



Bridging Science, Policy and Public Health

NASTAD: Responding to the Epidemic in the Black Community

Southeast Regional Forum on Black Women

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Presentation Overview

- Who is NASTAD
- Foundational documents
- NASTAD's African American Advisory Committee
- 2009 priorities & issues
- The way forward: addressing the needs of Black women

Who is NASTAD?

- **NASTAD** is a non-profit national association of state health department HIV/AIDS program directors who administer HIV/AIDS prevention, care and treatment programs funded by state and federal governments.
- **NASTAD** is governed by a 20 member, elected Executive Committee charged with making policy and program recommendations to the full membership.
- **NASTAD's** Washington, DC headquarters has a professional staff of 37.

NASTAD's Mission and Vision

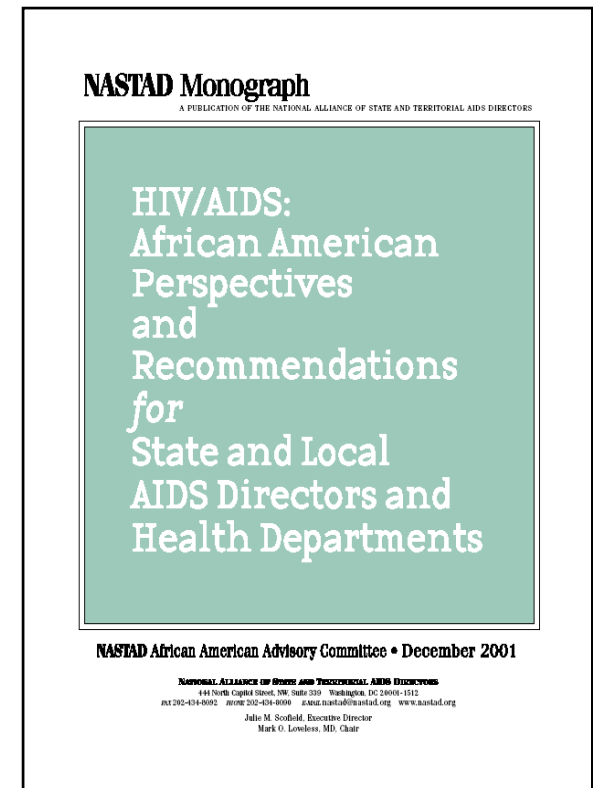
- NASTAD strengthens state and territory-based leadership, expertise and advocacy and brings them to bear on reducing the incidence of HIV infection and on providing care and support to all who live with HIV/AIDS.
- The vision of NASTAD is a world free of HIV/AIDS.

NASTAD Programs

- Domestic
 - Prevention
 - Care and Treatment
 - Viral Hepatitis
 - Racial and Ethnic Health Disparities (Overarching priority of NASTAD's strategic map)
- Government Relations
- Global

2001 African American Monograph

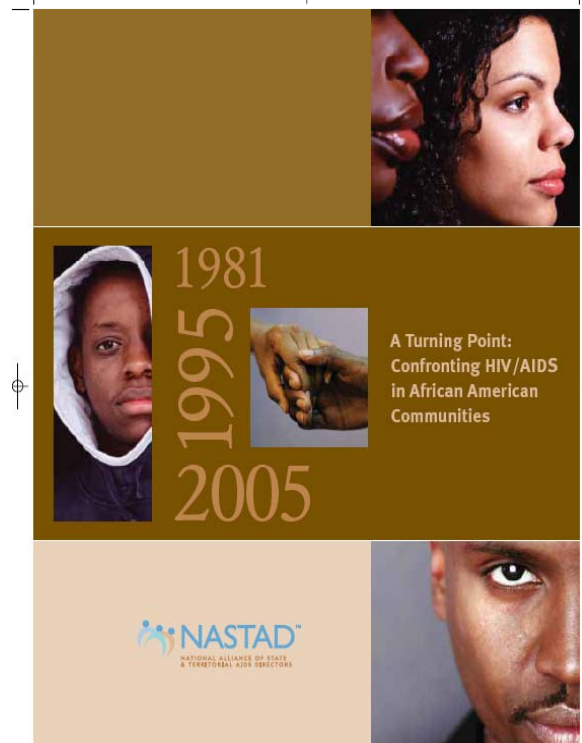
- To assist state and local health department response to the national HIV/AIDS crisis in black communities
- To raise awareness of the importance of race in program and policy development and implementation
- To raise historical factors in health disparities that contribute to overall health disparities and the acquisition of HIV/AIDS among black people



