

# Washington tailors HIV and AIDS talk to seniors

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(AP)—Officials in the nation's capital are asking senior citizens to think about HIV and AIDS.

The city has one of the highest [HIV infection rates](#) in the country. Officials say about one in five newly diagnosed cases in the city is a person 50 or older.

They say older people are often diagnosed later and sicker because they don't think they're at risk.

Now health officials plan to spend \$150,000 a year over at least the next two years reaching out to seniors. But talking to the [baby boom generation](#) about HIV and AIDS is different from talking to adolescents, and officials have developed a program specifically geared for [older adults](#).

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