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*Hilda Solis
(D-CA)*

NAADAC Becomes Active in HIV/AIDS Coalition

NAADAC has recently become more active in the National Organizations Responding to AIDS (NORA), a coalition originally founded by the non-profit group, *AIDS Action*, to unite health, labor, professional, advocacy and religious organizations under a common banner of HIV and AIDS education and treatment support, funding, and recognition. Through NORA, NAADAC is able to voice opinions in a larger consensus to influence HIV and AIDS policy.

NAADAC was represented at a recent NORA-hosted Congressional briefing on Capitol Hill. Speakers included Congresswoman Hilda Solis (D-CA)—who is on NAADAC's PAC Endorsement List—to speak on the importance of HIV/AIDS funding and current policies and legislation affecting responses to the disease. The briefing concluded with an expert panel—consisting of cultural experts, prevention specialists, and HIV-positive community liaisons discussing agendas and concerns. Though many opinions were shared, a common conclusion was reached: advocacy and action are powerful tools and a united voice is stronger than our individual efforts.

NAADAC believes that HIV and AIDS education is vital in the training of an addiction professional. Currently, all of NAADAC's certifications require knowledge of HIV/AIDS as it related to addiction to help ensure that addiction professionals are prepared to work through related issues with clients.



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