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**Fourth annual Hip Hop for HIV Awareness Intervention  
targets teens, young adults for HIV, syphilis testing**

Approximately 15,000 teens and young adults will get to go to a concert as a treat for taking part in the Fourth Annual Hip Hop for HIV Awareness Intervention, a four-day HIV and syphilis screening event.

The Houston Department of Health and Human Services (HDHHS) has teamed up with several organizations to sponsor the free and confidential screening event from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. June 28 to July 1 at Greenspoint Mall, 12300 North Freeway.

The event represents HDHHS' observance of June 27 as National HIV Testing Day. It is the largest HIV-testing event in the country.

The Hip Hop for HIV concert is set for 2 p.m. July 31 at Reliant Center.

The screening event targets people ages 15 to 40 who would never access HIV and other sexually-transmitted disease services through traditional health-care providers or don't seek STD information because of stigmas, cultural and community fear and discrimination associated with people with HIV or AIDS. It creates a safe environment to obtain health education, STD tests and treatment services.

Other organizations joining HDHHS' Bureau of HIV/STD and Viral Hepatitis Prevention in sponsoring the event include KBXX-FM "97.9 The Box," AIDS Foundation Houston, Clear, Cricket Wireless and many other community-based organizations.

Photo identification such as a driver's license or a state, military or school ID is needed to get tested.

For more information, call HDHHS at 713-794-9020.

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