World AIDS Day is observed every year on December 1st to increase awareness, improve education, fight prejudice, and raise financial resources for HIV treatment and prevention activities. This year's theme is "Increasing Impact through Transparency, Accountability, and Partnerships."

Worldwide Statistics

- Across the world there are an estimated **36.7 million** people living with HIV infection.
 - 34.9 million adults
 - 1.8 million children under the age of 15
- In 2015, there were **2.1 million** new cases of HIV and **1.1 million** HIV-related deaths worldwide.

United States Statistics

- 1.1 The CDC estimates that more than 1.1 million people in the United States are living with HIV infection.
- 1 In 2015, **39,513** people were diagnosed with HIV infection in the United States.
- Approximately 12,333 people with an AIDS diagnosis died in 2014 in the United States.

Louisiana Statistics

- In 2016, **21,056** persons were living with HIV infection in Louisiana; of these individuals, **11,092** persons (53%) have an AIDS diagnosis.
- Nationally, Louisiana ranked 2nd for estimated HIV case rates and 11th in the number of estimated HIV infection cases in 2015, according to the *CDC 2015 HIV Surveillance Report*. Baton Rouge ranked 2nd and New Orleans ranked 3rd for estimated HIV case rates among the largest metropolitan areas in the United States in 2015.
- 1 In 2016, 1,142 persons were diagnosed with HIV in Louisiana.
 - 31% (356 persons) were diagnosed in the New Orleans Metro Area
 - 21% (235 persons) were diagnosed in the Baton Rouge Metro Area
- 1 In 2016, 27% of new HIV diagnoses and 32% of new AIDS diagnoses were among women.
- In 2016, **25**% of all new diagnoses were in persons under the age of 25, **54**% were between the age of 25 and 44 years, and the remaining **21**% were 45 or older at diagnosis.
- HIV continues to disproportionately affect African Americans in Louisiana. In 2016, 73% of persons newly diagnosed with HIV and 74% of persons newly diagnosed with AIDS were African Americans. The HIV diagnosis rate for blacks is over 6 times higher than that of whites and almost 2 times higher than Hispanics.
- In 2016, of all new diagnoses in Louisiana who reported risk, 69% were among gay, bisexual, and other men who have sex with men (MSM) and 24% were among high risk heterosexuals; 5% injection drug users (IDU) and 2% MSM/IDU.
- 1 In 2016, 21% of persons newly diagnosed with HIV had an AIDS diagnosis within 6 months.
- 1 In 2016, 27% of persons living with HIV infection in Louisiana were not in HIV-related medical care.