



1st Quarter
(January, February and March)

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Concern For AIDS Relief Education Support

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Board Meetings

Board Meetings are open to the public and are held once a quarter at Acadiana C.A.R.E.S. office.

HIV/AIDS Information
233-AIDS or (800) 354-AIDS

HIV Testing
Tuesday, 12:00-3:00 P.M.
Wednesday, 6:30-8:00 P.M.
At the Acadiana C.A.R.E.S. office

Acadiana C.A.R.E.S.
Presents



Never Give Up, Never Forget

Sunday

May 18, 2008

6:00 pm

Acadiana C.A.R.E.S. Conference Center
811 Martin Luther King Drive
Lafayette, Louisiana

(see story inside, pg. 4)

Announcements

What's in a name? CARES will be hosting a second and final Naming Workshop to come up with a name for the agency's new facility. The Naming Workshop is scheduled for Thursday, May 22nd from 10:00 am until 1:00 pm at 811 MLK Blvd. A lunch will be provided. For more details, contact Anthony James at (337) 233-2437 ext. 44.

Region IV Consumer Advisory Council– The CAC meets the 2nd Tuesday of each month. For more information, please contact Greg at (337) 266-5118.

HIV Support Group– If you are interested in joining a support group that is for HIV infected persons, please contact Bethany Veal, Director of Client Services, at (337) 233-2437 ext. 12. If you are an HIV infected woman and looking for a support group, please contact Michele Landry, Case Manager, at (337) 233-2437 ext. 27.

HIV Rapid Test Training– The next HIV Rapid Test Training is scheduled for Tuesday, June 24th and Wednesday, June 25th in Alexandria. The registration deadline is Monday, May 12th. For more details, contact Anthony James, Director of Development and Community Outreach, at (337) 233-2437 ext. 44.

Narcotics and Cocaine Anonymous– N/A and C/A groups meet each Monday, Wednesday and Friday at 8:00 pm and Saturdays at 3:00 pm at the Acadiana C.A.R.E.S. Conference Center located at 811 MLK Drive. For more information contact Anthony James at (337) 233-2437 ext. 44.

Louisiana HIV/AIDS Surveillance Quarterly Report

Data in this report includes cases diagnosed with HIV/AIDS and reported as of December 2007.

- As of December 31, 2007, a cumulative total of 27,492 HIV/AIDS cases have been reported in Louisiana, including 301 pediatric cases.
- The cumulative number of deaths, among persons living with HIV/AIDS, reported to the Louisiana Office of Public Health through December 31, 2007 is 11,402 including 98 deaths among pediatric cases.
- A total of 15,812 persons are living with HIV/AIDS in Louisiana; of these individuals, 8,341 persons (52%) have an AIDS diagnosis.
- Among women living with HIV/AIDS, the predominant known mode of transmission is high risk heterosexual contact followed by injection drug use. Among men living with HIV/AIDS, the predominant mode of transmission is men who have sex with men followed by injection drug use.
- Nationally, Louisiana ranked 6th highest in AIDS cases and 10th in the number of AIDS cases diagnosed in 2005, according to the CDC 2005 HIV/AIDS Report, Revised Edition, June 2007 (Vol.17)
- Baton Rouge ranked 6th out of 98 metropolitan areas in AIDS case rates in 2005; New Orleans ranked 7th.
- In Louisiana, 32% of new HIV cases and 34% of new AIDS cases are among women.
- HIV continues to disproportionately affect African Americans in Louisiana. In 2006, 69% of newly diagnosed HIV cases and 71% of newly diagnosed AIDS cases were among African Americans.

Prevention Services

- 121 people received information through the MSM Outreach Program. 1,109 prevention articles were distributed through the MSM Outreach Program.
- 206 HIV antibody tests were conducted this quarter in the office of which 3 were reactive test results.
- 787 people received HIV/AIDS information through Street Outreach, which also distributed 90,198 prevention articles.
- 4 person received prevention counseling.
- 12 education presentation served 127 people.

Mpowerment Update

The FM Project will host *SausageFest '08 a GBQ BBQ* on Saturday, May 17th from 3-7 pm at 809-811 Martin Luther King Drive. It is a community-wide event for gay, bisexual and curious guys. It promises to be a fun-filled and positive community building event. There will be free food, games, theater, queer movies and confidential/anonymous HIV testing. It is open to FM Project members and friends. For more details about *SausageFest '08* or more information about the FM Project at Acadiana C.A.R.E.S. contact Tanner Menard or Ryan Broussard, FM Coordinators, at (337) 266-5118 or visit MySpace.com/FMAcadiana or fm_project_acadiana@yahoo.com.



