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MAHONING COUNTY AREA Task Force ON AIDS

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YOUNGSTOWN
HEALTH
DEPARTMENT
AIDS UNIT

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AIDS SITE COORDINATOR

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FREE *Anonymous HIV/AIDS*
Testing and Other Sexually Transmitted Disease
Testing and Treatment



For more information call
STD Clinic 747-4805
MCCDP, Inc. 797-0070



REV. TOM CLARK, TRUSTEE
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"Buddy" PROGRAM

(216) 545-6130

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AIDS Network

Mahoning, Columbiana and Trumbull Counties of Ohio

Existing Funded Programs

(Funded in Mahoning County through the Ohio Department of Health - AIDS Unit for tri-county programming: Mahoning, Trumbull & Columbiana)

AIDS Coordination & Planning (1 FTE) State Funds & local Federal Block grant

AIDS Education (1 FTE) State Funds

Gay Outreach (Half-time) State Funds

Family Planning (35 hours) State Funds through CDC

Counseling and Testing Federal Funds through CDC

Drug Outreach (2 FTE) Federal Funds through CDC

Case Management System (1 FTE) State Funds

Hispanic Outreach (1 FTE) Direct Funded to Agency (State or
Federal Minority Funds)

Ryan White Program Federal Funds

(Mahoning, Columbiana, Trumbull County Consortium)

Emergency Financial Assistance

Current Cap per client: \$250.00

HIV Testing Sites

Youngstown Health Department STD Clinic

HIV antibody testing 2 half days per week

Mahoning County Chemical Dependency Programs, Inc.

Testing by appointment & satellite locations Trumbull & Columbiana

Planned Parenthood of Mahoning Valley Inc.

Testing for clients and partners

pageExisting Volunteer Programs

Mahoning County Area Task Force on AIDS

- Client Services
 - Emergency Financial Assistance
 - "Buddy" Program
- Educational Programs

Trumbull County AIDS Task Force

- Education
- Beginning Client Services

Columbiana County AIDS Task Force

- Education
- Limited Client Services

Mahoning County Chapter Red Cross

- HIV Instructor Training Program: \$35.00 charge
- Teen Peer Education - new program, 6 teens certified

Support Groups

Available Dollars 1988 - 1993
Mahoning, Trumbull, Columbiana
Counties of Ohio

1988	\$ 38,538.00	
1989	\$123,989.00	
1990	\$365,364.00	
1991	\$370,253.00	
1992	\$189,704.00	
1993	\$181,328.00	anticipated - awaiting State Award

AIDS Network

Mahoning, Trumbull and Columbiana Counties of Ohio

Program Needs for the smaller communities and rural areas

Prevention/Education:

(Area Hotline calls reveal the public does not have the information they need)

Continued and Increased AIDS Education Programs

Areas:

Youth

Drug & Alcohol Treatment Programs

African-American Program/s

Gay Community

Youth

Public Sex Environments

African-American & Hispanic Communities

Medical and Health Care Facilities

Health Care Needs

Areas

Housing

Nursing Homes

Temporary and Long Term Housing

Financial Assistance for existing single dwelling clients

Dental Care

Clinics: currently 2 month wait for appointment unless Health Commissioner is able to intercede.

Private Dentists taking HIV/AIDS clients

Physicians:

Reporting - always reported to designated public health entity

Who take HIV/AIDS patients for routine care

Who are readily available to HIV/AIDS patients

Treating the whole person, not just the HIV related symptoms

(Currently HIV/AIDS patients can only go through clinics, seeing residents in most cases.) Not all counties have even this service available.

Suggestions:

1. "America Responds to AIDS" :
 - a. Have local service phone number on PSAs
 - b. Provide ads with local focus.
 - c. Funds for production of local AIDS messages for TV and Radio.
2. CDC or National AIDS Leaders to develop grant guidelines based on studies currently being done. Then publish same in RFPs (requests for proposals) and allow local areas (preferably Public Health Departments) to submit programs for their areas that fall within these guidelines for direct funding with direct supervision locally and annually by a national monitoring person/system on-site. Where Public Health Departments are too political, allow for viable AIDS Task Forces to apply for grants which encompass plans and full programming.
3. National person to handle responses to the Lorain Days who provide scare tactics and alter the facts as they exist according to the CDC. Loraine Day speaks in this area with misinformation. Damage control not always possible.
4. The difficult one: have a local monitoring/contact person/system to ensure program guidelines are met. This would entail having fewer agencies operating independently with no local area monitoring system and ensure that all agencies are networking and providing accurate AIDS information. The local monitoring person would attend annual updates held nationally or regionally.
5. Would like to see most Education, Outreach, and Care systems under one roof. This would provide a one-stop system for the HIV/AIDS client. Would allow for closer networking in the prevention/education programs.

