News From the Wyoming Department of Health

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"Bridging HIV Care and Prevention" Is Conference Theme

CHEYENNE –The Wyoming Department of Health's HIV/AIDS/Hepatitis Program has scheduled its third annual "Partners in Collaboration" conference for March 28 and 29 in Cheyenne.

The theme of this year's conference is "Bridging HIV Care and Prevention." Local, state and national experts will provide updates and lead discussions during both general sessions and more specialized breakout workshops.

Session topics include "HIV/AIDS and Mental Health," "Women and HIV," and "Bridging the Gap Between Care and Prevention."

"With 194 Wyoming residents now living with HIV, this disease impacts every county in the state and people from all walks of life," said Rob Johnston, HIV prevention coordinator for the Wyoming Department of Health. "Of the 10 new HIV infections in 2005 in Wyoming, 70 percent were among heterosexuals."

The conference is planned for March 28 and 29 at the Little America Hotel and Resort in Cheyenne. A pre-conference update on sexually transmitted diseases is scheduled on March 27, and a post-conference workshop about hepatitis C support is set for March 30.

To register by phone call Meggan at 1-877-733-3618 or go on-line to http://outreach.uwyo.edu/conferences/calendar. The \$50 registration fee includes a \$15 donation to Wyoming AIDS Walk for client services.

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