



Latinos and HIV/AIDS

- Latinos are the fastest growing minority in the country
- Latinos represented 14% of U. S. population and 19% of newly reported AIDS cases in 2000
- The Harvard School of Public Health predicts that by the year 2005 the number of new AIDS cases among Latinos will surpass that of whites



Federal Political Landscape

- The Administration's proposed budget flat-funds most Ryan White programs, including the Minority AIDS Initiative
- The number of people living with HIV/AIDS increased by 50,000 between 1998 and 2000
- Latinos account for a fifth of all people in the U.S. living with AIDS



Prevention

- The Administration has adopted a more ideological, rather than scientific, approach to HIV prevention
- Targeted prevention messages have proven effective
- The Latino community is many different communities, with different prevention needs



ADAP

- Expand federal funding for the AIDS Drug Assistance Program (ADAP), HOPWA, Ryan White, and Minority HIV/AIDS Initiative
- ADAP is currently under funded in ten states
- The Latino population is less likely to have health insurance, and must rely on ADAP



Medicaid

- Support existing Medicaid funding
- More than half of people living with AIDS depend on Medicaid
- Latinos with HIV/AIDS who are in care are more likely than whites to be uninsured or enrolled in Medicaid



Global AIDS

- Increase financial contributions to the Global Fund to Fight AIDS, TB and Malaria
- Domestic HIV/AIDS meets global AIDS at the U.S. – Mexico border



Other Federal Policy Recommendations

- Promote early access to HIV/AIDS care through passage of the Early Treatment for HIV Act
- Support the CDC's Five-year Strategic Plan for HIV Prevention through science-based HIV prevention policies



Other Federal Policy Recommendations

- Allocate NIH funds to other federal agencies doing prevention research and evaluation
- Provide sufficient federal resources for Housing Opportunities for People with AIDS



AIDS and Latinos in California

- Latino's comprise 32% of California's population, 20% of cumulative adult AIDS cases and 37% of cumulative pediatric cases
- Since 1997, Latinos have been the largest group of annual new AIDS cases in Los Angeles County



California Political Landscape

- The state faces up to \$14 billion in revenue shortfalls
- Most HIV/AIDS programs received no increases in the current fiscal year
- The Governor cut prevention funding by \$4.2 million last year
- Any cuts in state or federal funding will have an immediate and adverse impact on HIV/AIDS service providers and the clients they serve