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*The mission of the Austin Area Comprehensive HIV Planning Council is to develop and coordinate an effective and comprehensive community-wide response to the HIV/AIDS epidemic.*

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## HIV Planning Council Hosts Public Forum Series to Share Comprehensive Needs Assessment Findings

The Austin Area Comprehensive HIV Planning Council invites community and public health stakeholders to share in the findings of a Comprehensive Needs Assessment conducted over the last nine months and recently completed in collaboration with the University of Texas School Of Social Work.

The needs assessment identifies health and social care needs of people living with HIV/AIDS in the Austin five-county area (*Bastrop, Caldwell, Hays, Travis, Williamson*), and is a pivotal tool used by the HIV Planning Council to make effective planning and resource allocation decisions in response to the HIV/AIDS epidemic. Other factors related to service delivery, stigma, access, and barriers to care are revealed in the report's findings to be shared with community stakeholders during three scheduled public forums:

- **Public Forum #1 – Wednesday, July 28, 2010 @ 12:00 noon**  
Utopia Theater – UT School of Social Work building  
*\* This is a provider-oriented session. Public at large is invited to attend.*
- **Public Forum #2 – Saturday, July 31, 2010 @ 10:00 a.m.**  
HIV Planning Council Staff Office, 1520 Rutherford Lane, Bldg. 2  
*\* This is a general session for all community stakeholders.*
- **Public Forum #3 – Tuesday, August 3, 2010 @ 6:00 p.m.**  
George Washington Carver Museum auditorium, 1165 Angelina Street  
*\* This is a client-oriented session. Public at large is invited to attend.*

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The Austin Area Comprehensive HIV Planning Council is a federally-mandated board with statutory authority granted under the Ryan White HIV/AIDS Treatment Extension Act, as reauthorized in 2009. Since its formation in 1991, the Austin HIV Planning Council has allocated millions of dollars annually to the treatment, care, and support of HIV/AIDS clients.

Membership appointments to the HIV Planning Council are made by the City of Austin Mayor, Chief Elected Official of the Ryan White federal grant.

**Notice: A quorum of the HIV Planning Council may be present at any of the public forum gatherings listed above.**

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