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**The Mississippi STD/HIV Prevention Training Center at the University of Mississippi Medical Center, GMAD and amfAR AIDS Research sign on as sponsors of the 2012 National African American MSM Leadership Conference on HIV/AIDS and other Health Disparities**

**Atlanta, Georgia** – NAESM and My Brother’s Keeper and participating sponsors to date, ViiV Healthcare, Gilead Sciences, Tibotec, Ford Foundation, HIV Prevention Trial Network, Legacy Project, Road to AIDS 2012, AIDS Foundation of Chicago, Louisiana Office of Public Health STD/HIV Program, and Urban Socialites welcomes Gay Men of African Descent (GMAD), amfAR AIDS Research and the Mississippi STD/HIV Prevention Training Center at the University of Mississippi Medical Center for the ninth edition of the 2012 National African American MSM Leadership Conference on HIV/AIDS and other Health Disparities slated for January 19 - 22, 2012 at the New Orleans Marriott on Canal Street in the famous and picturesque French Quarter.

The theme “Forward Together: Engaging Our Future Leaders” center around engaging the youth and young adults to continue the work and conversation as it relates to all facets of HIV/AIDS and other Health Disparities that affect African American MSM. However, more importantly the conference will pay homage to and celebrate the memory of Dr. Mark A. Colomb a long standing supporter and a strong advocate in the health disparities arena for African American men. Dr. Colomb was the founder and CEO of My Brother’s Keeper up until his untimely death March 24, 2011.

Conference 2012 expects to attract over 400 participants including researchers and clinicians, doctors, youth and young adult’s organizations, people living HIV/AIDS, health care professionals, health and social advocates, international and regional professionals, pharmaceutical companies and churches with an HIV/AIDS and other health disparities focus.

Opportunities for exhibit booth space and program book advertising are still available. Details are available at [www.naesm.org](http://www.naesm.org).

For more information on the conference please visit [www.naesm.org](http://www.naesm.org) or call headquarters in Atlanta at 404 691 8880.

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