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**AIDS Education and Training Centers (AETCs)
announce the new online HIV/AIDS Border Resource Directory:
www.aetcBorderHealth.org**

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The three AIDS Education and Training Centers serving the US/Mexico border region announced today the launch of www.aetcBorderHealth.org, a new online resource directory that provides information on HIV/AIDS resources in the U.S./Mexico border region. Hardcopies of the directory will also be available to the HRSA (Health Resources and Services Administration) grantees attending the “Moving Forward Together on the Border” summit December 1-3 in Dallas, Texas. AETCs are the training arm of the HRSA Ryan White Care Act and AETC resources are highlighted in the directory.

“This online directory provides an excellent overview of Ryan White CARE Act Programs in the border region and is a great example of coordination within HRSA to make sure border providers know about these resources and training opportunities” says Eva Moya, Executive Director of the U.S. Section of the U.S./Mexico Border Health Commission.” “We will also be linking this AETC directory to our homepage at www.borderhealth.org,” she added.

The resource directory is a collaborative effort of the U.S./Mexico Border AETC Steering Team (UMBAST), a working group of AETC representatives from Texas, New Mexico, Arizona, and California who serve the U.S.-Mexico border region (100 kilometers, or 61 miles, north of the Mexico border). UMBAST coordinates border AETC efforts, including needs assessments and educational programs, and actively shares information about border resources, funding, and events among its members. The Border Resource Directory features local, regional and national information on HIV/AIDS training resources for a range of providers, including physicians, nurses, mental health clinicians, pharmacists, as well as HIV/AIDS-related services for both providers and consumers. HIV/AIDS resource listings include contact and program information for over 120 local health and service organizations in the four state border region.

The directory is hosted online by the AETC National Resource Center (NRC), which supports UMBAST’s work by assisting with coordination and information dissemination. “The directory brings together very useful epidemiological data and county-level overviews of HIV/AIDS in the border states as well as important local resources. We hope that HIV/AIDS border organizations will help us keep the directory accurate and current,” said Nicole Mandel from the NRC. “We encourage people to email us with updates or requests for printed copies at info@aidsetc.org .”

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