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CALENDAR

May Calendar

May 10-16 National Women's Health Week
May 17 Candlelight Memorial 6:00 pm
May 26 Memorial Day (Office Closed)

June Calendar

June 21-June 27 Pride Week
June 27 Acadiana CARES Wellness Fair

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

July Calendar

July 4 Independence Day (Office Closed)

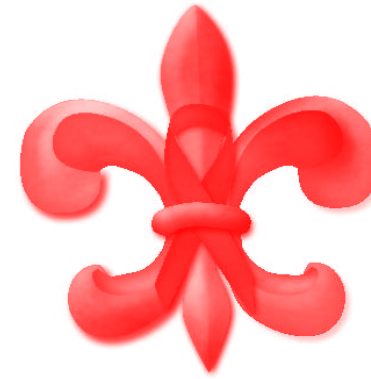
CAC meeting: 2nd Tuesday of every month @ 5:00 pm. For more info, please contact 337-233-2437

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

FACES held 1st Thursday every month from 12:00 pm till 2:00 pm. Contact Keith Prejean at 337-233-2437 for more information.

FM (MPowerment) Core Group: Every Sunday Evening @ 6:00 pm
FM Movie Night every Thursday night @ 7:00 pm.

NA and CA groups meet each Monday, Wednesday and Friday at 7:30 pm and Saturdays at 3:00 pm at 811 MLK Drive. For more info, please contact (337) 233-2437.



1st Quarter
(January, February and March 2009)

Acadiana C.A.R.E.S.
Concern for AIDS Relief Education Support

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Chinelle Thornton— Director of Administration/HR
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Michelle Trahan— Asst. Director of Client Services
Bethany Veal— Director of Client Services
Renee Wood— Case Manager
David Wyman- Dir. Substance Abuse
Rose Young— Prevention Outreach Leader

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

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

National HIV Testing Day Wellness Fair



Sunday June 27th, 2009
Acadiana C.A.R.E.S. Conference Center
811 Martin Luther King Drive Lafayette, Louisiana



For more information visit:
www.aids.gov
and
www.hivtest.org

Acadiana CARES and Ruff Ryders Lifestyles will be holding our wellness fair June 27th, 2009. Beginning at 10 AM, we will be offering health screenings, including blood pressure, body mass, vision, oxygen levels, and HIV status. Taking care of the whole body, we will also have aerobic exercise classes starting at 11a and 11:30, meditation from 12:30-1p, and yoga starting at 11:30a and 1:15p. BBQ Plate lunches \$6, all proceeds go to Acadiana CARES and Big Brothers/Big Sisters of Acadiana. Those completing all health screens will receive a Walmart giftcard!

Announcements

Region IV Consumer Advisory Council– The CAC meets the 2nd Tuesday of each month. For more information, please contact AJ at 337-356-6490.

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, June 24th and Wednesday, June 25th in Alexandria. The registration deadline is Monday, May 12th. For more details, contact Swan Bonnet, Director of Prevention and Education, at (337) 233-2437 ext. 20.

Narcotics and Cocaine Anonymous– N/A and C/A groups meet each Monday, Wednesday and Friday at 8:00 pm , Saturdays at 3:30 pm and Sunday at 10:00 AM at the Acadiana C.A.R.E.S. Conference Center located at 811 MLK Drive. For more information contact (337) 233-2437.

Louisiana HIV/AIDS Surveillance Quarterly Report

Data in this report includes cases diagnosed with HIV/AIDS and reported as of December 31, 2008.

- As of December 31, 2008, a cumulative total of 28,579 HIV/AIDS cases have been reported in Louisiana, including 304 pediatric cases.
- The cumulative number of deaths, among persons living with HIV/AIDS, reported to the Louisiana Office of Public Health through December 31, 2008 is 11,893 including 99 deaths among pediatric cases.
- A total of 16,403 persons are living with HIV/AIDS in Louisiana; of these individuals, 8,796 persons (54%) 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 Report, Revised Edition, June 2007 (Vol.18)
- Baton Rouge ranked 4th out of 98 metropolitan areas in AIDS case rates in 2005; 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

(((FM)))

Mpowerment is thriving better than ever, with many new faces and new events in store. In the last quarter, we held a Garage Sale, to help us generate money for our events, and a crawfish boil to celebrate what hard work our members have been putting into the group. This quarter has been even more exciting, with events ranging from our Drag Show, which netted FM \$590.00 thanks to the hard work of our members and the special guest performers that evening! Upcoming events include “Pride Week” events June 21st - 27th, a night with a partner of ACLU and more! Contact Jason Crooks or Ryan Broussard for more details! 337-233-2437

HIV/AIDS and Acadiana Region IV

Theses numbers are as of December 2007

- 1769 cumulative cases have been detected in Region IV, including 16 pediatric cases.
- 789 cumulative deaths among persons in Region IV with HIV/AIDS have occurred, including 9 pediatric deaths.
- 1204 persons are currently living with HIV/AIDS in Region IV.
Persons living with HIV: 540
Persons living with AIDS: 664

Breakdown of HIV/AIDS by Parish

Acadia - 91
 Evangeline - 57
 Iberia - 103
 Lafayette - 563
 St Landry - 222

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.

