

Regional Community Partner



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Kathie M Hiers is the Chief Executive Officer of AIDS Alabama, a state-wide non-profit organization in Alabama that provides housing, mental health and services to low-income persons with and at risk of HIV/AIDS. Nationally, Kathie was the only resident of the Deep South selected by US President Obama in 2010 to serve on the Presidential Advisory Council on HIV/AIDS, where she was elected Co-Chair of the Disparities Committee. She serves as elected Co-Chair of the Federal AIDS Policy Partnership, Board Chair for the Southern AIDS Coalition and Policy Chair for the National AIDS Housing Coalition.

In 2013, Kathie's efforts to bring attention to the southern HIV epidemic were featured in the full-length documentary, *deepsouth*. Kathie won the 2014 "Research and Hope HIV/AIDS Community Champion" Award from PhRMA for her work in advocating for the needs of persons living with HIV/AIDS and the 2015 UCLA School of Management/Johnson & Johnson Health Care Executive Leadership Community Innovation Project for her work in enrolling participants into the Affordable Healthcare Act in Alabama. In 2017, Kathie was selected as one of Alabama's "Women who Shape the State".