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### Illinois AIDS Drug Assistance Program (ADAP)

#### **What is ADAP?**

The AIDS Drug Assistance Program (ADAP) provides HIV treatments and medications to low-income people living with HIV or AIDS who lack sufficient funds to obtain the costly medications on their own. Established by Congress in 1990 to help states purchase AZT, the only FDA-approved antiretroviral drug at that time, ADAP was created with funds incorporated into the Ryan White CARE Act under Title II. ADAP addresses the most basic need shared by all people living with HIV: life-extending medications that slow the progression of HIV disease. The medications provided through ADAP keep many recipients healthy enough to work and remain productive members of society.

#### **ADAP in Illinois**

There are currently an estimated 35,000 individuals living with HIV/AIDS in Illinois, and an estimated 1600 new infections occur in Illinois each year. Illinois ranks sixth in the nation for HIV/AIDS cases, and the number of people who need ADAP services continues to grow. As of May 2005, 10 state ADAP programs have waiting lists for services due to funding crises.

Illinois has a comprehensive AIDS Drug Assistance Program thanks to strong support from Governor Rod Blagojevich, the state legislature, and advocates. Governor Blagojevich and the legislature increased state funding in FY 2005 (July 2004 – June 2005) by \$3.15 million to expand and improve the Illinois ADAP program. State leaders recognize that, without ADAP, many program recipients might forgo HIV treatments and become so sick as to qualify for Illinois' Medicaid program, resulting in dramatically increased costs for the state.

#### **Funding**

- Federal ADAP funds are appropriated through Title II of the Ryan White CARE Act. The formula used to allocate funding to states each year is based on their proportion of the nation's estimated living AIDS cases, determined by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC). The ADAP fiscal year begins on April 1 and ends on March 31.
- To receive federal funding for ADAP, each state must provide a 50% match for all Title II funds appropriated. The match may consist of in-kind or cash contributions and must be used for expenses related to HIV/AIDS. Current state general revenue funding levels satisfy this match.
- The Title II Earmark Federal award for ADAP for the Illinois FY 2004 was \$25,746,254, and the Illinois general revenue appropriation was \$10,100,000. More funding for ADAP included \$5,619,843 from other federal/state sources and drug rebates in the amount of \$1,257,132.
- The total Illinois budget for ADAP (including federal funding) in FY 2004 was \$42,723,229, a 33% increase from FY 2003, which was \$32,017,427.

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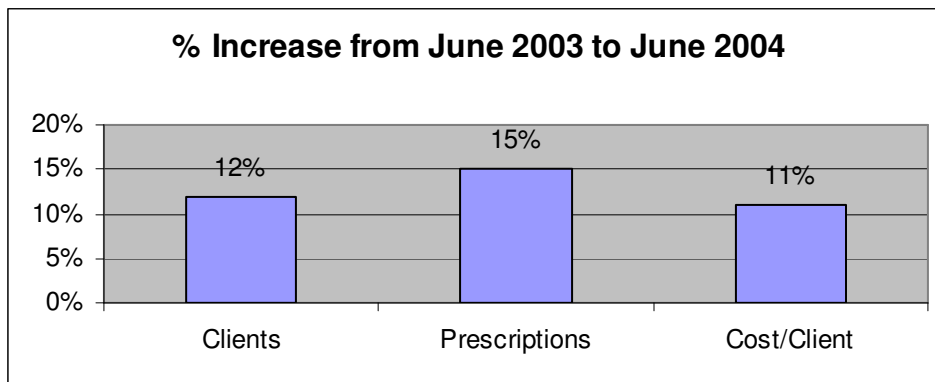
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ADAP FY	FY 2000	FY 2001	FY 2002	FY 2003	FY 2004
Federal Funding	\$16,854,143	\$19,388,158	\$21,386,159	\$23,949,257	\$25,746,254
State Funding	\$7,136,000	\$6,350,000	\$7,100,000	\$7,000,000	\$10,100,000
Total IL ADAP Budget (Federal + State + Other)	\$23,990,143	\$25,738,158	\$29,160,217	\$32,017,427	\$42,723,229
% Change from Previous Year	11% +	7% +	13% +	10% +	33% +

ADAP fiscal year is from April to March. Source: Kaiser Family Foundation: National ADAP Monitoring Project Annual Report. April 2005.

### Utilization

- During the 2004 ADAP funding year (April 1, 2004 – March 1, 2005), 4,547 clients were provided assistance, receiving a total of 124,446 prescriptions.
- In June 2004, 3,234 clients were assisted by ADAP, a 12% increase from June of 2003.
- In June 2004, 10,772 prescriptions were provided, a 15% increase from June of 2003.
- The average cost per client per month during the 2004 funding year was \$1,016.87, up from \$901.60 in 2003. ADAP will pay a maximum of \$2,000 per individual per month.



