45 MINUTE TOWN HALL

TO SAVE OURSELVES

Community voices, medication access, media action, and Black-led implementation through 2030

Empower HIV Health | HIV Possible | Black Public Health Academy

Our community health is our wealth

We show up. | We stay committed. | We keep our people in care



Overview

Why now

1

Florida ADAP crisis and the urgency of medication access.

Tour model

2

Six cities, 45-minute roundtables, fellowship, and trusted messengers.

What we heard

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Common themes, city-specific focus areas, and resource gaps.

What comes next

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Recommendations, champions, podcast, contacts, and commitment card.

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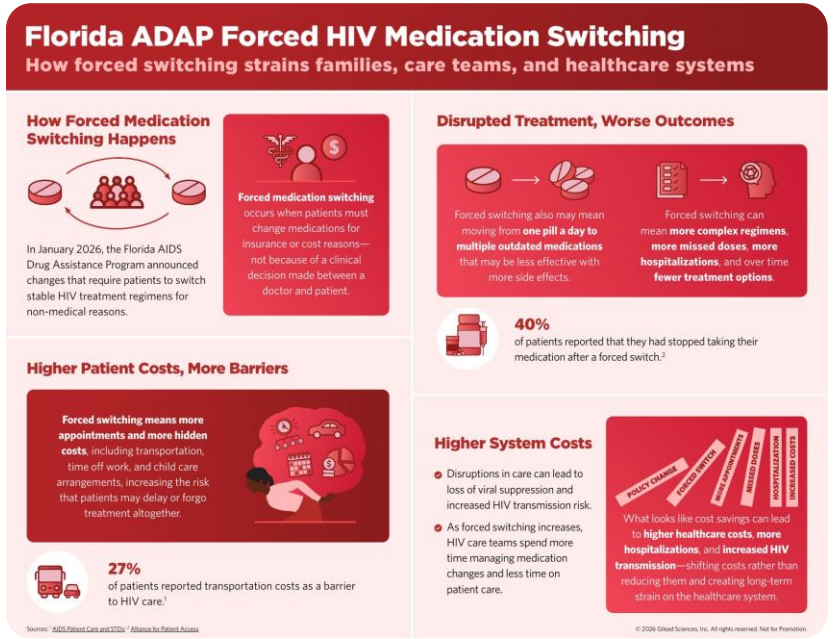


ADAP: Then to Now

A crisis point became a call to build multiple pathways to medication and whole-person care.

Jan-Mar 2026	Eligibility reductions, premium assistance elimination, and medication restrictions created fear about treatment continuity.
March 2026	Emergency bridge funding restored eligibility to 400% FPL through June 30, but premium assistance was not restored.
May-Jun 2026	Budget action restored time and some medication protections; the community still needs sustainable coverage.
Jun 2026	21,000 ADAP cap for uninsured participants. As of June 2026, 18,424 uninsured clients are enrolled in the program
Through 2030	ADAP will be “A” resource, not “The” resource

Shift the frame: ADAP is necessary, but it cannot be the only door.



Core lesson

A medication-only safety net can keep a person alive; comprehensive coverage helps a person live.

