

## The HIV/AIDS Epidemic in the United States

Thanks to organizations like the Elizabeth Glaser Pediatric AIDS Foundation and its partners, HIV infection rates have remained relatively stable, and pediatric AIDS has been virtually eliminated in the United States. According to the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), fewer than 200 infants a year are diagnosed with HIV, and people living with HIV are leading longer, healthier lives. Regardless of critical successes like these, HIV infection rates are still far too high, and across the country, individuals continue to feel the effects of HIV and AIDS.

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- There were 1.2 million individuals living with HIV in the U.S. at the end of 2009. (UNAIDS, *Report on the Global AIDS Epidemic*, 2010)
- An estimated 54,000 individuals become infected with HIV each year in the U.S. (UNAIDS, *Report on the Global AIDS Epidemic*, 2010)
- Through 2007, more than 576,000 people with AIDS in the U.S. have died since the epidemic began. (CDC, *HIV and AIDS in the United States*, 2010)
- Approximately 18,000 people die from AIDS-related illnesses each year in the U.S. (CDC, *HIV and AIDS in the United States*, 2010)
- One in five individuals living with HIV in the U.S. does not know that they are infected. (CDC, *HIV Prevalence Estimates – United States*, 2008)
- Due to the availability of antiretroviral medicines, the number of AIDS-related deaths in the U.S. from 1994 through 2007 has dropped 69 percent. (UNAIDS, *AIDS Epidemic Update*, 2009)
- The number of women of childbearing age living with HIV in the U.S. grew by an estimated 33-36 percent from 2000 to 2006. (Suzanne K. Whitmore et. al, *Estimated Number of Births to HIV-Positive Women*, 2009)



## HIV/AIDS and Children: United States Statistics

- In 2007, more than 2,700 children were living with HIV in the U.S. (CDC, *HIV Surveillance Report*, 2010)
- In 2008, 150 cases of HIV infection in children (under than 13 years of age) were newly reported in the U.S., 118 of which were infected through perinatal transmission. (CDC, *HIV Surveillance Report*, 2010)
- In 2008, 31 cases of AIDS in children (under 13 years of age) were newly reported in the U.S. (CDC, *HIV Surveillance Report*, 2010)
- From 2005 through 2008, HIV infection rates among children (under 13 years of age) remained stable. (CDC, *HIV Surveillance Report*, 2010)
- Over a 10 year period, the number of newly diagnosed cases of AIDS in children decreased nearly 88 percent in the U.S. from 250 cases in 1998 to 31 newly reported cases in 2008. (CDC, *HIV Surveillance Report*, 2010).