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AIDS Drug Assistance Program: Growing Waiting Lists Threaten Decades of Progress on HIV/AIDS

Guest Speakers

- 1 **Dr. BAMBI W. GADDIST** *(invited)*
South Carolina HIV/AIDS Council
- 2 **CHRIS ALDRIDGE**
HealthHIV
- 3 **JOEY WYNN**
Broward House
- 4 **KATHIE HIERS**
AIDS Alabama
- 5 **DARRYL FORE**
Ohio ADAP Client
- 6 **BRITTEN PUND**
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The AIDS Drug Assistance Program (ADAP) provides life-saving medications to people living with HIV/AIDS in the United States who are uninsured or under-insured. ADAPs are in crisis. Faced with the "Perfect Storm" that is being fueled by high unemployment, record number of uninsured, state budgetary cutbacks, high cost of medications and inadequate federal funding, there are a historic number of people being denied access to treatment. Without intervention from either the executive or legislative branch, several thousand people living with HIV/AIDS will be at risk of developing Opportunistic Infections (OIs), and thousands of others who are HIV-negative will be at greater risk of contracting the virus because their HIV-positive counterparts are more infectious when not taking Highly Active Anti-Retroviral Therapy ("HAART"). The Congressional Briefing will provide an excellent opportunity to demonstrate the proven Return on Investment (ROI) of ADAPs. Presentations will include perspectives from the patient, medical practitioner, service provider, social workers and state agencies.

