



3rd Quarter
(July, August, and September)

Acadiana C.A.R.E.S.

Concern For AIDS Relief Education Support

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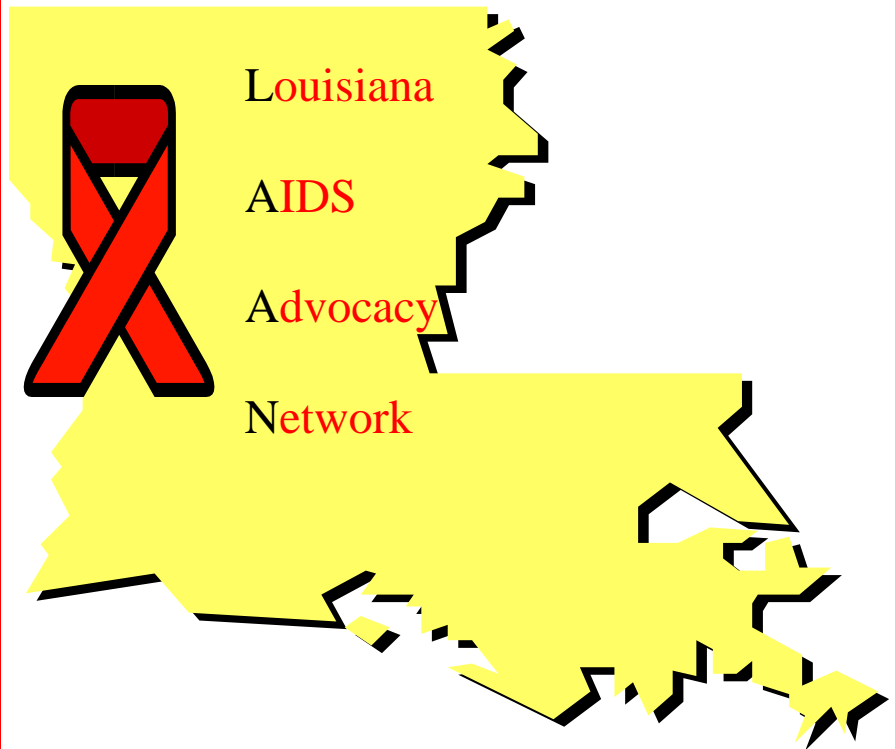
Board Meetings

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, 6:00-8:00 P.M.
At the Acadiana C.A.R.E.S. office

The Louisiana AIDS Advocacy Network (LAAN) elects new Board of Directors



The Louisiana AIDS Advocacy Network (LAAN), whose mission is to advocate on behalf of all persons infected and affected by HIV/AIDS in Louisiana, recently elected its first Board of Directors on August 11, 2008. Representing Public Health Region IV (Acadia, Evangeline, Iberia, Lafayette, St. Landry, St. Martin and Vermillion Parishes) are Claude Martin, Executive Director of Acadiana CARES, Anthony James, Director of Development and Community Outreach of Acadiana CARES and Greg Pruett, Mainstream Case Manager of Acadiana CARES. Other members elected to the board include Noel Twilbeck, Jean Redmann, and Enrique Moresco of NO AIDS Task Force in New Orleans, Dimitre Blutcher of N’R PEACE in New Orleans, *(story continues on page 4)*

Announcements

Americorp- Acadiana CARES was recently approved as a Site Partner for the SWLAHEC/Americorp Program. The agency is currently seeking two service members to provide between 18-20 hours of service in the agency's Prevention Department. Persons interested in serving as a Americorp Service Member should contact Anthony James, Director of Development and Community Outreach, 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) 356-6490.

HIV Support Group- Acadiana CARES will begin hosting an HIV/AIDS support group every 2nd Tuesday of the month at 6:30 pm at Acadiana CARES. The group will be facilitated by Quentin Dronet, MA. For more information, 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 Keith Prejean, Case Manager, at (337) 233-2437 ext. 21.

Outreach Training- The Louisiana HIV/AIDS Program will be conducting an HIV Outreach Training December 9th—11th at Acadiana CARES. The registration deadline is Monday, November 10th. 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 is as of June 30, 2008.

