

The 20-Year History of The Greater Philadelphia AIDS Resource Guide



A "Directory of P.W.A Services" was first published in November 1989. This issue of the *Critical Path AIDS Project* newsletter, founded and edited by Kiyoshi Kuromiya, listed 83 agencies on its last three pages. The first agency, Action AIDS, continues to grow; the last, We The People -- co-founded by Kiyoshi -- has closed.

In issue No. 29, published Summer 1994, Lauren Ferguson and volunteers of the AIDS Library collaborated with Kiyoshi to update 601 agencies and programs in the section called "Resources for Living with HIV," now representing 37 pages.

The last print directory in the newsletter was the "Memorial Edition," Summer 2000, No. 34, edited by Julie Davids. Roshonda Scipio edited the *Philadelphia Metropolitan Area Resources for Living with HIV and HIV Antibody Testing and Counseling Sites in Philadelphia and New Jersey*. These were published in print and online at www.aidslibrary.org.

The *Guide to HIV Clinics in the Philadelphia Area* was originally published online by a collaboration of activists, agency staff, and volunteers. This Working Group shared resources to create a directory of HIV-experienced health care providers. The print directory was published in 2001 by CHOICE, the AIDS Law Project, and the AIDS Library. In 2005, the annually updated *Clinic Guide* expanded to include dental clinics.

Tiffany Smith worked with volunteers to update and publish online and print editions, 2003-2005. Adam Feldman and Val Sowell created the Index to the *Metro Guide* in 2006. The 85-page *Metro Guide* now offers 742 agency and program listings for services in the greater Philadelphia area.

When the AIDS Library joined Philadelphia FIGHT's programming during AIDS Education Month, a compilation of directories were published each June as the *Greater Philadelphia Area Resource Guide*. These directories are: *The Philadelphia Metropolitan Area Resources for Living with HIV; HIV Testing Sites In Philadelphia, Pennsylvania Suburbs, Delaware and New Jersey*; and the *Guide to HIV Specialists and Dental Clinics Serving People Living with HIV/AIDS in the Philadelphia Area*.

Print versions of each document are available in the AIDS Library, or online at www.aidslibrary.org.

We cannot continue this work without the contributions of agency staff, who answer requests for updated information, and the many volunteers who have helped the AIDS Library maintain this valuable resource.

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