

# HIV/AIDS FACT SHEET

## HIV/AIDS WORLDWIDE

- An estimated 33 million people worldwide are living with HIV/AIDS.
- Globally, women account for half of all HIV infections.
- More than 2.7 million new infections were reported in 2007.
- In 2007, there were more than 2 million AIDS-related deaths.

## HIV/AIDS IN THE UNITED STATES

- The United States has one of the largest HIV epidemics in the world, with an estimated 1.2 million people living with HIV in 2005.
- One quarter of persons living with HIV are unaware that they are infected.
- The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention estimates that 56,300 new HIV infections occurred in the United States in 2006.
- Although African Americans represent about 13% of the population, they accounted for 48% of new HIV or AIDS diagnoses in 2005.
- An estimated 37% of new HIV infections in 2005 were attributed to unprotected heterosexual intercourse.
- In 2006, persons aged 25–34 and persons aged 35–44 accounted for the largest proportions of newly diagnosed HIV/AIDS cases.
- HIV/AIDS is the leading cause of death in African-American women aged 25 to 44, and the leading cause of death in African-American men aged 35 to 44.

## HIV/AIDS IN WASHINGTON STATE

- The Washington State Department of Health estimates that there are currently between 11,500 and 12,700 people living with HIV disease in Washington
- Since the beginning of the epidemic, nearly 16,800 people have been diagnosed with HIV disease in Washington.
- The total number of people living with HIV disease in Washington State increases about 5% each year.
- 86% of persons living with HIV disease in Washington State are male.
- Between 2003 and 2007, 56% of new HIV diagnoses among males were associated with male-to-male sexual contact.

## HIV/AIDS IN PIERCE COUNTY

- Pierce County has the second highest incidence of new HIV infections in Washington State, second only to Seattle-King County.
- Over 1,880 people with HIV/AIDS have come to the Pierce County AIDS Foundation for services, and 703 persons are known to have died from complications related to AIDS as of July 31, 2009.
- Thirty-five percent of the cases of HIV/AIDS in Pierce County are among people of color.
- Twenty percent of all Pierce County AIDS cases are women, a number twice the state wide percentage (10%) of AIDS cases among women.
- Nearly 80% of PCAF clients have incomes of less than \$10,000 per year.