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Our Mission

* Develop and institutionalize programs addressing the grave disparities in education, health, healthcare, and economic development faced by the African community.

* Defend the human and civil rights of African people.

Healthy Connections

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African People's Education And Defense Fund:

Addressing grave disparities in health faced by the African community



- Life expectancy for African men is 62.9 years—more than six years less than that of white men.
- African infant mortality in U.S. is 2.5 times higher than for white babies: 13.6 per 1000 births versus 5.7 per 1000 for whites.
- The African infant mortality rate in Washington DC is more than twice as high as infant mortality in Beijing, China.
- African people have a 25 percent higher cancer death rate than whites.
- Diabetes among African people in the US is twice as high as white people.
- More than 54 percent of HIV/AIDS cases diagnosed in 2002 were among African people, who are 10 times more likely to die of AIDS than whites.
- 40 percent of African men and women in US have some form of heart disease compared to 30 percent of white men and 24 percent of white women.
- An African male child in the US is twice as likely to die before reaching the age 20 than a white child.
- The suicide rate among young black men has doubled since 1980.
- The black-white health care gap costs the lives of more than 83,000 African people in the US a year.
- 41 percent of African children are hungry.

Sources: Washington Post; US Health and Human Services of 2005, www.omhrc.gov; Harvard University President Lawrence H. Summers, presentation Sept. 16, 2005

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The African Peoples Education & Defense Fund strives to develop and institutionalize programs to defend the human civil rights of the African community, and to address the grave disparities in education, health, healthcare, and economic development faced by the African community.

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