HIV/AIDS and Acadiana Region IV

Theses numbers are as of December 2007

- 1698 cumulative cases have been detected in Region IV, including 16 pediatric cases.
- 730 cumulative deaths among persons in Region IV with HIV/AIDS have occurred, including 9 pediatric deaths.
- 1179 persons are currently living with HIV/AIDS in Region IV.
Persons living with HIV: 530
Persons living with AIDS: 649

Breakdown of HIV/AIDS by Parish

Acadia - 90
Evangeline - 53
Iberia - 99
Lafayette - 563
St Landry - 213
St Martin - 90
Vermilion - 71

C.A.R.E.S. is a member agency of United Way of Acadiana and St. Landry/ Evangeline and is a recipient Ryan White Part B & D and State Prevention Funds.

Client Services Report

Acadiana C.A.R.E.S. Executive Director's Report
1st Quarter 2008

During the first quarter Acadiana C.A.R.E.S. Client Services Department served 26 new clients while 390 clients were being case managed.

<u>Service</u>	<u>Number of Clients Served</u>
Intakes	26
Assessments	89
Medical Case Management	260
Social Service Case Management	287
Dental Care	44
Ind./grp. counseling	26
Direct Financial Assistance	34
Food Pantry	155
Medications	103
Transportation	133
Short-term Housing Assistance	44
Tenant-based Rental Assistance	7
Total # of Unduplicated Clients Served	390

A New Face in Client Services



Jason Crooks

Client Services Update

Acadiana C.A.R.E.S. and the Client Services Department would like to take the opportunity to welcome Jason Crooks to the staff. Jason has been hired to serve as a Medicaid Case Manager that is assigned to work with clients that have Medicaid and that have a high level of need for case management services. Jason holds a BA in Interpersonal and Organizational Communication and previously served as a volunteer to C.A.R.E.S. and as a member of the MPowerment Project. Jason replaces Helen Zant who resigned in January of 2008. Jason is enthusiastic to be back at C.A.R.E.S. and is particularly enthusiastic about his new role as a member of staff. Please take the time to introduce yourself to Jason and welcome him to the Acadiana C.A.R.E.S. family.

The Client Services Department will be hosting a Reconstruction Event sometime in June. The exact date, time and theme has yet to be determined. Client Services staff members are working to finalize the details. Once they have done so, more information will be forthcoming. They anticipate that flyers detailing the event will go out at the beginning of June.

Client Wish List

(any new or gently used items are greatly appreciated)

APPLIANCES:

7 A/C window units
1 Clothes dryer
2 Coffee makers
1 Freezer
1 Refrigerator
2 Rice cookers

ELECTRONICS:

1 Pre-paid cell phone
6 Desk top computers
5 DVD/DVD/ VCR
combo
1 Microwave oven
2 Cordless phones
8 TV's
1 VCR

LINENS:

4 Sets of bedding (twin & king)
1 Sleeping bag
1 Set of towels

CLOTHING:

Women's pants/shirts/shorts 2X
Women's dress clothes 4X
Men's pants 38/32
Men's PJs 44lg
Men's shoes size 13
Men's sneakers sz 11
Women's shoes sz 8

HOUSEHOLD ITEMS:

2 Floor Fans
1 iron/ w/ ironing board
1 Electric skillet

FURNITURE:

2 Full size matt./frames
1 King size bed frame
1 Night stand
1 Coffee Table
2 Dressers w/ mirrors
2 Recliners
2 Sets of tables w/ 4 chairs

MISC:

2 Ten-speed bikes
1 Garden
1 Grandfather clock
Large plant
Playstation games
Tricycle
Photo album

Candlelight Memorial

Sunday, May 18th marks the 25th anniversary of the International AIDS Candlelight Memorial. It is the largest AIDS grassroots event ever. The annual event, coordinated worldwide by the Global Health Council, commemorates the lives lost to AIDS, demonstrates support for people living with HIV/AIDS and mobilizes community based responses to HIV/AIDS.

In observance of this day, Acadiana C.A.R.E.S. will host a Candlelight Memorial on Sunday, May 18th at the Acadiana C.A.R.E.S. Conference Center located at 811 Martin Luther King Drive. The memorial will start at 6:00 p.m. and a reception will follow. The theme for this year's event is "*Never Give Up, Never Forget*".



As part of this year's memorial, CARES is sponsoring an essay contest. It is open to all high school students in Lafayette Parish. Students are encouraged to write a 150 word essay that centers on the following topic: HIV in my community and my response to the epidemic. Cash prizes will be awarded to the first, second and third place essays (1st-\$150, 2nd-\$100 and 3rd-\$50). Top finishers of the contest will be invited to share their essays during the memorial service. Deadline for submissions was scheduled for Thursday, May 1st at 4:30 pm but has been pushed back to Friday, May 9th at 4:30 pm due to added interest in the essay contest.

