

# ACCEPT AGENCY SNAPSHOT

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## *History*

ACCEPT was and is the only community-based organization providing HIV/AIDS prevention education, intervention, and support services targeting African Americans in Washoe County. ACCEPT was founded in 1995 by Pastor Glenn E. Taylor Sr., as an outreach ministry of the Greater Light Christian Center Church. In 1999 ACCEPT acquired its own 501c3. African Americans account for more HIV and AIDS cases than any other ethnic group in the United States. Although only 12% of the US population, African Americans account for 47% of all HIV/AIDS cases. **We do not discriminate in our provision of services, we serve all ethnic groups and races.** We also provide substance abuse prevention classes for children and parents, parenting education, wellness groups and trainings, capacity building trainings, and supportive care services for individuals living with HIV/AIDS in addition to HIV/AIDS prevention.

## *Mission Statement*

Our mission is to empower underserved individuals and families by providing public health services and resources through community partnerships serving a multicultural population with emphasis on at-risk communities.

## Programs & Services:



**Positive Action** – A 12-week substance abuse prevention program directly targeting 4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> grade youth at Washoe County School District TEAM-UP Elementary Schools. ACCEPT has been implementing this program for over 17 years and has educated over 2400 youth, free of charge due to funding from JTNN (Join Together Northern Nevada).

## **Ryan White HIV/AIDS Program Part B**

**HIV/AIDS Health Education and Risk Reduction (HERR)** Support Groups are for Men and Women living with HIV/AIDS and their loved ones. The HERR program provides services that educate consumers with HIV/AIDS about HIV transmission and how to reduce the risk of HIV transmission, by disseminating information about medical and psychosocial support services and counseling to help consumers with HIV improve their health status. **The HERR Groups meet every 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday of the month at 5:00 pm at NNHOPES. Free dinner is served.**

**Non-Medical Case Management Services (NMCMS)** provide guidance and assistance in accessing medical, social, community, legal, financial, and other services, which may include assisting eligible consumers to obtain access to additional public and private programs such as Medicaid, Medicare Part D, or other state or local health care and supportive services.

**Medical Transportation Services** are conveyance services provided, directly, through gas vouchers, bus passes, Lyft or Huber rides to enable consumers to access health care services and HIV- related health and supportive services, thus allowing them to improve and/or maintain good health.

**Eligibility Program - Referral to Health Care and Support Services** assists consumers with enrollment for Ryan White needed core medical or support services.

**The Minority AIDS Initiative (MAI)** was established in 1999 by Congress to improve access to HIV care and health outcomes for disproportionately affected minority populations. MAI grants fund outreach and education services designed to increase minority access to needed HIV/AIDS medications through Part B AIDS Drug Assistance Programs.

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