Western Regional African American Drug/AIDS Conference To Be Held In Phoenix

The Second Western Regional Planning Committee met in Phoenix, September 10-11, 1990, to finalize the 2-day regional conference for the African Community.

The National Institute on Drug Abuse (NIDA) in cooperation with other Public Health Service agencies and a group of Black organizations, is sponsoring this regional conference that will focus on the increasing incidence of drug abuse related HIV infection in the African American community. The purpose of the conference is to empower traditional and non-traditional information brokers to become change agents in preventing the spread of substance abuse and AIDS in our community.

The conference program will cover the following four major topics: Scope of the Problem; Socioeconomic Impact; Family Impact; and Role of Individuals and Organizations in the Community Education Process.

NIDA hopes this conference will educate and offer support and resources to the targeted audience, and will enable them to recognize and utilize their abilities to eliminate the problems of substance abuse and AIDS.

The 2-day regional conference will be held from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily at the HATT REGENCY PHOENIX on November 14 and 15, 1990. Register now for the Western Regional Conference on Drug Abuse and AIDS: "Choices for Change." Find out what can be done to address these problems in our community. Should you need registration forms and/or additional information, please do not hesitate to call the Regional On-Site Coordinator, Irma Leos, at (602)839-0038.

DRUG CONFERENCE PLANNERS from around the country met in Phoenix, Arizona last month to plan the Regional Drug Convention to be held in Phoenix in November. Members of the committee are, l to r, seated, Dr. Louise White, Dr. Wilber Jordan, Rev. Paula McDonald, and standing l to r, Angie Hart, Terry Foley and Sandy Adams.

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($540,000,000) spent on schools in Clark County and Washoe County. Now, I want to stop here for a moment and say that what we are spending on law enforcement and incarceration far outweighs what we have been spending on education and prevention by some ninety-million dollars ($90,000,000). That is not producing productive citizens. While we are a "protective state," we are a state that is by-and-large spending our monies to incarcerate people instead of helping people to become productive citizens in Nevada. Alcohol surpasses all other drugs as the "drug of choice" in Nevada. We then begin to talk about the amount of students in our schools using drugs and alcohol in our schools. Fifty-two percent of the sixth graders had experimented with some form of drugs or alcohol, ninety percent of the twelfth graders had experimented with drugs or alcohol. When we look at our incarceration rate, we have the highest incarceration rate per capita in the nation. But there is a contributing factor to that...

We will continue with Part II of our update on the anti-drug strategy report next week when Ramadan will conclude by talking about "The Contributing Factors to Cocaine Use" and "whether or Not Legalization of Drugs is a Feasible Solution."

Be sure to continue reading Part II of this very critical issue and statewide report.

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Rights Act of 1964 and an 1866 civil rights law.

"The act makes clear that it's illegal to discriminate against women and racial, religious and ethnic minorities in the workplace through harassment, unfair denial of promotions, or unjust firing," Geiger explains.

"It reaffirms that it is illegal for employers to make job decisions on the basis of prejudice. And it provides meaningful remedies for those who are victims of discrimination," Geiger adds.

The NEA Representative Assembly, the Association's policymaking body, last July called for an all-out effort to ensure passage of the civil rights legislation.

The measure has widespread support among professional, religious, women's and civil rights organizations.

JACOB

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ness among our national ideals -- perhaps more often violated than honored, but still at the center of our nation's ideology.

If we can translate that lip service to racial equity into reality, we can make diversity as strong a factor in global economic success as Atlanta's diversity we in its Olympic success.

Especially since some of our major economic rivals are still hung up on race and can't accept peoples of different cultures.

Japan has long been notorious for excluding foreigners and discriminating against native-born Japanese whose roots are in other Asian countries.

And Europeans are revealing deep-seated racism in their encounters with immigrants from Africa, North Africa and Asia.

Many of those immigrants were invited in to do work native Europeans didn't want to do, but their reward is to be stigmatized as dishonest, lazy or criminal -- familiar stereotypes to rationalize racism.

In this era of worldwide interdependence, a country's political and global strength will depend on its ability to respect and interact with other cultures. Racism has no place in such a world, and we need to make sure racism has no place in America.

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