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ADAP Advocacy Association Applauds James Albino's Addition to White House's Office on National AIDS Policy

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WASHINGTON, D.C. (August 31, 2009) – The [ADAP Advocacy Association](http://www.adapadvocacyassociation.org), also known as **aaa+**, today applauded the addition of its former board member, **James Albino**, to the White House in the Office of National AIDS Policy (ONAP) as the Senior Program Manager. Albino served on the aaa+ board of directors from July 2008 to August 2009.

“James’ longtime advocacy on behalf of Latinos living with HIV/AIDS will further strengthen the White House's efforts on HIV/AIDS and implementing a National AIDS Strategy here in the United States,” said **Bill Arnold**, Executive Director of the Community Access National Network (CANN) and **aaa+** board co-chair. “Not only does he have broad background dealing with minority health issues, but James is particularly well-versed in the difficulties of HIV/AIDS services in Puerto Rico. While aaa+ will miss his expertise on its board of directors, we recognize our entire community will benefit from his new position.”

Prior to joining ONAP, James Albino served as the Hispanic Federation’s Director of Advocacy. He was responsible for the planning, development and implementation of the Federation’s Federal government advocacy effort including the development of public policy documents and reports. He conducted research relevant to the Hispanic community regarding HIV/AIDS and other health related policy issues, education, immigration, economic opportunities and related actual/proposed Federal legislation, and program/funding initiatives. Prior to joining the Hispanic Federation, James was the Associate Director of Government Relations and Public Policy at the National Minority AIDS Council (Washington, DC) one of the nation’s largest minority based organization focused on HIV/AIDS issues. James has a BA from the University of Pennsylvania (Dual major: Economics and Political Science) and Masters Certificate in Project Management from Villanova University. He served as a commissioned officer in the US Navy where he was the Combat Information Center Officer and Navigator.

aaa+ promotes and enhances the AIDS Drug Assistance Programs (ADAPs) and improves access to care for persons living with HIV/AIDS. **aaa+** works with advocates, community, health care, government, patients, pharmaceutical companies and other stakeholders to assure that access to services recognize and afford persons living with HIV/AIDS to enjoy a healthy life.

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