



2nd Quarter
(April, May and June)

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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. receives major grant



Official Logo of the Federal Home Loan Bank System

On July 1, 2008 Acadiana CARES was presented with a check for \$500,000 from the Federal Home Loan Bank of Dallas through its member institution, Iberia Bank. Presenting the check to Acadiana CARES was Congressman Charles Boustany, R-Lafayette, Taylor Barras, Iberia Bank Community Reinvestment Act officer and Bruce Hatton, Vice President and Director of Community Investment for the Federal Home Loan Bank of Dallas. Also on hand for the check presentation were staff, volunteers and members of the community.

Created by an Act of Congress in 1932, the Federal Home Loan Bank of Dallas is one of 12 banks that make up the Federal Home Loan Bank System. Its purpose is to reinvest a percentage of its earnings into Affordable Housing Program grants that are intended to support very low to low income individuals. Through member banks like Iberia Bank, local communities can receive funding (*story continues on page 4*)

Announcements

Empowerment - This years Empowerment Conference is scheduled for Friday, August 28th in New Orleans. The Empowerment Conference is put on each year by NO AIDS Task Force in New Orleans and is an opportunity for persons living with HIV/AIDS to come together and share common experiences and find out about new treatments and therapies for HIV/AIDS. For more information about Empowerment please contact Greg at (337) 233-2437 ext. 50 or ask to speak to a case manager.

Region IV Consumer Advisory Council– The CAC meets the 2nd Tuesday of each month. For more information, please contact Greg at (337) 233-2437 ext. 50.

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 women and looking for a support group, please contact Keith Prejean, Case Manager, at (337) 233-2437 ext. 21.

HIV Rapid Test Training– The next HIV Rapid Test Training is scheduled for Tuesday, September 16th and Wednesday, September 17th here at Acadiana CARES. The registration deadline is Monday, August 11th. For more details, contact Anthony James, Director of Development and Community Outreach, at (337) 233-2437 ext. 44.

Narcotics and Cocaine Anonymus– 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 March 31, 2008.

- As of March 31, 2008, a cumulative total of 27,744 HIV/AIDS cases have been reported in Louisiana, including 302 pediatric cases.
- The cumulative number of deaths, among persons living with HIV/AIDS, reported to the Louisiana Office of Public Health through March 31, 2008 is 11,705 including 98 deaths among pediatric cases.
- A total of 15,795 persons are living with HIV/AIDS in Louisiana; of these individuals, 8,281 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 5th highest in AIDS cases and 12th in the number of AIDS cases diagnosed in 2006, according to the CDC 2006 HIV/AIDS Surveillance Report (Vol.18)
- Baton Rouge ranked 4th for AIDS case rates among the largest metropolitan areas in the U.S. in 2006; New Orleans ranked 8th.
- In Louisiana, 30% of new HIV cases and 31% of new AIDS cases are among women.
- HIV continues to disproportionately affect African Americans in Louisiana. In 2007, 72% of newly diagnosed HIV cases and 75% of newly diagnosed AIDS cases were among African Americans.

Prevention Services

- 321 Rapid HIV Antibody test were administered in office for the quarter. 0 HIV Antibody test came back reactive.
- 18,900 pieces of prevention literature were distributed during the quarter.
- 2298 contacts were made during outreach this quarter.
- 413 referrals were made during outreach this quarter.
- 84,285 barrier methods were provided this quarter.
- 285 persons received HIV/STD education this quarter.
- 97 young MSM reached through MPowerment this qtr.

MPowerment Update

The MPowerment staff recently underwent some changes. Tanner Menard resigned his position with the agency on June 22, 2008 to pursue other opportunities. He has been replaced by Jason Crooks. Jason is no stranger to MPowerment; he was a member of the project back in 2005. Prior to joining MPowerment as a coordinator, Jason served the agency as a Medicaid Case Manager. Jason holds a BA from ULL in Interpersonal and Organizational Communication. To talk to Jason or more information about the FM Project at Acadiana C.A.R.E.S. contact Jason Crooks 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 March 31, 2008

- 1716 cumulative cases have been detected in Region IV, including 16 pediatric cases.
- 761 cumulative deaths among persons in Region IV with HIV/AIDS have occurred, including 9 pediatric deaths.
- 1163 persons are currently living with HIV/AIDS in Region IV.