- Currently, Illinois ADAP covers 80 drugs, up from 74 in 2003. These drugs include: reverse transcriptase inhibitors, protease inhibitors, ribonucleotide reductase inhibitors, antibiotics, anti-fungals, anti-virals, and mycobacterial infection treatments. Drugs added as a result of the funding increase for FY05 were: Valcyte, four lipid regulating drugs, multivitamins, low-cost anti-diarrhea agents, and five antiretroviral drugs plus Ritonavir for deep salvage therapy.

### Eligibility

- Each state operates its own ADAP and is given the authority to design its program and eligibility criteria. To qualify for ADAP services in Illinois a person must meet the following criteria:

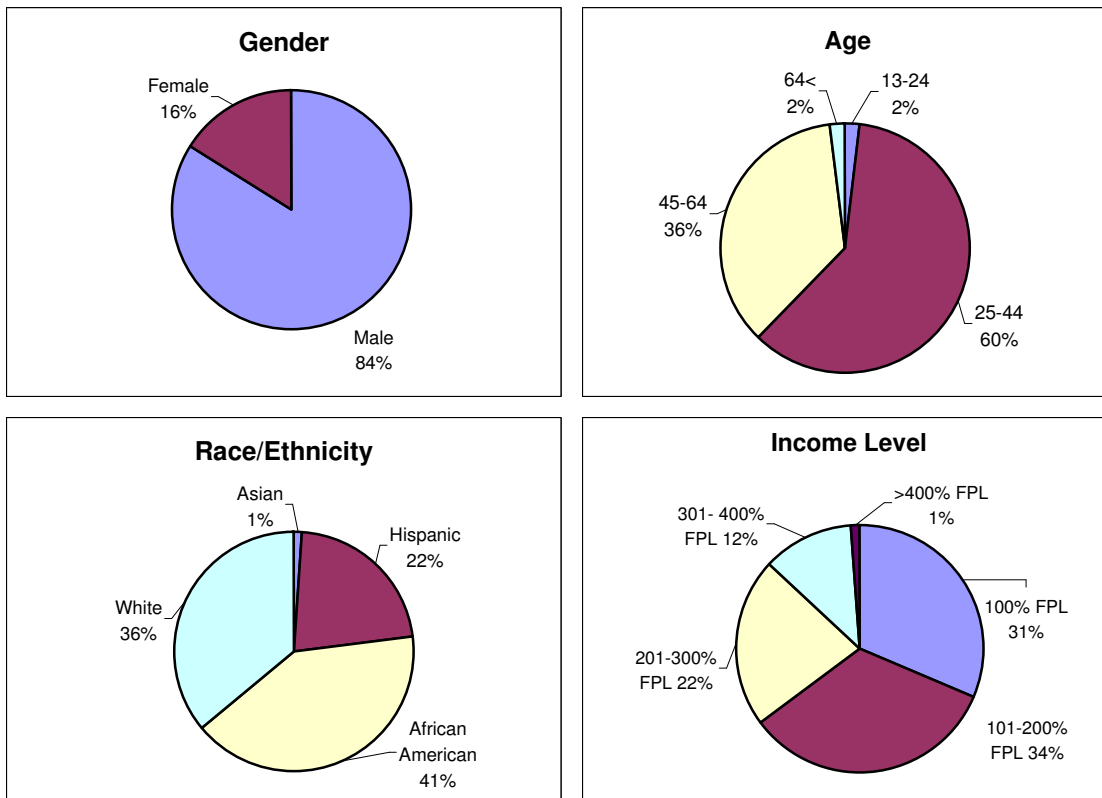
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- be diagnosed with HIV or AIDS
  - qualify financially (income at or below 400% of the federal poverty level: \$38,280 for a household of one; \$51,320 for a household of two.)
  - not be eligible for 80% or greater coverage of drugs through health insurance
  - not be eligible for medical assistance through the Illinois Department of Public Aid Medical Assistance Program
  - be a resident of Illinois (as of June 1, 2005, must show proof of residency)
  - must complete the ADAP application and annual renewal
- ADAP is the program of last resort for people living with HIV/AIDS. Individuals on ADAP do not have health insurance or have less than 20% drug coverage by their existing health insurance. They also do not have Medicaid or sufficient personal resources to purchase medications on their own.

### Demographics of Illinois' AIDS Drugs Assistance Program:

Of the 3,234 clients that were helped by ADAP in June, 2004:



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