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"For the first time, states will be able to identify health gaps between racial and ethnic groups and also compare their overall state experience with that of other states," said CDC director Jeffrey P. Koplan, MD, MPA. "States can use the new data to develop and evaluate programs to reduce the health risks of all racial and ethnic groups."

Since February 1998, the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) has led a Clinton Administration initiative to eliminate racial and ethnic health disparities in six key areas of health by the year 2010: infant mortality, diabetes, cardiovascular disease, HIV/AIDS, cancer, and adult and childhood immunization.

President Clinton has asked Congress for \$400 million over 5 years to fund a variety of prevention, education and outreach activities to address these disparities in communities throughout the country.

Because of predictions that the minority population in the United States will increase in the near future, identifying and tracking health gaps between racial and ethnic groups are especially important.

In 1970, according to CDC, people in racial and ethnic minority groups accounted for 16 percent of the U.S. population. By 1998, that proportion was 27 percent. By 2050, racial and ethnic minorities will account for nearly half of the U.S. population, says CDC.

Besides collecting data about these health disparities, CDC has been working to prevent and reduce them through the Racial and Ethnic Approaches to Community Health (REACH 2010) program, part of Clinton's racial disparities initiative. In September 1999, CDC awarded

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BY D.L. STANLEY

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- * Request a list of the Board of Directors of the organizations that the solicitor is representing.
- * Do not buy or pledge anything by phone. Ask for the offer or donation request to be mailed to you in writing before you send any money. Be very cautious of anyone using "runners" to pick up contributions to avoid using the United States mail.
- * Any reputable organizations should be happy to furnish you with a copy of their annual reports. Also, ask for a copy of the IRS letter stating that the organization is a 501 (c)3 tax exempt organization.
- * If the callers say that they are representing a certain law enforcement group or organization, have them furnish you with the law enforcement agency that is sponsoring the fund-raising and request an address and phone number so that you can verify that endorsement.
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Hosea To Fight Behind Scenes

Reverend Hosea L. Williams, long-time civil rights leader, was discharged from Piedmont Hospital last week following treatment for advanced kidney cancer and congestive heart failure.

Upon his release, Reverend Williams issued a statement explaining he will not be able to give in the future the concentrated leadership in the area of human rights he has rendered in the past, but he definitely will not retire.

Rev. Williams stated the two priority programs in the area of human rights he will concentrate on include his autobiography—which will be the first book detailing the truly "revolutionary" characteristics of the late Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.—and the establishment of America's first Civil Rights Hall of Fame, to be headquartered in Atlanta.

He said he will spend the majority of his time in the future not directly "leading" civil rights struggles as he has done in the past, but encouraging and training new leadership to face head-on and fight the inhumanities and injustices in the America of tomorrow.

Inside Atlanta

BY HAL LAMAR

A Good Fest For A Great Cause

On June 10th, southwest Atlanta businessman Sam Tompkins will again roll out yet another southwest Atlanta street festival in his effort to allow the business community and their customers and clients to get to know each other.

This effort, which is under the auspices of a mentoring program called Another Way Out which Tompkins founded several years ago, is far more than an opportunity for folks from all over metro Atlanta to come and sample food, purchase collectibles, see antique cars and be entertained.

To know what this festival means is to know what Tompkins is all about.

Many times in the past few years, I have devoted my column space to telling Inquirer readers about Sam. Permit me a bit of deja vu.

I got acquainted with Sam Tompkins via this festival. His daughter Rhonda called my office at another radio station I used to work for to ask how someone could help her Daddy publicize the festival idea. "Can you do some PSAs or something?" she asked.

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"Man who say it cannot be done should not interrupt man doing it." - Chinese Proverb



Mrs. **Julia Bond**, mother of Julian Bond, chairman of NAACP Board of Directors, receives certificate for Mr. Bond from Atlanta City Council President **Robb Pitts**.
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Adelphia's Oden Awarded For Personalized Customer Care

Adelphia Business Solutions Inc., a national integrated communications provider serving Metro Atlanta, named Stanley Oden its South Region Customer Service Manager of the Year for leading its exceptional customer care program.

Oden, a Marietta native, said Adelphia Business Solutions' customer care program is the best in the telecommunications industry. Adelphia assigns a local customer care representative to every client, offering "one-stop-shopping" for business customers' communication needs.

John Rogers, vice president of Adelphia Business Solutions' south region, said Oden's customer care teams have set the industry standard in exceeding expectations by anticipating customers' needs.

"Under Stan's leadership, our customers can run their businesses with the confidence that they are receiving the best telecommunications services," Rogers said. "Our customer care teams are unwavering in their commitment to exceeding our customers' expectations."

Oden credits Adelphia Business Solutions' philosophy on customer service for generating the positive



Pictured at the workshop and strategy sessions of the Student Movement 40th Anniversary Celebration are (from left to right) **Mr. Lonnie King**, **Mr. John B. Smith**, **Rev. Otis Moss**, **Mrs. Ann Ruth Borders-Patterson**, program chairperson; City of Atlanta **Mayor Bill Campbell**; and **Mr. Jesse Hill Jr.**



Many gathered for the commemorative marker and special recognition for participants of 1960's movement program on March 31 on the Clark Atlanta University campus.
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