Persons living with HIV: 528
Persons living with AIDS: 635

Breakdown of HIV/AIDS by Parish

Acadia - 87
Evangeline - 56
Iberia - 97
Lafayette - 557
St Landry - 204
St Martin - 90
Vermilion - 72

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
2nd 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



From left to right: Theresa Mickens, Josephine McKelvy, Derek Spellman, Denita Derouselle and Kami Linzer.

Client Services Update

Acadiana CARES welcomes three new case managers to the Client Services Department. Denita Derouselle, Josephine McKelvy and Theresa Mickens began work with the agency effective June 23, 2008. Denita received her Bachelor of General Studies from ULL. She previously worked as a teacher with Smile Head Start. Josephine and Theresa are recent graduates of ULL with Bachelor of Art degrees in Sociology. Josephine previously worked as a caterer for A La Carte and Theresa was a Weekend Day Supervisor for Acadiana Outreach Center.

Valerie Mouton resigned her position with Acadiana CARES effective June 2, 2008. She has been replaced by Renee Woods who previously served as one of two Medicaid Case Managers. She has been replaced by Josephine. The other Medicaid Case Manager, Jason Crooks, has been replaced by Theresa. Denita replaces Keith Prejean who has taken over Michele Landry's caseload because she is no longer with the agency.

Bethany Veal, Director of Client Services, will go on maternity leave in August. In her absence, Derek Spellman will serve as Interim Director of Client Services. Derek has a Masters of Science in Nursing and previously served as Chief Nursing Officer for a 600 bed medical facility in Alabama.

Client Wish List

(any new or gently used items are greatly appreciated)

APPLIANCES:

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

ELECTRONICS:

1 Pre-paid cell phone
6 Desk top computers
1 Microwave oven
2 Cordless phones

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 Night stand
1 Coffee Table
2 Dressers w/ mirrors
2 Recliners

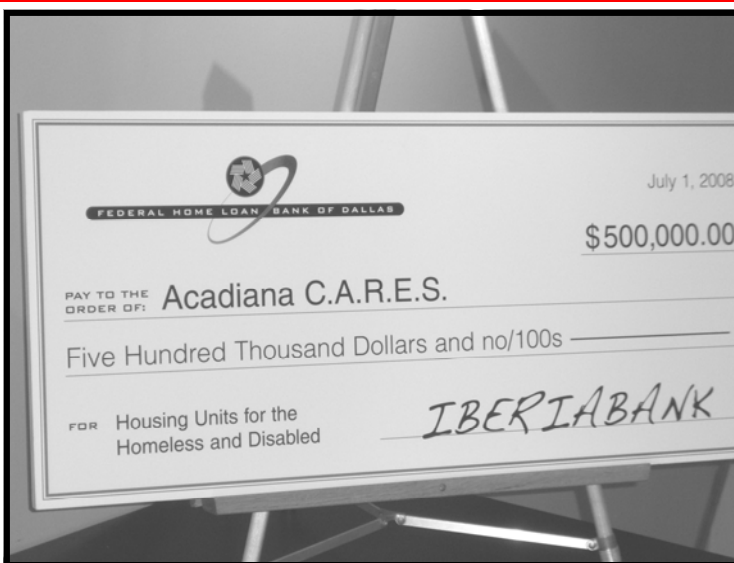
MISC:

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

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to ensure that adequate housing is available for those most at need, like those in poverty and that are disabled.

