

**About The Ryan White ACTION Campaign ([www.ryanwhiteaction.org](http://www.ryanwhiteaction.org))**

The Ryan White ACTION (AIDS Care and Treatment In Our Nation) Campaign was launched by The AIDS Institute, the American Academy of HIV Medicine, the HIV Medicine Association and the National Alliance of State and Territorial AIDS Directors (NASTAD). The goal of the campaign is to promote public education and awareness of the Ryan White CARE (Comprehensive AIDS Resources Emergency) Act.

	<p><b>The AIDS Institute</b> promotes action for social change through public policy research, advocacy and community education. It began as a grass roots community advocacy effort in the late 1980s. Over the past several years, TAI expanded its vision to become a leading national public policy research, advocacy, and education agency with offices in Tallahassee, Tampa, and Washington, DC. Affiliated with the Division of Infectious Diseases and Tropical Medicine at the University of South Florida College of Medicine, The AIDS Institute remains focused on HIV/AIDS while incorporating work on related health care issues such as hepatitis, as well as other infectious and chronic diseases.</p>
	<p><b>The American Academy of HIV Medicine</b> is an independent organization of AAHIVM HIV Specialists™ and others dedicated to promoting excellence in HIV/AIDS care. Through advocacy and education, the Academy is committed to supporting health care providers in HIV medicine and to ensuring better care for those living with AIDS and HIV disease. As the largest independent organization of HIV frontline providers, the AAHIVM's 2,000 members provide direct care to more than 340,000 HIV patients. This is more than two-thirds of the patients in active treatment for HIV disease. Nearly 50 percent of the Academy's members receive Ryan White CARE Act funding, with 18 percent of the Academy's members practicing in community clinics.</p>
	<p><b>The HIV Medicine Association</b> is an organization of medical professionals who practice HIV medicine. HIVMA represents the interests of its patients by promoting quality in HIV care and by advocating for policies that ensure a comprehensive and humane response to the AIDS pandemic informed by science and social justice. HIVMA represents the diversity of medical sub-specialties practicing HIV medicine -- including internal medicine, family practice, infectious diseases, oncology, and obstetrics-gynecology. HIVMA has more than 2,700 members representing 49 states, the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico, the Virgin Islands, and 36 countries outside of the United States.</p>
	<p><b>The National Alliance of State and Territorial AIDS Directors</b> represents the nation's chief state health agency staff who have programmatic responsibility for administering HIV/AIDS health care, prevention, education and supportive service programs funded by state and federal governments. State AIDS Directors in all 50 U.S. states, the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico, the U.S. Virgin Islands, and the U.S. Pacific Islands are represented by NASTAD with an office in Washington, DC. NASTAD strengthens state and territorial-based expertise and brings them to bear in reducing the incidence of HIV infection, and on providing care and support to people living with HIV/AIDS.</p>