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HIV TESTING WEEK - *Story Compiled by RoMarie McCue*



The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) estimates that 180,000 to 280,000 people nationwide are HIV-positive but are unaware of their status. HIV counseling and testing enables people with HIV to take steps to protect their own health and that of their partners, and helps people who test negative get the information they need to stay uninfected.

National HIV Testing Day (NHTD) is an annual campaign produced by the National Association of People with AIDS (NAPWA-US) to encourage at-risk individuals to receive voluntary HIV counseling and testing. Across the country, thousands of HIV counseling and testing sites, state and local health departments, and community-based HIV/AIDS service providers participated in NHTD events, by holding health fairs, providing community and media outreach, hosting special testing-related events or operating extended hours. Some of these events were scheduled in the days and weeks surrounding NHTD, such as "HIV Testing Week" sponsored by Project Safety Net.

Project Safety Net extended the National HIV Testing Day (June 27) into a week-long event, from June 22nd through the 28th. The focus of the week was to encourage Long Islanders at high risk for HIV to become informed and get tested. The extensive outreach event was coordinated with local health organizations, faith based communities and multiple health providers to make this year's event a success across Long Island!

For this initiative, LIAAC deployed three unmarked vans to Glen Cove, Freeport, Hempstead, Wyandanch, Brentwood, Huntington Station, Central Islip, Southampton and Mastic Beach. Bilingual staff members (English/Spanish) were available.

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FROM THE PRESIDENT/CEO

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September was a big month for HIV/AIDS, beginning with the CDC's announcement that their annual estimates of new HIV infections have been undercounted and are being revised upwards from 40,000 to 56,300 new cases per year in the United States. These findings underscore the ongoing challenges in confronting this disease and the urgent need to expand access to effective, evidence-based HIV prevention programs. New York City and the surrounding geographic areas like Long Island show a steady increase in new infections. Like twenty-five years ago when AIDS first arrived in this country, new cases are heavily seen in MSM (men having sex with men), which account for 53% of the newly revised 56,300 number. Black men are seven times more likely to contract the virus than white men. Hispanics have a three times higher rate of infection than whites. By gender, men account for most of the estimated new HIV infections in the United States with 73%, though it's important to note that Black women are 23 times more likely than white women to be diagnosed with HIV. By age, more infections occurred among young people under 30 (34%) than any other group. The CDC estimates that one quarter of HIV-infected people are unaware of their HIV infection.

A recent report financed in part by the Ford Foundation and the Elton John AIDS Foundation, found that if US Blacks were a nation, they would actually have more HIV cases than seven of the fifteen countries that receive support from the Bush administration's anti-AIDS program (PEPFAR) worldwide.

In light of these developments, it's logical to ask, "how has this news affected funding in the United States?" First, New York Governor Patterson called for sweeping, across-the-board budget cuts of 6% on top of a 2%. Both he and legislative leaders refused to exempt HIV/AIDS from these cuts while keeping other programs - K-12 education and Medicaid to hospitals, for example, intact. With New York's first Black governor at the helm, it is particularly distressing that the needs of Black MSMs and Black women who are so disproportionately affected by HIV, continue to be neglected. Neither New York's current leaders, nor the two major party presidential candidates have addressed AIDS in the way they should given the magnitude of the problem. Our current President has been remarkably silent on the issue here at home, yet has championed the distribu-

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(LIAAC)**

tion of funds abroad. The only public figure no longer holding a political position that has addressed this issue is former President Bill Clinton, who said in his speech on August 27th at the National Democratic Convention that the government must address, acknowledge and fund prevention and services for HIV/AIDS here in the United States.

LIAAC, like all other frontline community-based HIV/AIDS agencies, must have funding restored by New York State and receive new and expanded testing and prevention money from the CDC to combat the spread of new rising HIV/AIDS infections. Twenty-five years into this epidemic, it's a travesty that funding for HIV/AIDS, like many of the other issues that face our society, is being distributed to other countries while the needs here at home go ignored. Perhaps our dinner table discussions about gas prices, home heating oil, rising food prices and healthcare reform should start to include the rise in the number of young people having sex at twelve, contracting STD infections and getting infected and infecting others with HIV/AIDS. As we worry about our children's future, not including these issues, raises the possibility that our children may not have a future.



