

**AIDS COALITION OF SOUTHWESTERN PENNSYLVANIA (ACSWP)**

**Mission Statement:** *To respond in a diverse manner to the HIV/AIDS epidemic in Southwestern PA by planning, advocating, and supporting the development of culturally competent, comprehensive systems of high quality care, prevention, and education services.*

**MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION**

The AIDS Coalition of Southwestern Pennsylvania (ACSWP) is a regional network of organizations committed to meeting the needs of people affected by HIV/AIDS and preventing further spread of the epidemic.

Membership is open to individuals located in the Southwestern Pennsylvania counties of Allegheny, Armstrong, Beaver, Butler, Cambria, Fayette, Greene, Indiana, Somerset, Washington and Westmoreland who are interested in furthering the purpose of the ACSWP.

Individuals may apply for membership by completing the registration form below and returning it to the ACSWP, 201 South Highland Avenue, Suite 101 Pittsburgh PA, 15206-3949. The membership application is submitted to the Board of Directors for acceptance by a majority vote.

Name of Individual: \_\_\_\_\_

Preferred Mailing Address

Alternate Contact Address  
(Work or Home)

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(Work, if applicable):

Email address \_\_\_\_\_  
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**Affiliation with an Organization (Optional)**

Purpose of Organization (if applicable) Please attach your organization's brochure (if desired).

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Signature of Applicant

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Date

Note: If you need documentation for your employer for time away from work to participate in the Coalition, please see indicate here. \_\_\_\_\_

## AIDS Coalition of Southwestern Pennsylvania

### COMMITTEES, ADVISORY BOARDS AND SPECIAL EVENTS

The following are the five (5) committees, two (2) advisory boards and (5) special events activities as well as, a brief description of their tasks. *We encourage you to become involved in any of these committees, boards or special events. Please check those areas of interest in which you may want to participate.*

- Supportive Services/Case Management Planning Committee*
  - To coordinate planning related to medical and non-medical case management, emergency fund services, legal services, advocacy services, benefits/financial counseling services, nutrition/food services, support/self-help groups services, medical transportation services, and home health services..
  
- Housing Services Planning Committee*
  - To coordinate planning related to housing information/referral services, housing emergency fund services, residential services, and rental assistance services.
  
- Prevention Services Planning Committee*
  - To coordinate planning related to counseling/testing services, venue-based group and individual outreach services, educations/risk reduction services, materials distribution services, and prevention case management services.
  
- Education/Technical Assistance Services Planning Committee*
  - To coordinate planning related to consultation services, presentation and community education services, instruction/training services, media services, and ACSWP technical assistance services.
  
- Needs Assessment and Evaluation Committee*
  - To coordinate all regional needs assessment activities, and evaluate how effective the coalition and its processes are, and how effective the regional service delivery system is in response to the needs of persons living with HIV/AIDS.
  
- Consumer Advisory Board*
  - To provide a mechanism for persons living with HIV/AIDS to have meaningful input into the development of policies and programs by HIV service providers within ACSWP.
  
- Rural Issues Advisory Board*
  - To provide a mechanism whereby issues unique to rural areas are meaningfully represented in the development of needs assessment, planning priority setting, service system evaluation and resource allocation within the ACSWP.
  
- World AIDS Day (December 1<sup>st</sup>)*

To raise awareness about HIV/AIDS locally and globally. Memorials are often held to remember those who have died from HIV/AIDS.
  
- National Black HIV/AIDS Awareness Day (February 7<sup>th</sup>)*

To mobilize the Black community to increase HIV/AIDS awareness through education, testing and treatment.
  
- National HIV Testing Day (June 27<sup>th</sup>)*

To encourage people of all ages to take the test and take control.
  
- Balm in Gilead (National Church Week of Prayer for the Healing of AIDS) (First full week of March)*

To enjoin every church, synagogue, mosque, temple and home to join in prayer, education, advocacy and service for the healing of AIDS.
  
- Women and Girls HIV/AIDS Awareness Day (March 10<sup>th</sup>)*

To raise awareness on the impact of HIV/AIDS on women and girls.