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**2007 United States Conference on AIDS: One Family, One Voice, One Spirit Comes to Palm Springs, California this November 7-10**

**July 18, 2007 ~ Washington, DC ~** Members of the media are invited to cover the 2007 United States Conference on AIDS (USCA), set for November 7-10, 2007, at the Palm Springs Convention Center, in Palm Springs, California. Over 4,000 HIV/AIDS professionals from federal and state AIDS agencies and health departments; faith- and community-based organizations; and AIDS service organizations nationwide are expected to convene in Palm Springs.

USCA, which has been sponsored by the National Minority AIDS Council (NMAC) since 1997, helps leverage the community-based response to the AIDS epidemic by bringing together HIV/AIDS professionals to network solution to common challenges, share best practices and participate in valuable training and skills-building programs.

The largest domestic conference on HIV/AIDS, USCA's extensive roster of 200 institutes, seminars, workshops and roundtables covers every front of the AIDS epidemic – from nutrition and treatment to prevention and international issues – enables participants to customize their training experience according to their professional and personal needs. "If you can only pick one HIV/AIDS meeting to attend this year, let it be USCA," encourages NMAC Director Paul A. Kawata. "I hope we can count on you to join us as we renew our spirit and recommit ourselves to ending the HIV/AIDS epidemic."

This year's theme, *One Family, One Voice, One Spirit*, reflects the conference and its sponsor's emphasis on collaboration to address the nationwide challenge of HIV/AIDS, especially in communities of color. The meeting's plenary sessions will focus on communities in the United States heavily impacted by, and at high risk for, HIV/AIDS since the epidemic began three decades ago. The first plenary session, on Wednesday, November 7, from 8:30 a.m. to 10:00 a.m., will address "The State of HIV/AIDS in the Native American, Alaskan Native and Native Hawaiian Communities." Representatives from many different indigenous communities will open USCA, and Native speakers will address the need for heightened HIV/AIDS awareness in Indian Country today.

The next plenary, "HIV/AIDS in the African-American Community: A State of Emergency," will take place on Thursday, November 8, from 12:15 p.m. to 1:45 p.m., and will feature a moderated panel of African-American leaders discussing impact of HIV/AIDS in the African-American/Black community. The final plenary, "Immigration, Migrant Farm Workers and HIV," slated for Saturday, November 10, from 11:45 a.m. to 1:45 p.m., will address prevention and treatment challenges for Asian and Pacific Islanders and Latinos/as living with and at risk for HIV/AIDS.

Credentialed media are to cover the 2007 USCA. Please visit the conference website at: [www.2007usca.org](http://www.2007usca.org) to submit a media registration online and/or download a media kit. For more information, please contact Circe J. Gray Le Compte at [clecompte@nmac.org](mailto:clecompte@nmac.org) or (202) 234-5120 ext. 309.

**About USCA's Sponsor – NMAC**

*The National Minority AIDS Council (NMAC), founded in 1987, develops leadership within communities of color to address challenges of HIV/AIDS through a variety of programs and services, including public policy education; national conferences; regional trainings; treatment and research programs; electronic and printed publications; and a website: [www.nmac.org](http://www.nmac.org). The agency also serves as an association of faith- and community-based organizations (CBOs) and AIDS service organizations nationwide that provide HIV/AIDS services in communities of color. NMAC's advocacy efforts are funded through private funders and donors only.*

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