People Living With HIV

123,279

People Living with HIV 2023

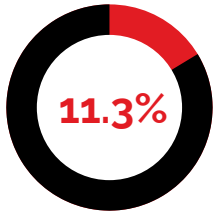


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Newly Diagnosed

4,438

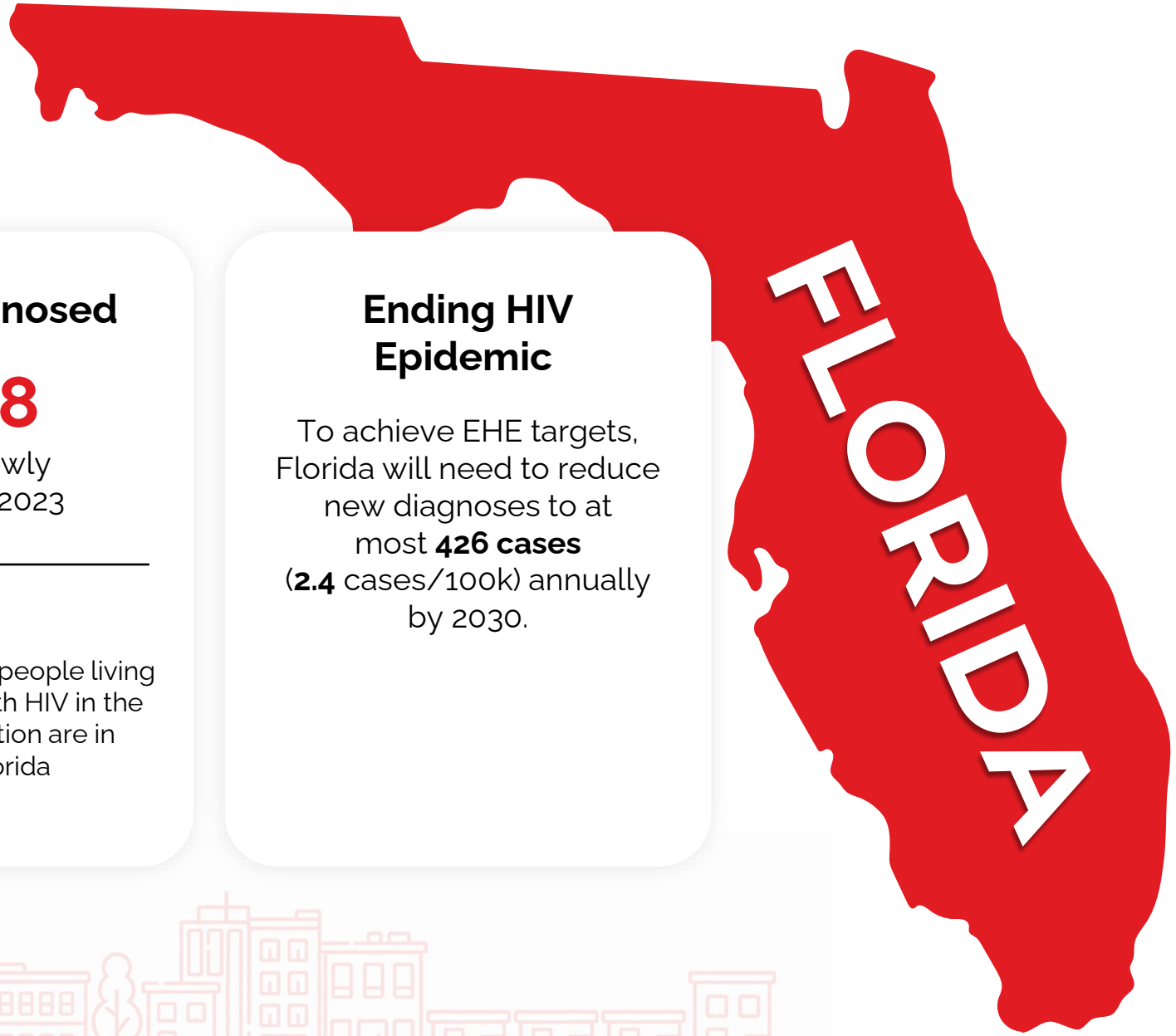
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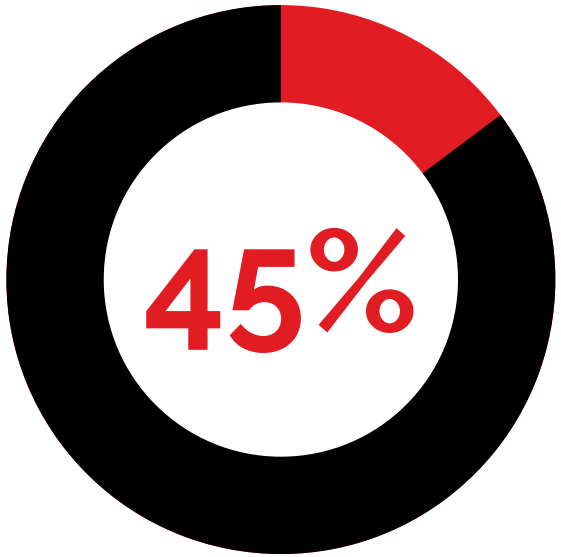
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Ending HIV Epidemic

To achieve EHE targets, Florida will need to reduce new diagnoses to at most **426 cases** (**2.4** cases/100k) annually by 2030.



Why "45 Minutes to Saving Ourselves"?



Black residents represented 45% of new HIV diagnoses in Florida.

45 Minute

Town Hall to Save Ourselves

What would we do if we only had 45 minutes to save ourselves?

Answer from the cities: convene the people most impacted, name the crisis, map resources, challenge stigma, activate trusted messengers, and build pathways that leave no one alone.

Our communities.
Our voices.
Our solutions.
Our power.



Process: How the Town Halls Were Conducted

Short enough to create urgency. Long enough to produce meaningful action.

15 minutes	Welcome, opening prayer, introduction, and grounding
45 minutes	Structured roundtable discussion on barriers, stigma/media, referral breakdowns, and local solutions.
1 hour	Food, fellowship, networking, resource connection, referrals, and relationship-building.

