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AAC TO LAUNCH PREVENTION PROGRAM FOR PARTNERS OF INCARCERATED MEN

HUNTSVILLE, AL – The AIDS Action Coalition of North Alabama received a \$125,000 grant from the Office on Women’s Health to provide HIV prevention to female partners or spouses of incarcerated men.

The grant award, announced just last week, will increase the AAC’s prevention budget by \$375,000 over the next three years. The project called “Healthy Connections” will target African American women and will incorporate HIV prevention with life skills education, preventative health information and family strengthening classes.

The program is designed to address the emotional, psychological, health and economical needs of female partners of incarcerated men. AIDS Action Coalition will partner with Alabama Department of Corrections and their pre-release program, housed at Limestone Correctional Facility to recruit and implement this new program.

Through Healthy Connections the AAC hopes to reduce new cases of HIV and other sexually transmitted diseases among women of color, as well as improve the overall stability of the family unit following incarceration.

Mary Elizabeth Marr, executive director of the AID Action Coalition stated, “We are very excited to provide much needed prevention education to women who are at risk for HIV and other sexually transmitted diseases. Through prevention education we can slow the increase in HIV/AIDS in North Alabama”

The mission of the AIDS Action Coalition is to end the suffering of those living with HIV through education, prevention and direct service. For more information about AAC visit www.aidsactioncoalition.org.

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