



## MEDIA ALERT

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### AIDS Foundation Houston Joins Local Groups to Promote “Hip Hop for HIV Awareness” Concert

**WHAT:** **AIDS Foundation Houston, Inc. (AFH)** has partnered with 97.9 The Box, the Houston Department of Health and Human Services, and Amerigroup Community Care to offer free and confidential HIV testing at various sites **July 7-10**. When individuals take a free HIV test at one of the ‘Testing for Tickets’ locations, they will receive one ticket to **Hip Hop for HIV Awareness**, a concert featuring nationally-known and local hip hop artists scheduled for Saturday, July 12 from 2:00 – 6:00 pm. A limited number of concert tickets are available at each testing site and will be given out on a first-come-first-served basis.

**WHO:** Hip Hop for HIV Awareness features national rap artist **Plies**, R&B boy band from MTV’s ‘Making the Band’, **Day 26**, and J Records R&B recording artist and Grammy-nominated singer, songwriter and actor **Mario**. The concert will also spotlight Houston’s legendary veteran rapper **Bun-B of UGK**, Dallas-based rapper **Fat Pimp** and more.

**WHEN &  
WHERE:**

Hip Hop for HIV Awareness concert

Saturday, July 12, 2:00 – 6:00 pm at the Arena Theatre (7326 Southwest Fwy at Fondren)

Free ‘Testing for Tickets’ HIV testing dates and locations:

**Monday, July 7 - 4:00 – 6:00 pm at Spanish Village Apartments** (4000 Griggs, Houston 77021) – **100 tickets available**

**Tuesday, July 8 – 10:00 am – 4:00 pm at Harvest-Time Community Center** (17770 Imperial Valley Dr., Houston 77060) – **250 tickets available**

**Wednesday, July 9 – 4:00 – 7:00 pm at Cricket Wireless** (9511 Southwest Fwy, Houston 77074) – **75 tickets available**

**Thursday, July 10 – 10:00 am – 4:00 pm at Sunnyside Multi-Purpose Center** (4605 Wilmington, Houston 77051) – **250 tickets available**

**WHY:** There is no cure for HIV/AIDS and individuals continue to contract HIV at alarming rates. In Houston there is one new infection every eight hours. Young people (15-24 years old) account for half of all new HIV infections worldwide and more than 5,000 become infected every day. The goal of Hip Hop for HIV/AIDS Awareness is to get as many Houston-based young adults as possible tested for HIV/AIDS, primarily African American males and females between the ages of 15-35.

**DETAILS:** For more information, visit 97.9 The Box website:  
<http://www.kbxx.com/Article.asp?id=399680&spid>

AIDS Foundation Houston, Inc. (AFH) is a nonprofit organization dedicated to creating positive social impact through the innovative management of HIV/AIDS and other chronic diseases. Founded in 1982, AFH is one of the oldest HIV/AIDS service organizations in the U.S. and remains a national leader in HIV/STD programming. The agency’s initiatives focus on food, housing, youth, prevention, benefits and resource counseling, and incarcerated and recently-released offenders. This year, AFH will provide direct services to more than 5,000 HIV-positive men, women and children and will educate more than 50,000 people in Greater Houston through prevention outreach. For more information, please visit [www.AIDShelp.org](http://www.AIDShelp.org).