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Professor Davis has served on the Board of Directors of AIDS Healthcare Foundation, the largest AIDS Service Organization in the United States, for the past 21 years. Professor Davis has served as an advocate for medically underserved communities on a local, regional and national level for over 27 years. She has directed local, regional and national HIV/AIDS programs funded by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, and the federal Health Resources Services Administration, Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration, Office of Women's Health and Office of Minority Health. For World AIDS Day 2010, Professor Davis' HIV/AIDS work was highlighted on Lifetime Cable TV on their "Remarkable Women" series and her work was recently showcased in March 2011 on Time Warner Cable's, Video on Demand, during Women's History Month. Professor Davis can be reached by email at [cynthiadavis@cdrewu.edu](mailto:cynthiadavis@cdrewu.edu) or by phone at (323) 563-5890.