While this appears to be impossible it could become viable if funding went through the major AIDS organization in a locality. Individual agencies, as a requirement for funding, would have their staff personnel work within the main organization for at least 50% -75% of the time, allowing for some agency independence but also allowing for close interaction and networking to provide the best services whether education or client services. The care systems would be more difficult to achieve but possible. Reduced tuition/grants for medical & dental students to work in the local AIDS care system for two years.

6. Updated and more explicit literature: age, race, gender, orientation appropriate.

**COMPARISONS
THROUGH AUGUST 7, 1993**

TOTAL CLIENTS: 60

CLIENTS:

PERCENTAGE WHITE TO BLACK:

46 WHITE - 76.7%

14 BLACK - 23.3%

MALE TO FEMALE:

51 MALES - 85%

9 FEMALES - 15%

GAY TO OTHER:

38 GAY - 60%

24 OTHER - 40%

AVERAGE AGE: 25 YEARS 3 MONTH

REFERRED BY:

MCCDP: 19 CLIENTS 31.7%

PROTESTANT FAMILY SERVICES: 2 CLIENTS 3.3%

CATHOLIC CHARITY LEAGUE: 1 CLIENT 1.7%

HEALTH DEPARTMENT: 1 CLIENT 1.7%

THE X-CHANGE & STAFF: 7 CLIENTS 11.6%

MCATFA, HOSPITALS, MISC.: 29 CLIENTS 50.0%

COUNTY PERCENTAGES:

MAHONING: 45 75%

TRUMBULL: 8 13.3%

COLUMBIANA: 6 10%

PORTAGE: 1 1.7%

CLIENT STATISTICS
FROM
JANUARY TO JUNE 1, 1993

WH	RACE BLK	M OR F	GAY/HEMOPHILIA/ DRUG/UNPROTECTED SEX	AGE	COUNTY	REFER.	ASSIST.	DATE
X	1	M	GAY	38	MAH.	MCCDP	\$25 FV	2/4
							\$25 FV	2/23
							\$25 FV	4/28
X	DIED 3/15	M	GAY	35	MAH.	ALAN S.	\$104.35 U	2/4
							\$141.38 U	1/4
X	4	M	GAY	29	MAH.	ALAN S.	\$200 R	1/9
							\$25 FV	3/31
						1 CASE ENSURE		
						16 CANS ENSURE PUDDING		
							\$150 BED	5/25
							\$100 CAR	5/10
X	3	M	GAY	30	MAH.	MCCDP	\$60 P	1/11
	5	M	GAY	38	MAH.	MCCDP	\$194.47 Rx	1/14
							\$25 FV	
							GROCERIES	
							\$25 FV	2/3
							\$25 FV	2/16
						1 CASE ENSURE		
							\$25 FV	3/22
							\$25 FV	4/2
							\$25 FV	4/6
X	6	M	GAY	28	MAH.	CCL	\$222.05 Rx	1/21
	7	M	HEMOPHILIA	15	MAH.	MIKI A.	\$25 FV	1/7
							\$10 T	
							\$25 FV	2/12
							\$50 FV	4/6
							\$212.59 U	4/6
							\$50 FV	5/13
							\$118.95 U	6/10
X	10	M	GAY	28	TRUM.	OUT OF TOWN	\$25 FV	2/4
							ENSURE PRODUCTS	
							VITAMINS	
							\$50 FV	6/10
							ENSURE PRODUSTS	
X	8	M	GAY	24	COLU.	BILL M.	\$241.52 U	1/30
							\$50 FV	
X	47	M	GAY	38	MAH.	MCCDP	COUNSELING	
X	9	F	DRUG/UNPROTECTED SEX	39	MAH.	PFS	\$25 FV	1/20
	14	M	HEMOPHILIA	48	MAH.		\$50 FV	1/25
							\$123 U	
							\$69.70 U	2/3
X	15	M	GAY	31	MAH.	THE X-CHANGE	\$25 FV	1/31
							ENSURE PROD.	
X	16	M	GAY	26	MAH.	MCCDP	\$25 FV	1/22
							GROCERIES	
							\$25 FV	5/13
							\$25 FV	5/28
	17	M	GAY	24	MAH.	MCCDP	\$25 FV	1/14

