



Staying Alive 2007



Ohio—All eyes were on the swing state in the last election.

Come to Staying Alive 2007 in Cleveland and find out how and why Ohio continues to play a critical role in the national agenda.

August 23–25, 2007

Renaissance Cleveland Hotel
23 Public Square
Cleveland, Ohio 44113

■ **Positive Youth Institute**

■ **Quality in Action
Workshops & Institute**

■ **Regional Planning**

■ **Our Dignity Initiative
with POZ Magazine**

■ **Women's Institute**



For more information, visit www.napwa.org

Cleveland, OH

Cleveland in August is a great break from other parts of the country, averaging 70 – 80 degree days, little to no humidity, and ideally central for air or train travel.

Downtown Cleveland

Recently renovated, downtown Cleveland is alive with restaurants, shops, galleries, and theaters. When you're not at the conference, get out and enjoy the diverse restaurant choices, local and national art talents, eclectic stores, and any of the cultural venues in the city – including the Cleveland Orchestra, the Karamu Theater, the Cleveland Playhouse, the Cleveland Museum of Art, the Western Reserve Historical Society, or the Trolley Tour of Cleveland!

Renaissance Cleveland Hotel

Situated on legendary Public Square, the Renaissance Cleveland is connected to Tower City Center, featuring exclusive boutiques, restaurants, and a cinema, as well as within walking distance to the city's top attractions, such as Jacobs Field, Quicken Loans Arena, and Rock & Roll Hall of Fame.

Call toll-free at 1-800-468-3571, and identify yourself as a Staying Alive attendee to get the special room rate.

The Denver Principles:

PEOPLE WITH AIDS HAVE THE RIGHT:

1. To live as full and satisfying sexual and emotional lives as anyone else.
2. To have quality medical treatment and quality social service provision without discrimination of any form, including sexual orientation, gender, diagnosis, economic status or race.
3. To receive full explanations of all medical procedures and risks, to choose or refuse their treatment modalities, to refuse to participate in research without jeopardizing their treatment and to make informed decisions about their lives.
4. To maintain privacy, confidentiality of medical records, human respect and choose who our significant others are.
5. To die—and to LIVE—in dignity.

Now in its 10th year of production, Staying Alive is the only national conference in the United States run by and specifically for people living with HIV/AIDS.

Community Mobilizing & Social Networking

Social networking is vitally important. Even now, isolation remains a critical concern. We are the best support for each other. Staying Alive provides unique opportunities for us to talk and connect, whether you were diagnosed this year or 20+ years ago. Special sessions for geographic regions will continue discussions and plans from the past and identify key issues for the future. There will be special receptions and social events for conference attendees.

Youth Institute & Programs

In the past, over 100 HIV-positive young people and hundreds more youth affected by HIV came together at NAPWA's Ryan White Youth Conference. This year NAPWA will launch a new Youth Institute for leadership development, education, and social networking. The Institute will focus on communication skills and real-world issues for HIV-positive young people across the US. There will be additional programming throughout Staying Alive specifically for youth, including CHAMP's mobilization workshops and AIDS Task Force of Greater Cleveland's Beyond Identities Community Center's evening reception. There are special scholarships available for HIV-positive youth (18 – 25 years old). Go to www.napwa.org to find out more!

Quality In Action: Education & Skills Building

People living with HIV and AIDS are integral to critical issues in healthcare, treatment, prevention, education, and social justice. The Quality In Action institutes and workshops will feature leaders, experts, and organizations from across the country with the latest in education and treatment in HIV, Hepatitis C, mental health, substance use, and adherence.

Our Dignity

NAPWA and POZ Magazine have launched Our Dignity, a dynamic program and web site portal that showcases our stories of strength and courage and provides tools to access HIV care. The Positive Project will be conducting and recording interviews of people living with HIV that share personal stories about learning our diagnosis, managing our healthcare, caring for our families, our neighborhoods, and our worlds. Staying Alive participants interested in being filmed can register at the Our Dignity table.

Accessibility

All summit meeting rooms and a select few hotel guest rooms are wheelchair accessible. To request disability accessible services, please check the special needs box on the registration application and specify the type of assistance required. If you require an accessible room, please request one when making your reservation directly with the hotel.

Scholarships

The scholarship deadline was June 20, 2007. We are no longer accepting scholarship applications.

August 23-25, 2007 in Cleveland, OH

Letter from the Executive Director

Dear Friend,

Staying Alive is a testament to the power and strength of the HIV-positive community. Each year we've come together to bond, organize, gain skills, and educate others about our needs. With over a million Americans living with HIV, the need is greater than ever.

Some of us have been living with HIV for over 20 years; some of us found out just this past year. Regardless of when or how we got the virus, we have something to say to each other about the ways we live, survive, and thrive. NAPWA recognizes that we have the power to change the ways people and institutions see and deal with us.

I encourage all those living with HIV and our allies to attend Staying Alive 2007 in Cleveland, OH, August 23-25. Our diversity is our strength. Across age, gender, sexuality, race, immigration status, sero-status, and profession, we form a coalition that has real impact locally, regionally, nationally, and globally. Be an active part of the discussion!

I look forward to meeting you in Cleveland at Staying Alive 2007!

Always,

Frank J. Oldham, Jr.