- As of June 30, 2008 a cumulative total of 27,949 HIV/AIDS cases have been reported in Louisiana, including 303 pediatric cases.
- The cumulative number of deaths, among persons living with HIV/AIDS, reported to the Louisiana Office of Public Health through June 30, 2008 is 11,791 including 98 deaths among pediatric cases.
- A total of 15,892 persons are living with HIV/AIDS in Louisiana; of these individuals, 8,386 persons (53%) 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, 31% 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

- 197 Rapid HIV Antibody test were administered in office for the quarter. 3 HIV Antibody test came back reactive.
- 17,900 pieces of prevention literature were distributed during the quarter.
- 495 encounters were made during outreach this quarter.
- 132 referrals were made during outreach this quarter.
- 103,919 barrier methods were provided this quarter.
- 232 persons received HIV/STD education this quarter.
- 95 young MSM reached through MPowerment this qtr.

MPowerment Update

On September 28, 2008 members of the FM Project participated in the NO AIDS Walk in New Orleans, Louisiana. It was the first time that the project participated in the walk as a group and it was a huge success for both the project and NO AIDS Task Force. The FM Project raised a total of \$950 for the walk. Money raised from the walk not only goes to supporting NO AIDS Task Force, but also to supporting other AIDS Service Organizations in Louisiana through the Walk Share Grant Program. For 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

These numbers are as of June 30, 2008

- 1726 cumulative cases have been detected in Region IV, including 16 pediatric cases.
- 787 cumulative deaths among persons in Region IV with HIV/AIDS have occurred, including 9 pediatric deaths.
- 1164 persons are currently living with HIV/AIDS in Region IV.

Persons living with HIV: 528
Persons living with AIDS: 636

Breakdown of HIV/AIDS by Parish

Acadia - 86
Evangeline - 54
Iberia - 98
Lafayette - 555
St Landry - 207
St Martin - 89
Vermilion - 75

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
3rd Quarter 2008

During the third quarter Acadiana C.A.R.E.S. Client Services Department served 21 new clients while 389 clients were being case managed.

<u>Service</u>	<u>Number of Clients Served</u>
Intakes	21
Assessments	94
Medical Case Management	350
Social Service Case Management	10
Dental Care	48
Ind./grp. counseling	34
Direct Financial Assistance	49
Food Pantry	219
Medications	102
Transportation	176
Short-term Housing Assistance	60
Tenant-based Rental Assistance	7
Total # of Unduplicated Clients Served	389

Congratulation on Your New Job!

Greg Pruett, Mainstream Case Manager for Acadiana CARES, recently accepted a new position with the Louisiana HIV/AIDS Program as the Consumer Empowerment Coordinator. In his new position he will be responsible for coordinating the technical and training elements of the statewide HIV consumer empowerment program. He will also be responsible for assisting in the development, coordination and oversight of nine Consumer Advisory Councils (CAC) across the state. We congratulate Greg on his new position and we wish him the best of luck. His service to Acadiana CARES and its consumers is appreciated and his compassion, knowledge and expertise will be greatly missed.

Client Services Update

Quarterly Reconstruction



“SHOW ME THE MONEY”

**TOPICS INCLUDE:
CREDIT REPAIR
FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT**

**NOV. 20, 2008
5 PM—8 PM
809 Martin Luther King Jr. Drive**

**Refreshments will be served
Please call your case manager for more details**

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
1 Rice cookers

ELECTRONICS:

1 Pre-paid cell phone
5 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
1 Dressers w/ mirrors
2 Recliners

MISC:

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

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Stacey LeFleur of AIDS Law of Louisiana in New Orleans, Sergio Farfan of Baton Rouge, and Keith Greenlee and Bobby Judd of Lake Charles.

Officers elected include Claude Martin—Board Chair, Noel Twilbeck—Vice Chair, Dimitre Blutcher—Secretary, Keith Greenlee—Treasurer and Enrique Moresco—Advocate at Large. Committee Chairs elected include Stacy Lefleur—Nominating Committee, Jean Redmann—Legislative Committee, Anthony James—Mobilization Committee, and Sergio Farfan—Organizational Committee.

