



# State of Arkansas

## AIDS Drug Assistance Program Fact Sheet

### ADAP Provides Life-saving Drugs for Low Income HIV+ Americans With No Health Insurance

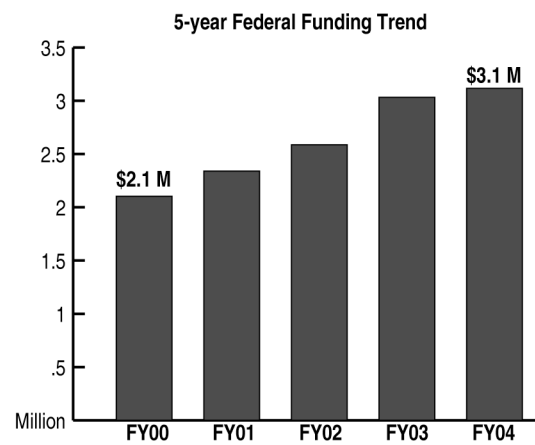
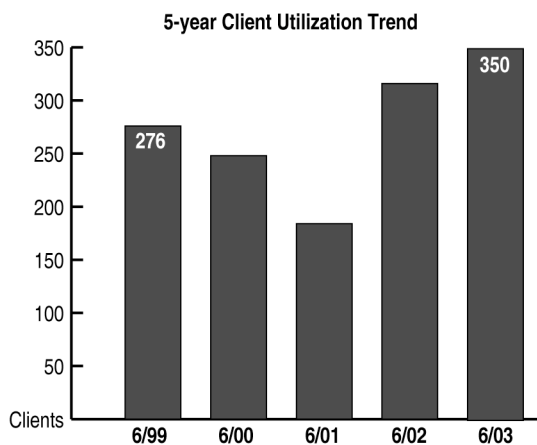
As of 6/03, there were **442** Arkansians enrolled in ADAP, approximately 11% of the people living with HIV/AIDS in the state. Individuals have to make less than 300% of the Federal Poverty Level to qualify for assistance. 90% of Arkansas ADAP clients have incomes less than \$20,000/year, 36% are members of racial minorities, and 18% are female.

### ADAP is Funded Under the Ryan White CARE Act

In Fiscal Year 2004, Arkansas received \$3.1 Million in Federal funding, a 3% increase over FY03. For FY05, the state needs an increase of **\$903,000** to keep pace with program growth. Federal Ryan White dollars account for 100% of the total funding for Arkansas ADAP.

### Arkansas ADAP is in Crisis

Due to the funding shortfall, there were **3 people waiting to enroll into the program** as of 6/2004 (3 months into FY04).



Source: ADAP Monitoring Project

### The HIV Epidemic is Still Raging in Arkansas

	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002
<b>Living HIV Cases</b>	1,737	1,878	2,016	2,127	2,202
<b>Living AIDS Cases</b>	1,330	1,473	1,632	1,781	1,837
<b>Total</b>	<b>3,067</b>	<b>3,351</b>	<b>3,648</b>	<b>3,908</b>	<b>4,039</b>

Source: Centers for Disease Control & Prevention

With the availability of effective treatment, people infected with HIV are living longer and healthier lives. In addition, the CDC estimates that there are 40,000 new HIV infections annually in the U.S. With the recent Rapid Testing Initiative to identify people who don't know their HIV status, the demand for treatment provided by ADAP is expected to grow even more. Nationally, ADAP needs an **increase of \$217 million** for Fiscal Year 2005 to prevent the collapse of this vital program.

The Save ADAP Committee is a Working Group of the AIDS Treatment Activists Coalition (ATAC), a national coalition of AIDS treatment activists and policy advocates. Working in conjunction with ADAP clients and service providers on the grassroots level, Save ADAP aims to ensure adequate funding for the AIDS Drug Assistance Program. For more information go to: [www.atac-usa.org/adap.html](http://www.atac-usa.org/adap.html).