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## **World AIDS Day---Dec. 1**

### ***City of Milwaukee Health Department Joins Community Partners to Build HIV/AIDS Awareness***

The City of Milwaukee Health Department (MHD) in partnership with Milwaukee Area Technical College (MATC) and Planned Parenthood of Wisconsin's HIV Testing and Prevention Program will hold HIV/AIDS awareness events today to recognize World AIDS Day.

Free and confidential HIV and STD testing will be given at the MATC Student Services Building, located at 700 W. State Street, today from 12:00 -3:30 pm. The event will also provide information, education and resources to participants. Other sponsors for the event are the Sixteenth Street Community Health Center – HIV Department and the Milwaukee LGBT Community Center.

MHD's Plain Talk Initiative is also partnering with Planned Parenthood of Wisconsin's HIV Testing and Prevention Program to host a fashion show called "Proper Attire Required for Entry." *Plain Talk* is a national program designed to assist parents in developing the skills and tools they need to communicate effectively with their children about abstinence, healthy relationships, and sexuality. In addition to the fashion show, the event will feature a commemoration of World AIDS Day and encourage attendees to reduce risk behaviors (e.g., have no more than one sex partner, know your partner's risk factors, use condoms, don't share needles, don't have sex while drunk or high). The event will be held at the Broadway Theater, located at 158 N. Broadway. Admission is \$5.00 and the program will begin at 6:00 pm.

Other sponsors of the fashion event include Milwaukee Health Services Project Life Program and the Kappa Beta Zeta and Lambda Lambda Graduate and Undergraduate Chapters of Zeta Phi Beta Sorority Milwaukee.

"HIV and AIDS continue to be problematic in the Milwaukee community, particularly among African Americans and Hispanics," said Commissioner of Health Bevan K. Baker. "I encourage everyone to get tested so that they know their HIV status."

The City of Milwaukee Health Department offers confidential HIV and STD testing. Testing is available on a walk-in basis or by appointment at its Keenan Central Health Center at 3200 North 36th Street.

For more information or to make an appointment for HIV or STD testing, call 286-3631.

Services offered by the program include screening for sexually transmitted infections, HIV counseling and testing, medical case management for women living with HIV, presentations to community groups, and participation in health fairs.

*Think Health. Act Now!*