CCL -CATHOLIC CHARITY LEAGUE

FV - FOOD VOUCHERS

U - UTILITES

P -PHONE

Rx -PERSCRPTIONS

R - RENT

T - TRANSPORTATION

PFS -PROTESTANT FAMILY

SERVICES

HW - HEALING WEEKEND

HD - HEALTH DEPARTMENT

31	X	M	GAY/DRUG	30	MAH.	MCCDP	\$25 FV	3/29
						1 CASE ENSURE		
						12 ENSURE PUDDING		
						1 CASE ENSURE	4/13	
						12 ENSURE PUDDING		
X 32		M	GAY	??	PORTAGE	SOUTHSIDE HOSPITAL		
X 33		M	DRUG	36	MAH.	MCATFA	\$25 FV	4/13
							\$25 FV	5/17
							\$25 FV	6/16
							\$25 FV	7/16
X 34		M	UNKNOWN	60	MAH.	KATE		
						1 CASE ENSURE		4/13
						12 CANS ENSURE PUDDING		
						MEDICAL DRESSINGS		
						\$23.27 U	4/21	
						1 CASE ENSURE		4/29
						12 CANS ENSURE PUDDING		
						1 CASE ENSURE		5/14
						6 CANS ENSURE PUDDING		
						15 FROZEN DRINK		
							\$21.91 U	5/22
							\$21.75 U	6/22
							\$11.78 U	7/3
						1 CASE ENSURE		7/12
						\$21.42 U	7/23	
39	X	M	UNKNOWN	26	MAH.	MCATFA	\$25 FV	4/20
HISPANIC 41		F	UNKNOWN	43	MAH.	MCCDP	\$81 U	5/6
X 42		M	UNPROTECTED SEX	51	OUT OF TOWN		\$100	4/27
X 44		M	GAY	33	MAH.	OUT NEWS.	\$100 R	5/18
X 45		M	GAY	25	COL.	JOHN EDW.	\$150 R	6/1
X 47		M	GAY	38	MAH.	ALAN	\$75 R	
						1 CASE ENSURE		7/23
X 48		M	GAY	29	MAH.	ALAN		
						2 CASES ENSURE		6/24
						\$90.83 U	7/2	
						1 CASE ENSURE		7/19
						1 CASE ENSURE		8/5
X 49		M	HEMOPHILIA	53	MAH.	LYNN D	\$190 R	6/25
X 50		M	GAY	29	MAH.	CLIENT		
X 51		M	GAY	48	MAH.	PSS	\$25 FV	7/23
X 52		F	HEMOPHILIA	38	MAH.	PSS	\$103.17 U	7/20
X 53	X	M	GAY	36	MAH.	MCCDP	\$275 R	6/29
X 54		M	GAY	38	MAH.	JOHN EDWARDS		
						\$251.18 Rx	6/29	
						\$118.81 Rx	7/29	
X 55		M	GAY		MAH.	JOHN EDWARDS COUNSELING		
X 56		M	GAY	43	MAH.	KATE W. COUNSELING		
X 57	X	M	GAY	40	MAH.	PSS	\$113.28 U	7/21
X 58		F	UNPROTECTIVE SEX	28	MAH.	NURSES HOUSE CALL		
						\$50 FV	7/22	
						\$206.46 U	7/22	
X 59		M	BIRTH	1	MAH.	NURSES HOUSE CALL		
						\$101.08 U	7/22	
X 60		M	GAY	38	COL.	KATE W. COUNSELING		

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GAY CONCERNS/INFORMATION

▼*Youngstown Health Department AIDS Unit* - Gay Health Consultant on staff for gay outreach, safer-sex education, and support. HIV/AIDS presentations available - gay oriented.

216-742-8839 or 216-742-8796

▼*Men in Touch (MIT)* - Six-week program for gay and bi-sexual men to gain self-esteem, gay awareness, and safer sex knowledge.

216-742-8839 or 216-742-8796

▼*Black & White Men Together* - A gay multiracial, multicultural organization for all people committed to fostering supportive environments wherein racial and cultural barriers can be overcome and the goal of human equality realized (not just for black and white men, but inclusive of all races). Support for those in the HIV spectrum & loved ones. Ask for Don. 216-782-3483

▼*Parents & Friends of Lesbians and Gays/Youngstown (P-FLAG)* - All volunteer organization seeks to help parents, and their gay and bisexual children to understand and love one another and to offer mutual support wherever it is needed. The Youngstown group provides a variety of experiences at each of its monthly meetings to meet the needs of those attending. Support for those in the HIV spectrum & loved ones. 216-742-8796

▼*Coffee House* - Women only. 216-545-1626

▼*Gay Hotline - Coming Soon!* For AIDS & general Gay/Lesbian information/referrals.

