

## **HIV/AIDS ACTION TIPS:**

There are many ways you can take action in response to HIV/AIDS:

- Get tested for HIV
- Practice safe methods to prevent HIV
- Decide not to engage in high risk behaviors
- Talk about HIV prevention with family, friends, and colleagues
- Provide support to people living with HIV/AIDS
- Get involved with or host an event for World AIDS Day in your community

## **NJ HIV/AIDS Facts**

The following is based on information provided by the New Jersey Department of Health and Senior Services (NJDHSS) Division of HIV/AIDS Services (DHAS).

- By mid 2008, 35,309 people are reported living with HIV or AIDS in New Jersey.
- Minorities account for 76% of adult/adolescent cumulative HIV/AIDS cases and 78% of all persons living with HIV/AIDS.
- Injection drug use and sexual contact remain the major modes of exposure to HIV infection. The proportion of reported cases with HIV/AIDS who were exposed through injection drug use (IDU) is lower than in the past, while the proportion of cases that were exposed through sexual contact is increasing.
- 76% of persons living with HIV/AIDS are over 40 years of age or older.
- 35% of people living with HIV/AIDS in New Jersey are females, 66% of females are currently 20-49 years old.
- The number of annual pediatric infections has dropped over 90% since 1993.
- Over 7,000 HIV/AIDS patients received medications through the state's AIDS Drug Distribution Program (ADDP) in 2007.
- More than 16,000 clients received HIV prevention services funded by the NJDHSS in 2007.
- In 2007 over 75,000 HIV tests were administered through Counseling and Testing Sites.
- Over 186,000 clients have been tested by RAPID testing funded by the NJDHSS since November 1, 2003.

### **Did You Know:**

that among the 50 United States:

- NJ has the **highest** estimated proportion of women living with AIDS?
- NJ has the **third** largest proportion of children living with HIV/AIDS?
- NJ ranks ninth among states in total population, but remains **fifth** in the total number of AIDS cases reported – only New York, California, Florida and Texas have more cases?