

AIDS HEALTH PROJECT

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AIDS PREVENTION WEEK KICKS OFF NEW HEALTH PROJECT

AIDS is a disease that continues to attack such high risk groups as gay and bisexual men, intravenous drug users, Haitian immigrants, and hemophiliac patients. Medical progress has been slow. No cure is yet in sight. People at risk need to learn how to reduce their chances of getting AIDS.

The AIDS Health Project is a program developed in collaboration with behavioral scientists at the University of California, San Francisco. It is based on the premise that good physical and emotional health is good for a person's immune system. The more a person does to improve his or her health, the better the immune system can fight off AIDS. The Project, which is funded through the San Francisco Department of Public Health, began its services on March 19, 1984. It was formally announced at Mayor Dianne Feinstein's press conference on March 30, 1984.

The Project is staffed by highly trained and experienced professionals skilled in the area of health, including AIDS prevention. These professionals will help high-risk individuals to identify specific ways to improve their health and to help them make the changes needed to improve their health.

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The Project will also offer ongoing workshops on stress management, safe sex, health, nutrition, and preventing depression. These workshops are based on the latest information on AIDS prevention and health promotion and will be tailored to the needs of interested persons who are at risk. All services offered by the AIDS Health Project are available at no charge to persons at risk.

The Project will offer its services to persons with AIDS, to people who are at risk for AIDS, and to at-risk youth in the Polk and Tenderloin areas. It will also offer educational and training seminars for mental health professionals in both the private and public sectors who work with these groups.

The administrative office of the AIDS Health Project is located at 54 Tenth Street in San Francisco. The Project Administrator is Edward Morales, Ph.D., a clinical and consulting psychologist, and the staff clinicians are located throughout the city. For services and more information, call the AIDS Information line at 863-AIDS, or simply contact one of the staff persons listed below.

+ For persons with AIDS:

- Judy Macks, M.S.W.
San Francisco General Hospital, Ward 86 821-8830

+ For persons at risk, contact one of the following staff persons located closest to you:

- John Acevedo, M.S.W.
Health Center #1, 3850 17th Street 558-2507

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