Extended Strategy: 2005 Call to Action

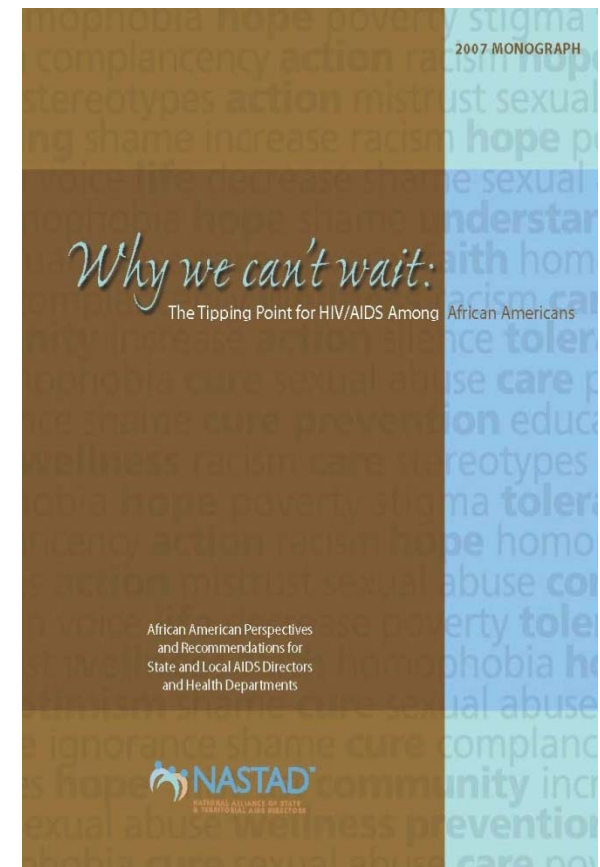
Call to action focuses on five areas deemed critical in addressing the HIV/AIDS epidemic in black communities:

- 1.) Strategic Prioritization and Resource Allocation
- 2.) Policy Education
- 3.) Research Initiatives
- 4.) Strategic Collaborations
- 5.) Coalition and Partnership Building



