HIV Among White Persons, Michigan

Number of Cases and Recent Trends:
- The MDCH estimates that there are 6,710 white persons living with HIV/AIDS in Michigan.
- White persons account for 36 percent of reported HIV/AIDS cases and 77 percent of Michigan’s population.
- Between 2004 and 2008, the rate of infections decreased among white males at an average of 6 percent per year.

Demographics:
- It is estimated that 1 out of 800 white males and 1 out of 5,640 white females are infected with HIV in Michigan.
- In the Detroit Metro Area (DMA), as many as 1 out of 660 white males and 1 out of 5,120 white females are infected with HIV.
- In the DMA, 26 percent of persons living with HIV are white, compared to 68 percent of the DMA population.
- In Out-State Michigan, 56 percent of persons living with HIV are white, compared to 85 percent of the Outstate population.
- White males (81 percent) have a much higher proportion of cases attributed to men who have sex with men (MSM), including MSM/injection drug users (IDU), than black males (60 percent).

Program Efforts:
- White persons account for 35 percent of persons receiving publicly funded HIV care services.
- In 2009, 31 percent of testers at publicly funded sites statewide were white, with a priority put on white MSM.
- The MDCH funds community-based organizations to provide testing and skill building for white MSM, including HIV-positive white MSM.
- The MDCH supports community level interventions designed to mobilize young gay, bisexual, and MSM to build positive social connections and support safer sex through the change of social norms.

For more information:
- Michigan Department of Community Health
  HIV/AIDS Prevention and Intervention Services
  (517) 241-5900
  (www.michigan.gov/hivstd → HIV/AIDS → Prevention and Care)
  State of Michigan HIV/AIDS Programmatic Information
- Michigan Counseling, Testing, & Referral Sites
  www.inspot.org/michigan → click "get checked"
- Michigan AIDS Hotline 1-800-872-2437

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