The purpose of LAAN is to serve as a statewide network to build the capacity of all HIV/AIDS community stakeholders and to empower stakeholders to strategically engage legislators and elected officials to keep HIV/AIDS a priority. The goals of LAAN are to influence policy makers,

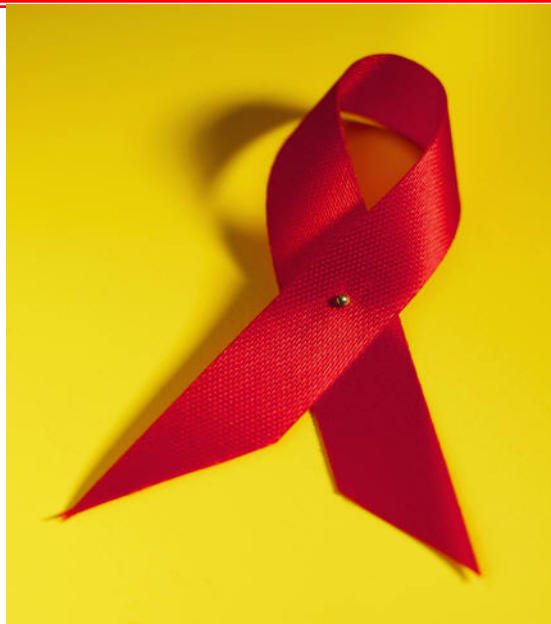
mobilize communities, build coalitions, and to develop and sustain a statewide organizational infrastructure that advocates on behalf of HIV and HIV related issues, such as poverty, homelessness, and substance abuse.

LAAN was started back in August of 2002 in response to the threat of legislative action to discontinue funding for no cost condom distribution and, consequently, the lost of match funding for Ryan White CARES Act Title II funding. Despite multiple efforts by individuals throughout the state, there were no coordinated efforts prior to LAAN's existence. Due to this lack of leadership and effectiveness, several key leaders (The Louisiana Commission on HIV/AIDS and Hepatitis C, Community Based Organizations and members from the Pharmaceutical Industry) began to look for methods of formally organizing and establishing a statewide network for advocacy.

Major activities of LAAN include developing a Legislative Action Plan, organizing a Legislative Awareness Day that is scheduled in May of each year, hosting regional Town Hall meetings throughout the state, developing organizational structure, membership recruitment, developing an e-mail list or list-serve, helping to link citizens with their respective elected officials, identify and support consumers to speak out, helping to identify additional resources for HIV prevention, care and supportive services, and providing information on HIV/AIDS issues in Louisiana.

Since its existence, LAAN has successfully advocated for expanding the Louisiana AIDS Drugs Assistance Program (ADAP) to cover 62 pharmaceutical medications that include 31 antiretroviral medications and 31 medications for the prevention and treatment of Opportunistic Infections. It has also successfully advocated for a waiver for match funding from the state post Katrina and Rita. While both of these efforts serve as major indicators of success for the organization, it continues to advocate for increased funding for prevention efforts in the state and raising income eligibility from 200% of the Federal Poverty Guideline (FPG) to 300% of the FPG, which is consistent with the southern average.

For more information about LAAN or for information on how to become a member, please contact Doreen Keeler-Tollerson of NO AIDS Task Force at (504)821-2601 ext. 215 or Anthony James of Acadiana CARES at (337) 233-2437 ext. 44 or 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 Acadiana CARES Strategic Planning Luncheon.

ULL Americorp for helping with clean up after Hurricane Gustav.

Randy Credeur for providing countless hours of transportation to Acadiana CARES clients.

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

Amy, Jack and Jill Busby
Linda Thibodeaux Barras
Brown and Brown and Associates

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

October Calendar

Oct. 16 Strategic Planning Meeting *Noon*
 Oct. 30 Strategic Planning Meeting *2:00 pm*
 Oct. 31 Halloween

December Calendar

Dec. 6 World AIDS Day
 Dec. 18 Christmas Party *6:00 pm*
 Dec. 25 Christmas Holiday (Office Closed)

November Calendar

Nov. 4 Election Day (Office Closed)
 Nov. 11 Veterans Day (Office Closed)
 Nov. 20 Reconstruction *5:00 pm*
 Nov. 27 Thanksgiving Holiday (Office Closed)
 Nov. 28 Thanksgiving Holiday (Office Closed)

CAC meeting: 2nd Tuesday of every month @ 5:00 pm. For more info, please contact Greg @ (337) 356-6490.

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