2007 African American Updated Monograph

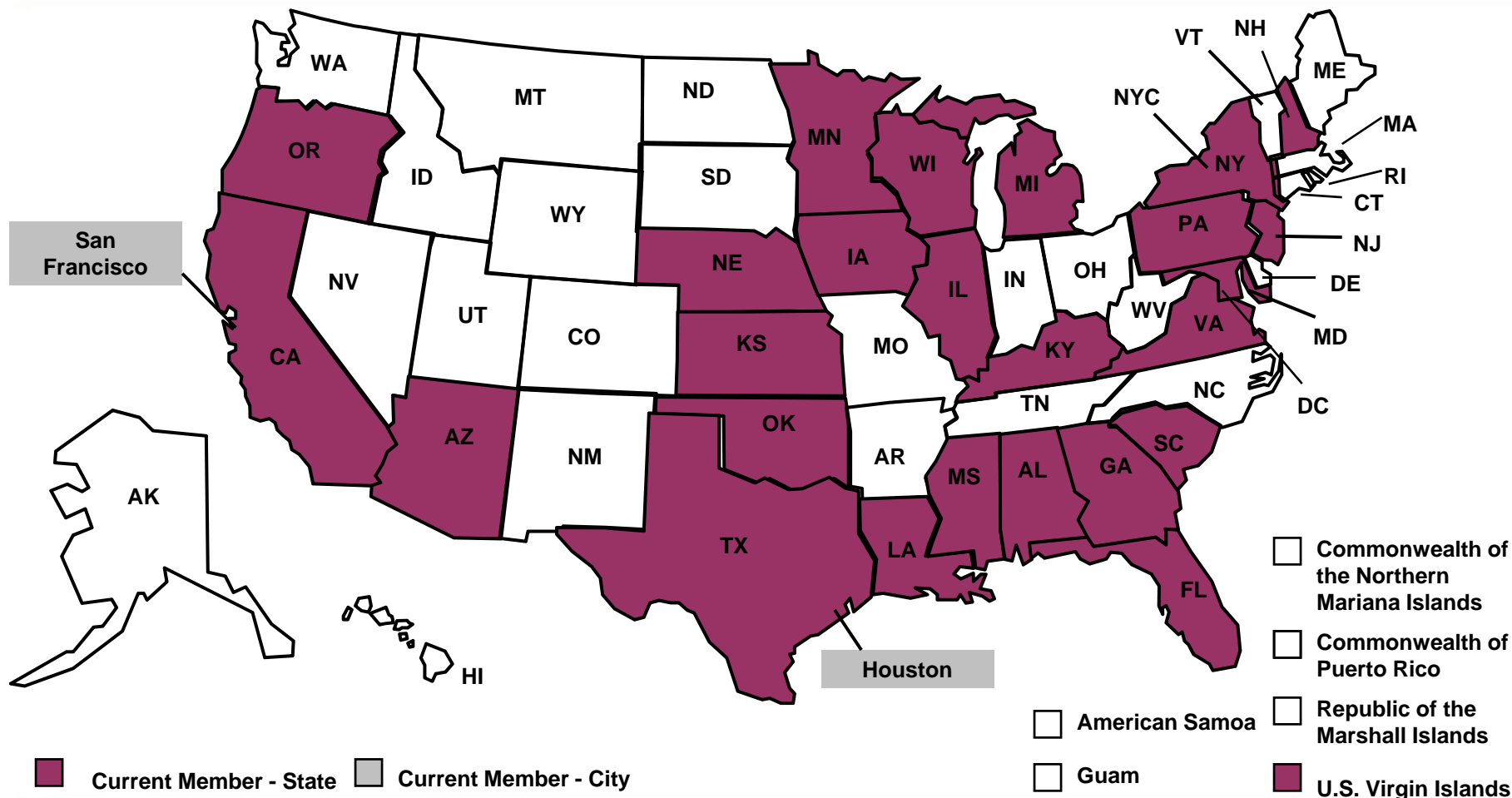
- To be used as a tool to foster stronger linkages between health departments, African American organizations, and with African Americans living with or affected by HIV/AIDS
- Examines the sociocultural factors that affect HIV/AIDS among African Americans
- Revisits key issues in the areas of epidemiology, capacity building, coalition and partnership building, program, implementation, and behavioral research that are specific to the African American experience
- Provides recommendations put forth in the 2001 monograph
- Acts as a springboard for discussion for pivotal discussions between African American communities, health departments, and national leaders



African American Advisory Committee

- Increase committee representation to include cities and low incidence jurisdictions
- Subcommittees: Policy Education, Research, Strategic Prioritization and Coalition Building
- Priority focus on African American women, Black gay men and youth
- Youth Liaisons
- Updated African American Monograph to enhance response of health departments

NASTAD's African American Advisory Committee (AAAC)



African American Advisory Committee: 2009 Priorities

- **African American Men who have Sex with Men (MSM)**
- **African American Women**
- **African American Youth**

Regional Forum Series Addressing HIV/AIDS Among African American Women

- Provide participating teams the opportunity to examine and prioritize the barriers to providing programs and services targeting African American women in their jurisdiction
- Support participating teams with the development of a year long action plan to strategically address
- Provide technical assistance to jurisdictions on issues impacting the implementation of their action plans

The Way Forward . . .

Addressing the Needs of Black Women:

- Regional forum and beyond
 - 2007 Regional Forum outcomes & sustainable action plans
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 - 2009 Regional Forum focus groups & action planning
 - 2010 ???

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Addressing the Needs of Black Women:

- Black Women's Issue Brief Series
 - Focus group outcomes
 - Best practices
- Integration of women of color issues across subcommittees and programs
- Peer technical assistance from members of NASTAD's African American Advisory Committee
- Leadership Development
- New Media

Thank You

Questions?