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**Texas AIDS Health
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Press Release

The Texas AIDS Health Fraud Information Network Launches its Official Web Site

TAHFIN Web Site teaches people living with HIV/AIDS how to evaluate potentially fraudulent alternative therapies

Dallas, November 25, 1998: The Texas AIDS Health Fraud Information Network (TAHFIN) has published its official Web Site on the Internet at:

<http://www.divanet.com/tahfin>

The web site is already available to the public, but the network will officially announce the site on December 1, 1998, World AIDS Day.

TAHFIN is a task force sponsored by the US Food and Drug Administration and composed of Community-Based Organizations (CBO), Texas Department of Health (TDH), Federal Trade Commission (FTC), Treatment Advocates, Health Care Providers and people with HIV/AIDS. The mission of TAHFIN is to educate the consumer on HIV/AIDS treatment fraud issues and concerns, especially as it relates to potentially dangerous or fraudulent therapies.

TAHFIN respects the right of individuals to pursue alternative forms of treatment in addition to traditional therapies. TAHFIN encourages each individual to make the most educated and informed decisions possible.

The TAHFIN Web Site includes:

- News – where the network posts the latest AIDS fraud issues.
- Resources – where the site offers slide show presentations on AIDS fraud. This section includes an order form for printed materials.
- Contact Information – where the site lists all the members of the network. This section includes a contact form for entities or individuals in the state of Texas who wish to join the network.
- Links – where the site provides links to useful and trusted AIDS treatment web sites.

The site also has a search page, a table of contents and a feedback form.

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