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Black AIDS organization founder: ‘Get tested, protect yourself’

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Facts on AIDS and African Americans

- In 1999, about 1 in 5 African American men and women aged 18-49 had been diagnosed with HIV.
- African Americans accounted for 48% of new AIDS cases among U.S. women in 1999.
- About 1 in 3 African American men and 1 in 14 African American women aged 18-49 had been diagnosed with HIV.

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Only 5% of U.S. adults report having ever had an HIV test that provided greater than 99% accurate results in less than 20 minutes. No vials, no blood, no waiting. She has been widely recognized for more than two decades of global leadership to communities of color regarding teenage pregnancy, social welfare, and HIV and AIDS.

Fraser-Fisher said heterosexuality is the largest cause of HIV/AIDS among people of color. Drug use is the second largest cause.

Also, the use of alcohol is a factor in that it may cause people to drop their inhibitions and be more likely to have unprotected sex.

"People have to be very aware of what they are doing," she said. "Women are not playing a sex role playing a woman's role. They are trying to have sex in the forum of I love you. It's not a love story, no blood to deal with, and that test can determine the presence of HIV in 1 to 2 minutes. The HIV test was introduced in the U.S. It's HIV virus is present in the U.S. The HIV virus is common among the immigration population. The screening test is 99% accurate, and if positive, the person would be advised to take a confirmatory test.

Medical research has developed ways to reduce the transmission of the disease from mother to child. Still, however, pregnant women must be tested for the virus can be transmitted from the mother to the child. But the mother can undergo a series of tests that have been effective in reducing the transmission of the virus to the child by 95 percent. If the test is negative, it is important to protect the child at all cost by taking measures to avoid contacting the virus, she said.

There is now a test for HIV/AIDS, although vaccines are still in trials stage, she said.

HIV/AIDS is now the largest black HIV and AIDS non-profit organization of its kind in America.

Fraser-Fisher has been widely recognized for more than two decades of global leadership to communities of color regarding teenage pregnancy, social welfare, and HIV and AIDS. She advises the U.S. President's Commission on AIDS. She is a private investigator in the New York City Commission on AIDS.

Prior to her founding presidency at NRCA, Fraser-Fisher served as Director of Heritage Outreach for the Urban League. In 2002 she was appointed to the New York City Commission on AIDS.

She said there is a problem with young men who have sex with other men. They are not growing up, she said. There is a whole generation of young people who never lived in a time when casual heterosexual relationships did not exist. Young people need to know how serious this is, she said.

Fraser-Fisher said the organization she founded is working to make testing more

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