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## About

ActionAIDS is a Philadelphia-based HIV/AIDS non-profit service organization – the largest of its kind in Pennsylvania. The agency currently serves over 5,000 clients a year through the efforts of over 350 dedicated volunteers and 91 professional staff. ActionAIDS' volunteers and staff focus on building relationships one person and one family at a time. The agency's services are relationship focused, client centered and individualized.

## Mission

ActionAIDS, a Philadelphia-based organization, works in partnership with people living with or affected by HIV/AIDS, to sustain and enhance their quality of life.

## Services





-  Buddy Program (one of the nation's oldest and largest)
-  Medical case management
-  Outreach
-  Housing Counseling
-  Housing at Casa Nueva Vida
-  Positive Living
-  HIV Testing
-  Prevention & Education
-  Counseling
-  Prison Linkage Program
-  Family/Perinatal Program
-  Youth Forward Program
-  Positive Action Employment Services
-  Support Groups
-  Advocacy

## History

In September 1986, a group of 84 committed volunteers came together to form a community of care to provide services to people with AIDS. Gathering in Center City Philadelphia, these volunteers acted; and ActionAIDS was founded. The mission statement simply read: **“ActionAIDS believes that no one should face AIDS alone.”** ActionAIDS helped over 100 people with AIDS in its first year.

## Special Events

ActionAIDS hosts special events with the help of hundreds of volunteers, agency staff, and corporate and local business sponsors, to raise needed funds and awareness to combat HIV/AIDS in Philadelphia. The agency also participates in the Philadelphia AIDS Walk, which is hosted by the AIDS Fund.








-  Dining Out for Life – April
-  Bar AIDS – September
-  Philly AIDS Walk – October
-  World AIDS Day – December

## Kevin J. Burns Executive Director

Kevin J. Burns is the Executive Director of ActionAIDS. Kevin began his work with HIV/AIDS in 1987 as a volunteer Buddy for The Philadelphia AIDS Task Force. He came to work at ActionAIDS as a Case Manager in 1989. He graduated DeSales University with a B.A. in Psychology and Rutgers University with a Master’s Degree in Social Work. Kevin was also an adjunct professor at the Rutgers School of Social Work from 1996 through 2004.

In addition to his work at ActionAIDS, he is the Chair of the Board of Directors of The Circle of Care, the Chair of the Board Development Committee of the AIDS Fund, an active member of the Philadelphia Ryan White Planning Council, and Communities Advocating for Emergency AIDS Relief Coalition (CAEAR Coalition), an national advocacy group working for adequate funding for AIDS services across the country.

Kevin has been interviewed on local and national radio and television news programs, including:

-  MSNBC
-  FOX 29’s Good Day Philadelphia
-  CBS Talk Philly
-  92.5 WXTU
-  105.3 WDAS
-  KYW Newsradio 1060
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