

## Funders Concerned About AIDS – briefing update

On the morning of June 28, 2006, in collaboration with United Way of New York City, Funders Concerned About AIDS co-presented a funder briefing about the emerging needs in the nation's epicenter for women living with HIV/AIDS, New York City. The results of the recent report "We Speak: New York City Women Living with AIDS Speak About Their Needs" were presented, and a panel consisting of grantmakers, service providers, and clients continued the discussion. The majority of NYC women with HIV/AIDS reside in neighborhoods with the highest concentration of poverty; the study identified eleven principle findings derived from both personal and structural concerns highlighted by the women. Personal concerns discussed at this briefing included the need for mental health services for women and their families, addressing the lack of women's power in relationships, and the intersection with structural concerns such as navigating government support systems like Medicaid, and having access to adequate housing and educational opportunities to improve their lives.



Event participants included (pictured here, left to right):  
Ana L. Oliveira, President & CEO, The New York Women's Foundation  
Adisa Douglas, Director of Programs, Public Welfare Foundation  
Antonia C. Novello, MD, MPH, Dr.PH, Commissioner of Health for the State of NY  
Anita Blake, client/peer educator  
Ana Torres, client/peer educator  
Marie St. Cyr, founder of Iris House  
Desiree Flores, Program Officer, Ms. Foundation for Women  
Dr. Anitra Pivnick, Montefiore Women's Center  
Gladys Carrion, Senior VP, United Way of New York City

For more information about this event, or to view copies of the executive and report summaries, visit <http://fcaaid.org/programs/womenaids.htm>. FCAA has continued to provide technical assistance to foundations interested in pursuing further grantmaking as a response to the emerging needs of women with AIDS.