

THE MISSION OF THE  
SOUTHERN ARIZONA  
AIDS FOUNDATION  
IS TO CREATE AND  
SUSTAIN A HEALTHIER  
COMMUNITY THROUGH  
A COMPASSIONATE,  
COMPREHENSIVE  
RESPONSE TO HIV/AIDS.



The Southern Arizona AIDS Foundation (SAAF) was created in 1997 as the result of a merger of three AIDS organizations in Tucson.

SAAF is the only community-based organization in Southern Arizona providing:

- 1) Case management and ancillary support services for people living with HIV/AIDS and their families
- 2) Culturally appropriate prevention and education programs and interventions to reduce the rate of infection, and
- 3) Extensive trainings and opportunities to empower volunteers to fill critical support roles.

Each year SAAF provides free support to nearly 1,200 people and delivers targeted prevention outreach and education programs to over 20,000 people who are at risk for infection.

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## CONTACTING SAAF

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Website: [www.saaf.org](http://www.saaf.org)

Hours: 8:00 am-5:00 pm Monday-Friday

Case management, support groups, and prevention services are also available during evening and weekend hours by appointment.

Ofrecemos servicios en español. Para información en español, llame al 628-7223.

### Notice:

The Southern Arizona AIDS Foundation does not discriminate on the basis of disability in the administration of its programs and services as prescribed by Title II of the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 and Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973. If, because of a disability, you need alternate format materials or a reasonable accommodation to participate in SAAF's programs, please contact our offices.



AIDS CHALLENGES

OUR COMMUNITY

HOW WE RESPOND

DEFINES OUR HUMANITY

## PREVENTION EDUCATION & OUTREACH

### SAAF's Prevention Philosophy

SAAF's Prevention Department believes that the needs of those at risk for HIV/AIDS should be addressed from a holistic perspective - that in order for harm reduction to work, individuals/clients must feel a sense of self-worth and must have a positive connection to the community.

### Targeting At-Risk Populations

SAAF's prevention programs target populations at increased risk of HIV infection or transmission through specially designed interventions that provide a supportive, educational environment in which harm reduction can be effective. Some of SAAF's targeted populations include: men who have sex with men (MSM), youth, including lesbian/gay/bisexual and transgender youth, people living with HIV/AIDS, women, jail/prison re-entry men, and communities of color.

### Services Provided

SAAF provides information to assist in the prevention of HIV, sexually transmitted infections, substance abuse, and hepatitis using the following strategies:

- Individual risk-reduction counseling
- Health education and empowerment workshops
- Risk-reduction support groups
- Peer Education Training
- Social activities
- Drop-in lounge
- Referrals
- Free condoms and safer-sex materials

SAAF's prevention projects are conducted in collaboration with many community organizations.

## KNOW YOUR HIV STATUS

### Testing and Counseling Services

Confidential HIV testing and counseling is offered at SAAF by the Pima County Health Department using an HIV rapid test. There is a nominal fee for the test which may be waived by speaking with the testing counselor. For appointments call (520) 628-7223

The Pima County Health Department also offers confidential Partner Services including help with how to disclose HIV status to partners and anonymous partner notification for clients. For more information, call Mary Colla at 940-3429 or 628-7223

## CLIENT SERVICES FOR PEOPLE AFFECTED BY HIV/AIDS

### SAAF's Philosophy

SAAF provides a continuum of client services to ensure that people living with HIV/AIDS have access to the services they need to maintain optimal health and live as independently and safely as possible, with an emphasis on empowering people towards self-sufficiency.

### Case Management

- Assessment of needs
- Information and referral
- Connections to community services
- Advocacy
- Assistance with entitlement applications
- Medical referrals
- Referrals to SAAF support services

### Support Services

- Complementary therapies
- Counseling
- Access to dental services
- Emergency rent and utility assistance
- Food Programs
- Holiday Project
- Housing
- In-home services
- Medications assistance
- Move-in deposits
- Substance abuse treatment
- Support groups
- Telephone assistance
- Transportation

Limited services may be available to partners, loved ones and caregivers of people living with HIV/AIDS.

## TRAVIS WRIGHT MEMORIAL BUYERS CLUB

The Buyers' Club is open to all members of the community who wish to purchase vitamins and supplements for HIV/AIDS care and general health care at the lowest possible cost.  
Location: SAAF – 375 S. Euclid Avenue  
Hours: Mon-Fri 12:00 pm-5:00 pm and by appointment

## SUPPORTING SAAF

### There are a number of ways to support people living with HIV/AIDS

SAAF raises significant funds for services from individuals, private foundations and corporations through:

- Individual donations by cash, check, credit card or stock
- Donations over the internet at [www.SAAF.org](http://www.SAAF.org)
- Donations of automobiles
- Proceeds from events held by community members
- Support of SAAF's events
- Private foundation funding
- Bequests, endowments, trusts, and other planned gifts

*SAAF is a private non-profit organization with 501©(3) status. Contributions are tax-deductible to the fullest extent allowed by law.*

### Participate in A Special Event

- AIDSWALK, visit [www.aidswalktucson.com](http://www.aidswalktucson.com)
- Jérôme Beillard Festival for Life, visit [www.festivalforlife.org](http://www.festivalforlife.org)
- Möda Provocateur, visit [www.saafmoda.org](http://www.saafmoda.org)
- Reno Gannon Memorial Jell-O Wrestling, visit [www.jello-wrestling.org](http://www.jello-wrestling.org)

### Community Education and Resources

#### Education and Outreach:

SAAF believes it is important to engage and mobilize the entire community through education, training and outreach. Through prevention programs and a volunteer Speakers Bureau, we offer education to community groups, schools, businesses and agencies. Each month SAAF also conducts "HIV Updates," presentations on issues affecting people with HIV/AIDS.

#### Volunteer Roles:

Volunteers provide service and assistance in many different capacities to almost every department and program at SAAF.

#### Walk-In Wednesdays:

Drop-in volunteer work parties every Wednesday from 6:00 pm-8:00 pm

#### Available Volunteer Training:

- Volunteer Orientation and HIV 101 (monthly)
- AIDS Educator Training (quarterly)
- Client Support Training (quarterly)
- Facilitator Training (as needed)
- Reception Training (as needed)
- On-the-job training for other positions