



## National Latino/Hispanic AIDS Action Network

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Dear Friends of the National Latino AIDS Action Network,

The Leadership Committee of the National Latino AIDS Action Network (NLAAN) is excited for the possibilities that the *Affordable Care Act* and the newly unveiled *National HIV/AIDS Strategy* present for all of us, but we are also well aware that for many of our community members, access to health care and HIV prevention services is well out of reach. In an effort to better understand and represent the needs of Latinos across the United States and its territories, NLAAN is conducting an assessment of how health care reform, the economy, immigration issues and the implementation of the *National HIV/AIDS Strategy* will or are currently affecting your community.

The survey we developed takes approximately 10 minutes to complete and will provide NLAAN with a quick snapshot of what is happening within Latino communities across our country and will allow our network to continue to advocate for needed change and expansion of services to ensure that Latinos have access to the health care and the education needed to make healthy choices.

In a perfect world, you would have weeks to complete the survey but we would like to share preliminary data with those individuals attending the 2010 The United States Conference on AIDS and the Latino AIDS Institute, so you are asked to please complete this survey by Friday, September 10<sup>th</sup> 5pm EST. We know that this is not ideal, but again, the survey takes only about 10 minutes to complete. We are also asking that you share this letter and the link to the survey with as many members of your community and when possible with your list serves and even your colleagues on social network sites. We cannot stress enough how important this information is to NLAAN and our advocacy work.

Your individual survey responses are confidential, and data collected may be shared with community activists, health advocates, members of the media as well as regional and national elected officials. The NLAAN Leadership Committee thanks you for your continued support and willingness to share the survey with others. To complete the survey and make a difference please visit: <http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/NLAANsurvey>. Remember, you do not have to be Latino to complete the survey, you need only work with and care for Latino communities.

Sincerely yours,

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