 32% of the total population but 72% of all new HIV diagnoses, regardless of age.

- Of the new diagnoses in 2015 among youth, 81% were male and 19% female.
  * Among all ages, 77% of new diagnoses are male and 23% are female.

- In 2015, the majority (78%) of new HIV diagnoses among youth were among gay, bisexual, and other men who have sex with men (MSM). Additionally, 20% of new youth diagnoses were high risk heterosexuals, 1% injection drug users (IDU), and 2% MSM/IDU.

- From 2011 to 2015, the number of new HIV diagnoses among youth has fluctuated from a high of 334 diagnoses in 2014 to a low of 270 diagnoses in 2012. Each year the number of HIV diagnoses accounts for at least 26% of all new diagnoses in the state.

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