

Energized

'A Focus on Youth'

Facilitated by In The Meantime Men's Group, Inc.



April 10th is National Youth HIV & AIDS Awareness Day (NYHAAD). NYHAAD is an HIV testing and treatment community mobilization initiative designed to raise awareness of HIV/AIDS prevention, care and treatment among youth ages 12-25 in the United States.

In The Meantime will launch a series of events and activities before, during, and after April 10th that will target young Black gay men in Los Angeles County.

'For the past 13 years In The Meantime has lead the fight in Los Angeles County for Black gay men's wellness. In The Meantime is the largest provider of health, education and support services for young Black gay men 18- 29 years of age in Los Angeles.

- *85% of the over 3500 men receiving services at In The Meantime are between the ages 18-29.*
- *Last year In The Meantime provided HIV testing to more than 1700 people, most of whom were Black men under 30 years of age.*
- *80% of all Black men who participate in 'In The Meantime's NIA project', which is funded through DHSP are between 18-29 years of age.*
- *100% of In The Meantime's Mylife Mystyle research and evaluation initiative funded through CDC focuses specifically on Black gay men 18-29 years of age. Mylife Mystyle is currently the only Black gay men's prevention intervention nationally to ever be evaluated to focus specifically on young Black gay men 18-29.*

'We must meet young people where they work, live and play. Wellness includes testing for HIV and other STD's. Our goal is to promote healthy life choices and that includes our sexual health. In The Meantime aims to educate, empower, support and link young people to needed services'

Thursday, April 4, 2013, 8pm - 11pm: All Things Beyoncé, social mixer co-hosted by In The

Meantime and BoiRevolution. This event is designed to bring together the diverse segments of the young Black gay male community in Los Angeles. In The Meantime @ Adams, 2146 W. Adams Blvd., (HIV testing, one on one linkage counseling, program recruitment activity)

Tuesday, April 9, 2013, 7:30 p.m.: Youth Panel, 'The World Through My Eyes'. This youth facilitated discussion will address the realities of young people living in Los Angeles and the joys and challenges of their generation. Youth will address growing up in a world where there are laws that protect LGBT people yet is still dominated by technology and overburdened by HIV and violence. In The Meantime's Brothers Reaching Brothers Discussion Group, 4067 Pico Blvd. (HIV testing, one on one linkage counseling, program recruitment activity)

Wednesday, April 10, 2013, A full day of social media at play, In The Meantime will text message over 1,500 young Black gay men from its text messaging data base important HIV information. These 1,500 men will be encouraged to share the message with their social network. We hope to reach more than 3,000 young Black gay men overall. In The Meantime will call on our over 1100 friends on face book to send out messages about the importance of education, prevention, testing, and treatment for young people. (Social media educational, empowerment outreach activities)

Friday, April 19, 2013, 10:30 pm: BOUNCE Skate Party, In The Meantime's annual Skate Party and testing event will conclude the flow of events and activities focused on youth at World on Wheels, 4645 ½ Venice Blvd. (HIV testing, one on one linkage counseling, program recruitment activity)

Another chance to enter the raffle