LIAAC is the agency for Long Islanders who are concerned about HIV/AIDS. Along with BiasHELP of Long Island, LIAAC is a partnering agency of the

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Long Island Network of Community Services (LINCS). We are a community-based, 501(c)(3) not-for-profit organization supported by both private and public funds, with support from SAMHSA, the CDC, the NYS Department of Health AIDS Institute, Nassau and Suffolk Counties, OASAS and a variety of federal grants. Our staff of 80 case managers, educators, counselors, advocates and associates brings information and education, direct services, referrals and advocacy to everyone in our area who needs help with this disease. For details, or for assistance, please call our **Hotline: 1-877-TO-LIAAC** (1-877-865-4222) [in Nassau & Suffolk only] or (631) 385-AIDS [outside Nassau & Suffolk]. Information tapes can be heard at all times. Hotline operators are available from 9:00 AM to 6:00 PM on Monday through Friday. In addition, spanish speaking operators are available. On the web: www.liaac.org

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Place: The de Seversky Center
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An event produced by the Long Island Network of Community Services (LINCS), to benefit the Long Island Association for AIDS Care (LIAAC) & BiasHELP of Long Island.

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To confirm, please return the attached form.

**Event Information: Please call the Development Team at 631-479-0010
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NATIONAL HIV TESTING DAY

NATIONAL HIV TESTING DAY OBSERVED JUNE 27, 2008

June 27, 2008 marked the 13th annual observance of National HIV Testing Day. According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), approximately 1.1 million people in the United States are living with HIV/AIDS and 25% of them are unaware of their status (National Association for People With AIDS 2008). National HIV Testing Day focuses on raising HIV/AIDS awareness in at-risk communities and promoting early diagnosis and HIV testing.

Did You Know? (CDC 2008)



- Three quarters of the 2006 HIV/AIDS diagnoses among adolescents and adults were males.
- Data from the 2005 census show that together, Black and Hispanic women represent 24% of all US women. However, women in these two groups accounted for 82% of the estimated total of AIDS diagnoses for women in 2005.
- Women with AIDS made up an increasing part of the epidemic. In 1992, women accounted for an estimated 14% of adults and adolescents living with AIDS in the 50 states and the District of Columbia. By the end of 2005, this proportion had grown to 23%.
- In 2006, the largest estimated proportion of HIV/AIDS diagnoses among adults and adolescents was for men who have sex with men (MSM), followed by persons infected through high-risk heterosexual contact.
- Although blacks made up only 13% of the population, they accounted for almost half of the estimated number of HIV/AIDS diagnoses in 2006.
- In 2006, persons aged 25-44 accounted for the largest proportions of newly diagnosed HIV/AIDS cases.
- Long Island (Nassau and Suffolk Counties) has the highest suburban HIV/AIDS infection in the country & more AIDS cases than 26 states. (Suffolk County Government-HIV Commission 2007)

In recognition of National HIV Testing Day, the Long Island Association for AIDS Care, Inc. (LIAAC) launched a week-long HIV/AIDS education and testing initiative. From Sunday, June 22 through Saturday, June 28, our professional staff conducted education interventions and offered free and confidential HIV rapid testing in communities all across Long Island from Elmont to Riverhead.

For more information on LIAAC's National HIV Testing Day initiative, please visit the website at www.liaac.org or call our toll free number at 1-866-236-3448.

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Test counselors utilized the OraQuick Rapid HIV 1/2 Antibody Tests, giving clients their confidential results within 20 minutes. This approach has been proven to be an efficient method in delivering test results because at times clients have been difficult to locate.

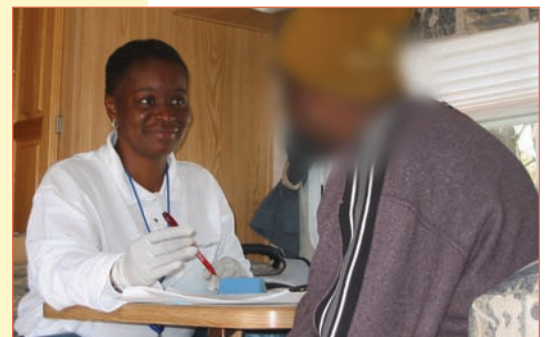
Throughout the week, Project Safety Net collaborated with agencies such as Planned Parenthood of Nassau County, Seafield Services, Inc and Center for Rapid Recovery to make this year's testing event a success.

The reported risk-factors of clients identified during testing week were: 62% unprotected heterosexual contact, 24% men who have sex with men (or MSM), and 15% substance users, including injection drug users.

All individuals who received HIV testing were counseled and provided with appropriate referrals, including case management services through LIAAC. The Pre/Post test counselors offer harm reduction education and provide safer sex materials and educational literature on HIV/AIDS and other sexually transmitted diseases.

For more information on Project Safety Net or to arrange a free and confidential HIV test, please contact the hotline toll free at 1-866-236-3448.

A special thank you to Cablevision for donating more than \$40,000 worth of in-kind airtime and to Cable Positive for supporting the production of our HIV Testing Day PSA and printed materials through a \$5,000 grant.



