Buffalo’s Black Churches Needed in Fight Against HIV/AIDS

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The Buffalo chapter of the National Black Leadership Commission on AIDS (NBLCA) is reaching out to African-American churches in the New York region in the hope of raising HIV awareness among the city’s black community, *The Buffalo News* reports.

“One of the hardest areas to penetrate is the church, but the church is one of the most important [institutions] that need to be penetrated, because the church is the hot seat in the African-American community,” says Donna Chapman, Buffalo coordinator for the advocacy organization. “It’s still the place we go to look for guidance and information.”

According to the article, the Buffalo-based group has sponsored a series of prevention education workshops in an effort to demystify the virus and allow participants to deal with the issues of HIV/AIDS from a faith perspective. On the national level, the NBLCA hopes to build a united front among the country’s African-American community around the issue of HIV/AIDS, so they can better cooperate with AIDS service organizations.

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