Volunteer Corner

Volunteers are the Heart of Acadiana C.A.R.E.S. 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 (337) 233-2437.

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 Swan Bonnet at (337) 233-2437 ext. 20.

Financial Literacy— Volunteers needed for an upcoming program designed to discuss Financial issues with Group and One-On-One sessions. Contact Swan Bonnet at (337) 233-2437 ext. 20.

Help with the renovations– C.A.R.E.S. is looking for volunteers to assist with projects at our facility . 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, on please



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 and their many contributions.

Alicia Burligh— for her ample donation of clothing and attire from Alicia’s in the Oil Center.

ULL Americorps—For their volunteer hours and outreach efforts.

Special Thanks to the following companies & individuals for their continued support of C.A.R.E.S. Mission:
Amy, Jack, and Jill Busby
Linda Thibodeaux Barras

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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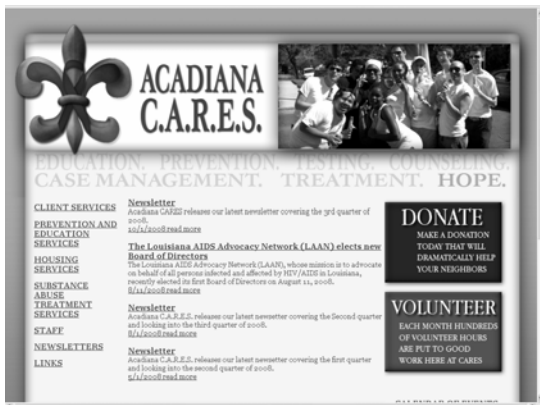
Client Services Report

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 16 new clients while 420 clients were being case managed.

| <u>Service</u> | <u>Number of Clients Served</u> |
|---|---------------------------------|
| Intakes | 16 |
| Assessments | 118 |
| Medical Case Management | 449 |
| Social Service Case Management | 315 |
| Dental Care | 57 |
| Ind./grp. counseling | 25 |
| Direct Financial Assistance | 34 |
| Food Pantry | 236 |
| Medications | 102 |
| Transportation | 171 |
| Short-term Housing Assistance | 44 |
| Tenant-based Rental Assistance | 7 |
| Total # of Unduplicated Clients Served | 420 |

Acadiana CARES new website online!



Visit www.acadianacares.org for organization updates, as well as ways you can get involved with Acadiana C.A.R.E.S.

Client Services Update

Case Management has been doing well to serve their clients and the community. The additions of Kami Linzer & Brittney Istre have been welcomed. In addition, case management has three new team leaders from within it's ranks, Michelle Trahan, Renee Wood, and Leslie McGowan for housing. We extend congratulations to them all!

Case management would like to also thank Megan Wright for her assistance and communication with CAREWare issues and limitations.

Case Management would like to remind everyone that CARES new Vocational Rehabilitation program has begun taking applications as of April 27th, 2009. Contact Bethany Veal, Director of Client Services at 337-233-2437 ext. 44 for more details!

CLIENT WISH LIST

(Any new or gently used items are greatly appreciated!)

Appliances:

- 8 A/C Window Units
 - 1 Gas Clothes Dryer
 - 2 Coffee Makers
 - 1 Freezer
 - 1 Refrigerator
 - 2 Rice Cookers
 - 2 Gas Stoves
 - 1 Clothes Washer/Dryer
 - 1 Clothers Washer
- Linens:**
- 4 Sets of bedding (twin & king)
 - 1 Sleeping Bag
 - 1 set of towels (blue & green)

Household Items:

- 2 Floor Fans
- 1 Iron
- 1 Ironing Board
- 1 Area Rug—Large
- 1 Electric Skillet

Furniture:

- 2 Full-size mattresses w/ frames
- 1 King-side bed frame
- 1 Night stand
- 1 coffee table
- 2 Dressers w/mirrors
- 1 set of living room furniture
- 1 Inflatable mattress
- 2 recliners
- 1 sofa bed
- 1 sofa set
- 2 sets of table w/4 chairs

Electronics:

- 1 Pre-paid cell phone
- 6 Computers
- 5 DVD/VCR Combo players
- 1 Microwave Oven
- 1 Cordless telephone
- 7 TVs
- 2 VCRs

Clothing:

- Women's pants/shirts/shorts 2X
- Women's dress clothes size 4X
- 1 leather jacket size M-L
- Men's pants size 38/38x32+
- Men's robe & pajamas size 44lg
- Women's sandles size 9.5-10
- Women's black high heels size 8
- Men's shoes size 13
- Women's shoes size 7.5
- Men's tennis shoes size 10.5

Miscellaneous:

- 2 Ten-speed bikes
- 1 Exercise bike/equipment
- 1 Garden
- 1 Grandfather clock
- 1 Large plant
- 1 Photo Album
- Playstation 2 Games
- 1 Children's swimming pool
- 1 Tricycle.