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CLIENT PICNIC

Client Picnic



After months of planning and preparation, LIAAC held its first ever summer event for clients on Friday, August 8th. With over 85 people in attendance, the event, held in Hauppauge, had something for everyone.

There was a variety of summer-style foods, including party favorites like hot dogs, hamburgers and heros (special thanks to MOMS Pharmacy and Fran Zaslow Caterers for their generous and tasty donations).



For those who preferred traditional barbecue, there were mouth-watering ribs, pulled pork and BBQ chicken. The chicken nuggets and macaroni and cheese were a big hit with the kids!

Mother Nature assisted by providing a reprieve from the stormy weather predicted, although a 5-minute light drizzle was welcoming to those who chose to stay in the warm sun. Others preferred to enjoy the weather under the tent or keep cool in the community center, which housed the items for the back-to-school raffle for kids and the adult raffle (special thanks to TJ Maxx for their generous gift-card donation).

The crowd was kept entertained with music and games run by the DJ from Tommy's Tunes. The bounce house kept



the children busy, although they were cautioned to avoid it right after eating. A competitive game of Musical Chairs kept everyone amused while kids of

all ages enjoyed the organized events.



The Long Island Network of Community Services' (LINCS) Smoking

Cessation program was available to assist those who were thinking about quitting smoking and the Hunger Prevention Nutrition Assistance Program (HPNAP) provided supplemental pantry bags to those in need of food.

Now that summer has ended and fall has returned, LIAAC staff are beginning to prepare for the holidays. The success of the summer event will help to fuel staff working on holiday turkey distribution and the 2008 holiday party, which will be held on Friday December 12.

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

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PRODUCTION DESIGN MANAGER

Responsibilities include, managing the day to day operation of the design department. Assist in the design and production of all agency publications, promotional materials, websites, event materials and media outreach. Supervise web-based staff.

Must have proficient computer skills and working knowledge of HTML/XHTML/CSS, Illustrator, Flash, Dreamweaver, Quark, and Photoshop. Minimum of two (2) years experience in a related field. Strong organizational and interpersonal skills (verbal & written), editing and proofreading as well as supervisory experience are required. Ability to handle multiple priorities and deadlines. Bachelor's or certified degree in related field. • Print samples/URL's required. • Hours: 9am-6pm, M-F • Salary up to \$50,000 commensurate with experience.

Contact: **Robert Nicoletti**
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Hauppauge, NY 11788

CLIENT PROGRAMS COORDINATOR

Basic function is to develop, oversee, monitor, and supervise specific departmental programs and supervise assigned staff. In addition, oversee agency initiatives around Addiction/AIDS programming. Ensure that client intakes, assessments, service plans, and other related documentation are up-to-date and accurate. Maintain close monitoring of case managers' caseloads to ensure that documentation is up-to-date, and problems and crises are appropriately addressed and documented. Coordinate, plan, oversee, and monitor the OASAS and New York State work plans and ensure goals and objectives are met. Supervise time schedules of assigned employees and ensure they adhere to all departmental/agency policies and procedures. Developing and tracking goals for educational and peer trainings around substance use and HIV/AIDS. Provide drug and alcohol clinical supervision for staff on a monthly basis. Assist in the development and review of monthly, quarterly, and annual reports and documentation as assigned.

Masters degree preferred. Bachelor's degree required. Two years of related experience. CASAC/CASAC eligible with at least two (2) years experience with an HIV/AIDS service agency or related agency preferred. Supervisory experience a must. Computer literate Word and Excel. Must have excellent communication and writing skills. • Salary up to \$45,000 commensurate with experience.

ADDICTION/AIDS CASE MANAGER

To provide Comprehensive Risk Reduction Counseling services to HIV+ individuals and individuals at high risk for HIV infection in Suffolk and Nassau Counties who have a history of alcohol/substance abuse. The Case Manager will also serve as an educational resource to HIV related health and social service agencies, as well as LIAAC staff. Case

Manager works with a caseload of approximately 20 clients. Conduct risk assessments, reassessments and update prevention service plans every two months. Conduct monthly contact and visits with each client, at minimum.

Monitor and adjust individualized prevention service plans on a regular basis. Conduct street outreach with at-risk individuals and providing information and referral related to the following: HIV/AIDS information, risk reduction skills, HIV testing information agency services, community resources, and safer sex tools to individuals over the age of 18. Develop and implement strategies to recruit and engage high-risk clients. Evaluate all clients (including caregivers) with a substance abuse history and refer to appropriate services.

BA or BS required. The degree requirement may be substituted with an Associates degree, or equivalent, in health, human or education services and two years of qualifying experience in HIV/AIDS or health related field (drug/alcohol setting).

CASAC/CASAC eligible or an equivalent degree with related experience preferred.

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