Acadiana CARES was awarded the funding because of a competitive application that it submitted to the Federal Home Loan Bank of Dallas back in March. The agency requested funding to complete the rehabilitation of its new facility to provide housing for individuals with very low to low income and that have a disabling condition. It received word in the latter part of May that it had been approved for funding and that its application had the second highest score of all applications submitted.



Money received from the Federal Home Loan Bank of Dallas represents gap funding and is contingent upon all other funding sources being in place. Thus far Acadiana CARES has secured 70% of the \$800,000 plus needed to complete the rehabilitation project; this includes the \$500,000 received from the Federal Home Loan Bank of Dallas. Other funding secured includes \$22,500 from the MAC AIDS Fund, \$10,000 from Broadway CARES, \$8,700 Gannett Foundation/The Daily Advertiser, \$3,000 from Home Depot, \$10,000 in private donations and \$10,000 from the Community Foundation of Acadiana/Starbucks COAST Fund.

Other potential funding for the project include \$150,000 in Community Development Block Grant funding through Lafayette Consolidated Government. Acadiana CARES submitted an application back in March requesting funding and is awaiting final approval from the City/Parish Council. The City/Parish Council of the Lafayette Consolidated Government is scheduled to vote and provide final authorization for the use of Community Development Block Grant funds on Tuesday, July 15th.

Provided that all funding is in place, Acadiana CARES will have 53 housing units up and operational by the end of the year, housing units that will go toward supporting those most vulnerable in our community such as low income families. These units will be supported by a continuum of care that includes case management, substance abuse and mental health services, social service referral, opportunities for job training and access to the agency's food bank.

The importance of the units cannot be overstated. According to Claude Martin, Executive Director of Acadiana CARES, "stable, affordable housing offers the best opportunity for persons living with HIV/AIDS or other disabling conditions to access medical treatment and supportive services that will enhance their quality of life for themselves and their families." He further points out that "with the addition of these units, Lafayette and its surrounding areas will be better positioned to respond the needs of those less fortunate in our community." This is significant given that according to the 2005 Statewide Coordinated Statement of Need, access to affordable housing and housing assistance was identified as one of the top needs identified by persons that participated in the survey.

For more information about Acadiana CARES housing program, please contact Alton Thornton, Director of Housing and Support Services, at (337) 233-2437 ext. 18 or for more information about how you can help, please contact Anthony James, Director of Development and Community Outreach, at (337) 233-2437 ext. 44 or at anthonyj@acadianacares.org.

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 52 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 Kami Linzer at (337) 233-2437 ext. 16.

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 Kami Linzer at (337) 233-2437 ext. 16.

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) 233-2437 ext. 18.



Thank You

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

Avita Drugs for its sponsorship of the Statewide HIV Case Management Training held June 25th and 26th

Dana Hebert for your \$1,000 donation to the Food Pantry for meat.

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

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- 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.

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CALENDAR

July Calendar

July 3 Public Awareness Committee *2:00 pm*
 July 4 Independence Day (Office Closed)
 July 21-23 Southern AIDS Coalition Conference
Birmingham, Alabama
 July 29-31 HIV Prevention Training
New Orleans

August Calendar

August 7 Public Awareness Committee *2:00 pm*
 August 14 Staff In-service *1:00 pm until 4:00 pm*
 August 15 Strategic Planning *8:00 am until 4:30 pm*
 August 16 Strategic Planning *8:00 am until noon*
 August 28 Empowerment *New Orleans*

September Calendar

Sept. 1 Labor Day (Office Closed)
 Sept. 4 Public Awareness Committee *2:00 pm*
 Sept. 16 HIV Rapid Test Training *8-5 pm*
 Sept. 17 HIV Rapid Test Training *8-5 pm*

CAC meeting: 2nd Tuesday of every month @ 5:00 pm. For more info, please contact Greg @ 337-233-2437 ext. 50

HIV 101 Presentations: 2nd Saturday of every month from 9:00 am until 3:00 pm. Contact Anthony at (337) 233-2437 ext. 44 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