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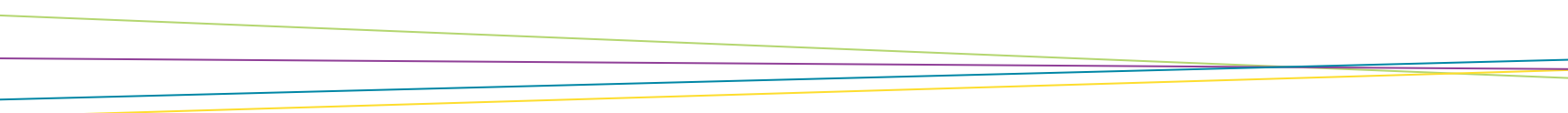
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For over 15 years, the **AIDS** Community Research Initiative of America (ACRIA) has worked to improve the lives of people with HIV by linking essential research with community action.

Trials of the newest AIDS drugs and cutting-edge research inform our HIV health literacy and treatment education programs. These programs reach tens of thousands of people with HIV and their care providers each year across the U.S. and around the world.

All of our efforts stem from the fundamental conviction that people with HIV should be fully engaged in their treatment. They are entitled to receive the information they need—presented in a way that is easy to understand—so that they can make smart decisions and take care of themselves.



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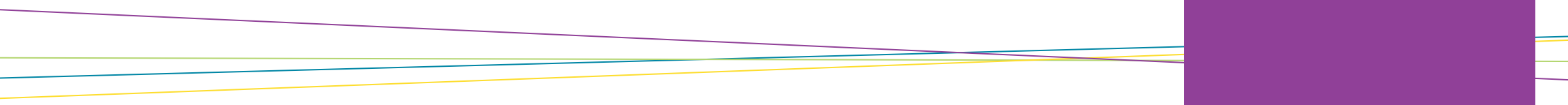
COMMUNITY-based drug trials are essential for getting promising new medications into the hands of the people who need them the most.

Since 1991, ACRIA has contributed to the development of more than 10 drugs that have received FDA approval, helping countless thousands live longer, healthier lives. Today we are involved in the testing of over a dozen HIV medications and other treatments that promise to help alleviate the often difficult side effects of AIDS drugs.

ACRIA also operates TrialSearch, a unique, online, searchable database of drug trials across the United States. It is an invaluable resource for both patients and their doctors.



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We are leading cutting-edge **RESEARCH**, which provides the world with a better understanding of who has HIV and how people with the disease can stay healthy.

In 2006 ACRIA completed a groundbreaking study of older adults with HIV, the world's largest and most comprehensive examination ever of the exploding population of people over 50 with the disease. The results have been featured in over 250 news outlets, including *The New York Times*, *USA Today*, *Time Magazine*, CNN, NPR, and the BBC. As a result of our work nearly 100 million people have been made aware of the "graying" of the epidemic.

Ongoing studies complement this research. For example, we are currently examining how to diagnose and treat depression most effectively in older adults with HIV.



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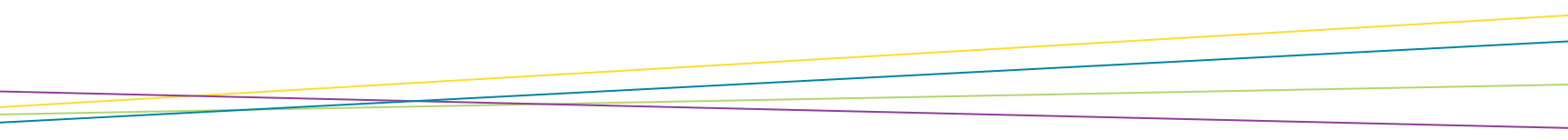
All of our **INITIATIVES** reflect a truly unique model—innovative research driving a state-of-the-art, community-based response to the AIDS epidemic.

ACRIA is especially proud to translate our research on older adults and HIV into action through a unique, first-in-the-nation campaign to educate staff at senior centers and other organizations serving older adults—in New York and across the country—about HIV prevention and how to meet the needs of their HIV-positive clients.

Another excellent example is our client workshops, which bring the most current treatment information to people with HIV throughout New York City—people who otherwise wouldn't have access to this life-changing HIV health information.



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Although we're a small organization,
ACRIA's work reaches out across **AMERICA**
and around the world.

Through our entrepreneurial training and technical assistance program, we enable staff at AIDS organizations, hospitals, harm reduction agencies, substance use treatment centers, and other groups serving high-risk populations to provide their own clients with HIV health literacy and treatment information—building HIV care networks in communities from San Diego to Baltimore, and from Detroit to San Juan.

Demand for our HIV health education materials continues to grow. In addition to our extremely popular treatment booklets, our quarterly treatment publication *ACRIA Update* is distributed free and in bulk to AIDS service organizations and other agencies. Nearly 35,000 copies of each issue, in English and Spanish, are sent by request to groups in all 50 states, Washington D.C., Puerto Rico, and on five continents.



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