Past Attendees

Staying Alive draws a unique crowd of HIV-positive people, healthcare professionals, and community activists. Staying Alive 2006 in New Orleans was the largest in the conference's ten years with 61% first time attendees! About half of last year's attendees are gay or bisexual, and the other half identify as heterosexual. People came from 30 states, including Washington, DC, and Puerto Rico.



National Association of PEOPLE WITH AIDS

Executive Director: Frank J. Oldham, Jr. (Washington, DC)

Board Chair: Judith Billings (Seattle, WA)

Vice-Chair: David Munar (Chicago, IL)

Founded in 1983, the National Association of People with AIDS (NAPWA) is the oldest national AIDS organization in the US and the oldest national network of people living with HIV/AIDS in the world. NAPWA has been, and continues to be, an essential voice in HIV/AIDS. Our organization and mission statement was formed around the Denver Principles, which define people living with HIV/AIDS as empowered agents of our own care, community, and destiny.

Over Twenty Years of Positive Leadership in the Fight against HIV and AIDS

Past Attendees

- 40% African American
- 30% Anglo/Euro American
- 14% Latino
- 3% Native American
- 1% Asian Pacific Islander
- 12% Other
- 57% Male
- 41% Female
- 2% Transgender

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2007 Staying Alive Convention Registration

Online registration preferred.
Visit www.napwa.org to register.

The registration fee for *Staying Alive* 2007 is \$375.00 before August 17, 2007 and \$475.00 after August 17, 2007. This fee includes institutes, workshops, affinity groups, two socials plus materials and food and beverages at plenary sessions, welcoming reception, and awards dinner.

If you are using a credit card to register for the conference, please go to www.napwa.org. (napwa.kintera.org). If you are paying by check or purchase order, please complete the following conference registration form and include it with your payment. Registrations received without payment/purchase orders will not be processed.

All information will be kept strictly confidential.

Please send the completed and signed conference registration with a purchase order, check or money order attached payable to NAPWA to:

NAPWA
8401 Colesville Rd.
Suite 750
Silver Spring, MD 20910

PLEASE NOTE: YOU ARE NOT REGISTERED UNTIL PAYMENT IS RECEIVED.

Cancellation Policy

Registration fees may be refunded, less a \$100 service charge, if a written request is submitted to NAPWA by August 1, 2007.

Participant Information (Please Print)

Full Name: _____

Organization/Affiliation (if any): _____

Title: _____

Address (where mail can be sent): *Check one:* Home Organization

City, State, Zip: _____

Phone: _____ Alternate Phone: _____

Fax: _____

Email: _____ @ _____

Best way to contact you: Phone Fax Email US Mail

Emergency Contact Name: _____ Phone: _____

Are you a member of NAPWA? Yes No

Would you like to become a member of NAPWA? (additional \$35) Yes No

Check here if you are an: Exhibitor Sponsor

Special Needs: *Check all that apply:*

Kosher Halal Vegan Vegetarian
 Spanish Translation Sign Interpretation Other _____

Demographic Information: *This section is for statistical purposes only. Replies are optional and confidential.*

Gender:	Sexual Orientation:	HIV Status:	Age:
<input type="checkbox"/> Male	<input type="checkbox"/> Gay	<input type="checkbox"/> Positive	<input type="checkbox"/> 18 – 25
<input type="checkbox"/> Female	<input type="checkbox"/> Lesbian	<input type="checkbox"/> Negative	<input type="checkbox"/> 26 – 36
<input type="checkbox"/> Transgender:	<input type="checkbox"/> Heterosexual	<input type="checkbox"/> Don't Know	<input type="checkbox"/> 37 – 45
<input type="checkbox"/> M/F <input type="checkbox"/> F/M	<input type="checkbox"/> Bisexual	<input type="checkbox"/> Decline to State	<input type="checkbox"/> 46 – 64
	<input type="checkbox"/> Decline to State		<input type="checkbox"/> Over 65

Race/Ethnicity:

<input type="checkbox"/> African American/Black	<input type="checkbox"/> Latino/a	<input type="checkbox"/> Other/or multiracial <i>(please Specify)</i> _____
<input type="checkbox"/> Caucasian	<input type="checkbox"/> Native American	<input type="checkbox"/> Decline to State
<input type="checkbox"/> Asian/Pacific Islander	<input type="checkbox"/> Alaskan Native/Native Hawaiian	

Are you a person with a disability other than HIV? Yes No

Are you a person living with HIV/AIDS and another disability? Yes No

If yes, what: _____

Registration Fees/Payment

Please note: Applications received after August 17, 2007 will be charged at the \$475.00 rate. Also, the registration fee does not include hotel or any other costs related to the conference other than meals provided during the plenary sessions, the reception, and the awards dinner. Registrations will only be accepted with payment.

Hotel Reservations

Be sure to make your hotel reservations on time, NAPWA has negotiated a special rate for hotel accommodation at \$120.00 per night. Call toll-free 1-800-468-3571, and identify yourself as a Staying Alive attendee to get the special room rate.

Check one:

Pre-Conference Registration Fee Received by August 17, 2007 \$375.00
 On Site Registration Fee Received after August 17, 2007 \$475.00

Total Registration Fee \$ _____



We'll see you there!