Roundtable themes

Barriers to ADAP access and pathways to medication of choice

Stigma, misinformation, and media amplification strategies

Referral breakdowns and opportunities for collaboration



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I am:

- ☐ Faith Leader
- ☐ Elected Officer
- ☐ Advocate
- ☐ Provider
- ☐ Civic/Greek Leader
- ☐ Media

My commitment: _____

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Six Cities Toured

Implementation promise:

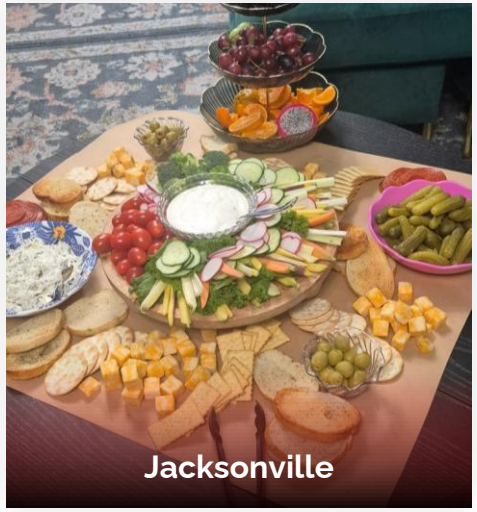
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Common Themes: Access and Navigation

Across cities, participants described access as life, dignity, stability, and family protection.

Medication access is survival

- Treatment choice and continuity matter for daily life, dignity, and stability.
- Access to the medication that works is not just a pharmacy issue.

ADAP is a pathway

- ADAP remains essential but cannot be the single point of failure.
- Communities need multiple doors to medication and care.

Insurance supports whole-person care

- Coverage can support labs, primary care, mental health, chronic disease care, pharmacy, and more.
- A sustainable model protects the person, not only the pill.

Warm handoffs save lives

- People need closed-loop referrals that confirm connection to care, medication, insurance, and support.
- Navigation must include follow-up accountability.

Reach

200

people in person

8K

through Black media

Common Themes: Trust, Storytelling, and Champions

Trusted messengers move life-saving information before fear and misinformation take hold.

Trusted messengers matter

Faith leaders, Black media, peer leaders, artists, elected officials, and culturally responsive CBOs can move information faster than formal systems alone.

Media is part of the intervention

Radio, social media, stories, interviews, PSAs, podcasts, and Black-owned outlets help accurate information travel.

Arts and culture carry the message

Music, spoken word, dance, theater, visual art, and cultural events can include HIV education without making HIV the only reason people gather.



Action through 2030

Florida needs a time-bound, community-led planning structure centered in the communities most impacted by HIV.

What's Next



Recommendations: From Listening to Implementation

Translate the tour findings into a time-bound agenda through 2030.

Build infrastructure

1

- Launch a Florida Black Community Planning: Underground Movement by Fall 2026.
- Create a statewide Black community resource and referral map.
- Standardize warm handoffs and closed-loop referrals.

Protect coverage

2

- Build a no-wrong-door medication access pathway.
- Develop a premium assistance and comprehensive coverage strategy.
- Convene insurance companies, brokers, and Medicaid stakeholders.

Activate champions

3

- Make Black media a formal partner.
- Train faith leaders and health ministries before asking them to lead.
- Brief Black elected officials in every tour city.
- Use arts and embed HIV in broader events.

Keep moving

4

- Return to HIV 101 and sexual health basics.
- Continue the webinar and podcast series.
- Report progress and keep recommendations from sitting on a shelf.

Implementation promise: We show up. We stay committed. We keep our people in care. We save ourselves.



Coverage Convening

Bring together Insurance providers and brokers and 340B organizations to discuss pathways during open enrollment



Launch the Underground Movement

Purpose An action-oriented body for a two-year plan to keep Black people in care, on treatment, and moving toward true HIV exit strategies that center culture.



Immediate Action

Rapid response on medication access, stigma messaging and referral gaps.

Action Plan

Prioritized wins, owners, timelines and public accountability measures.

Exit Strategy

Culture-centered models that move beyond crisis into sustained Black HIV wellness.

Who must be in the Movement?

People living with HIV • Black CBOs • faith and civic leaders • youth • Greek organizations • clinicians • 340B partners • brokers • Black media • public health

Charge: do not wait for another crisis. Organize the table, protect treatment, and build what our people need to live.

"45 Minutes to Saving Ourselves"

45

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Designing Solutions That Work
Open Enrollment Action Convening

LOCATION
Tampa, FL

LOCATION
Ft. Lauderdale, FL

EVENT DATE
Tuesday, November 17, 2026

EVENT DATE
Thursday, November 19, 2026

RECEPTION
Monday, November 16, 2026 | 6:30-8:00 PM

RECEPTION
Wednesday, November 18, 2026 | 6:30-8:00 PM

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Connect, collaborate, and carry the work forward.



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Partnership | Media | Faith action | Elected official briefings | Resource mapping | Follow-up support

The next phase is implementation - people most impacted leading the work, with systems and partners accountable to the community.

Q&A

Questions, reflections, and commitments

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