Other things anticipated for the memorial include presentations by Tonya Ball, community activist for women's issues, Dennis Walker, consumer and advocate, Reverend Ken Lazard, Pastor of Destiny of Faith Church, songs by Northside High School Chorus Department, a musical selection by Patsy Bienvenue, liturgical dance and the reading of the names of those lost to HIV/AIDS.

In an effort to cover the cost of this year's memorial, CARES has sought sponsorships from various businesses and organizations. To date, CARES has raised \$1500. All donations were made in the form of "Corporate Sponsorships." Corporate Sponsors include Rosser's Pharmacy, Brown and Brown Insurance Company and Avita Drugs, each contributed \$500. Money raised through sponsorships will help cover the cost of supplies, printing of advertisements and food.

For question regarding the memorial or to provide names of persons who have passed away from HIV/AIDS for the reading of the names, please contact Anthony James, Director of Development and Community Outreach for Acadiana CARES at (337) 233-2437 extension 44 or at anthonyj@acadianacares.org. Names for the memorial should be submitted by no later than Friday, May 16th.

Volunteer Corner

Volunteers are the Heart of Acadiana C.A.R.E.S.

Volunteers are needed in the following areas:

Transportation– Volunteers are needed to transport clients from surrounding parishes to and from doctors and social service appointments. Volunteers providing transportation to C.A.R.E.S clients are required to have a valid driver’s license and current proof of auto insurance. Mileage will be reimbursed at the state rate (currently 44 cents per mile).

Food Pantry– Volunteers are needed to assist with the stocking maintenance and distribution of food. Food bags are distributed on Mondays, Wednesday and Fridays. For more information, please contact Anthony James at (337) 233-2437 ext. 44.

Helping Hands/R.A.I.N.— Volunteers are needed to help clients with household chores when clients are feeling under the weather. For more information, please contact Bethany Veal at (337) 233-2437 ext. 12.

Testing– Volunteers are needed to serve as greeters during testing hours and, if certified as a Prevention Counselor, to assist with Prevention Counseling and Testing. For more information, please contact Anthony James at (337) 233-2437 ext. 44.

Help with preparing the new building– C.A.R.E.S. is looking for volunteers to assist with projects at the new building . The agency needs assistance with carpentry, painting and general clean-up in order for the building to be ready for immediate occupancy. For more information, please contact Alton at (337) 266-5118.



Thank You

Euro Breads for your continuous support by donating European Breads & Pastries to the food pantry.

Avita Drugs, Brown and Brown Insurance Company and Rosser’s Pharmacy for Corporate Sponsorship of the Candlelight Memorial

Brenda Mounier for your \$10,000 donation in memory of Robert “Bob” Papania.

Special Thanks to the following companies & individuals for their continued support of C.A.R.E.S. Mission:

Broadway Cares/Equity Fight AIDS	Sandra David
Holiday Inn Lafayette/ Ed Buchet	Warren Mayard
United Way America	Joseph McCarty
Gannett Foundation	T. McFarland
MAC AIDS Fund	Walter Pierce
Home Depot	Troy Theriot

I am proud to support the ongoing work of Acadiana C.A.R.E.S.

- Volunteer
- Student.....\$5.00
- Individual...\$10.00
- Couple.....\$15.00
- Corporate....\$25.00

- I would like to make an additional contribution of \$_____.
- I want to contribute \$_____ in memory/honor of _____.
- I am interested in becoming a volunteer. Please send me an application.

(Please Print)

Name: _____

Address: _____

City, State Zip: _____

Phone: _____

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CALENDAR

May Calendar

May 18 Candlelight Memorial *6:00 pm*
 May 21 Executive Committee Meeting *12 noon*
 May 22 Naming Workshop *10:00 am*
 May 26 Memorial Day (Office Closed)
 May 28 Finance Committee Meeting *9:00 am*

July Calendar

July 3 Public Awareness Committee *2:00 pm*
 July 4 Independence Day (Office Closed)

June Calendar

June 5 Public Awareness Committee *2:00 pm*
 June 25 Statewide Case Management Training *9:00am*
 June 26 Statewide Case Management Training *10:00am*
 June 27 National HIV Testing Day

CAC meeting: 2nd Tuesday of every month @ 5:00 pm. For more info, please contact Greg or Oswald @ 337-266-5118

HIV 101 Presentations: 2nd Saturday of every month from 9:00 am until 3:00 pm. Contact Anthony at (337) 233-2437 ext. 38 for more information.

MPowerment Core Meetings: Every Sunday evening @ 6pm FM (For Men) movie night every Thursday night @ 7 pm.

NA and CA groups meet each Monday, Wednesday and Friday at 8:00pm and Saturdays at 3:00 pm at 811 MLK Drive. For more info, please contact Anthony @ (337) 233-2437 ext. 44.

Note: All events held at C.A.R.E.S. unless otherwise noted