



Fight the Fear

STATE OF EMERGENCY INITIATIVE (SOE) FACT SHEET

What is the State of Emergency Initiative?

In 2005, the City of Boston announced the establishment of a special line item to the City budget that allocates funding specifically towards addressing the rising rates of HIV/AIDS infection in **Boston's Black Community**.

Why do we have the State of Emergency Initiative?

Blacks are 11 times more likely to contract HIV/AIDS than their White counterparts. This includes African-Americans, Caribbeans, Africans, Black Latinos and others of African descent. Moreover, Black women comprise over 50% of the new cases of HIV/AIDS among women.

What is the purpose of the State of Emergency Initiative?

Funded by the Boston Public Health Commission, the State of Emergency Initiative at the Multicultural AIDS Coalition increases awareness of HIV in Boston's Black communities, educates about the importance of HIV testing, and supports people to get tested. **Our message is "Fight the Fear"!**

How can someone get involved?

The State of Emergency Initiative collaborates with community organizations and members to spread the message of **"Fight the Fear"**.

Get Talking!
Get Educated!
Get Tested!
Get Care!

The State of Emergency Initiative conducts workshops in the community about HIV and works with health care centers to provide FREE, confidential HIV testing.

*For more information please contact 617-238-2475.
Thank you!*

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