AIDS Hotline for the Deaf:
1-800-AIDS-TTY

October 1992



MAHONING COUNTY AREA TASK FORCE ON AIDS

The Mahoning County Area Task Force on AIDS & AIDS Network

serves the people of Mahoning County and surrounding areas.

Our mission is summed up in these words:

- You can stop AIDS! •
- We can stop AIDS! •
- Together...WE Must Stop AIDS! •
- Our compassion requires us to assist those already infected, and those who love them and whom they love. •
- Education is still our best weapon to stop AIDS. •

The Mahoning County Area Task Force on AIDS,
P.O. Box 1143, Youngstown, Ohio 44501
216-742-8811

The Task-Force & AIDS Network
invites You-
to-join-Us, so that together-
We-can-Stop-AIDS!

COMMUNITY A.I.D.S RESOURCE GUIDE

MAHONING COUNTY AREA TASK FORCE ON AIDS and AIDS NETWORK

216-742-8811
or
216-742-8796



MAHONING COUNTY AREA TASK FORCE ON AIDS

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EMERGENCY/CRISIS ASSISTANCE

Help Hotline - 24 hours crisis intervention, information, referral, and suicide prevention. 216-747-2696

AIDS Hotline - Information, referral. 216-742-8796

EDUCATION - SPEAKERS/LITERATURE

Youngstown Health Department AIDS Unit - AIDS 101 Introduction Presentations and AIDS 501 Advanced Presentations for schools, colleges, groups, businesses. Literature available for youth, teens, college students, women, parents, Minorities, drug users, HIV + persons and caregivers. 216-742-8839

American Red Cross - Presentations to general interest community groups. Literature available about AIDS and the blood supply, children, teens, men, women, on the job site, school systems, and drugs. 216-744-0161

O.C.C.H.A. (Organizacion Civic y Cultural Hispana America) - Presentations available in Spanish for outreach to youth and adults. Literature available in Spanish/English about AIDS for children, teens, adults, drug users. 216-744-2418

Planned Parenthood - Presentations to general interest groups. Literature available about Women and AIDS as well as general information and referral services. 216-788-2487

HOME HEALTHCARE AGENCIES

Visiting Nurses Association of Youngstown - Providing skilled intermittent visits for HIV positive patients. 216-782-5606

Nurse's House Call - Serving HIV positive patients with home nursing services and case management. 216-545-1010

DACAS Nursing Systems, Inc. - Helping HIV positive patients stay home through home nursing services. 216-740-8130

Upjohn Healthcare Services - Serving HIV positive patients with home nursing services. 216-759-8744

FREE ANONYMOUS HIV TESTING SITES

Youngstown Health Department STD Clinic - Free and anonymous testing on Tuesday and Friday, 12:00 Noon to 2:00 P.M., includes pre- and post-test counseling. (Evening hours coming soon, see insert) 216-747-4805

Mahoning County Chemical Dependency Programs, Inc. - Free and anonymous testing daily by appointment, evening hours available, includes pre- and post-test counseling. Ask for HIV testing. 216-797-0070

O.C.C.H.A. (Organizacion Civic y Cultural Hispana America) - Free and anonymous testing 1st and 3rd Friday of the month by appointment, includes pre- and post-test counseling. Ask for HIV testing. 216-744-2418

Planned Parenthood of Mahoning Valley, Inc. - Free and anonymous testing daily by appointment for clients and partners, evening hours available, includes pre- and post-test counseling. Ask for HIV testing. 216-788-2487

FOOD, SHELTER, CLOTHING, REFERRALS, COUNSELING, EMERG. SERVICES

Mahoning County Area Task Force on AIDS - Provides direct patient support in the form of food, utilities, housing, referral services, "buddy" training, support groups, and healing weekends. 216-742-8811

Mahoning, Columbiana, Trumbull AIDS Consortium - Provides emergency patient reimbursement for services not provided or exhausted from other agencies. Caps may be in effect. 216-797-0070

Mahoning County Chemical Dependency Programs, Inc. - Case Manager/Counselor helps with emotional, social, and medical/dental, food, and

clothing needs for clients. Counselor will also assist in securing benefits in the form of SSDI, SSI, Medicaid, Medicare. 216-797-0070

Protestant Family Services - Emergency assistance, counseling, referral services, provides "buddy" program for AIDS clients. 216-744-8649

Salvation Army/Family Welfare - Food, meals program, clothing, furniture, vital medication, and utility bill assistance as funds allow. 216-746-8403

Urban League Inc. - Low income housing assistance, utility assistance, emergency food available as well as clothing. 216-788-6533

Alcoholic Clinic of Youngstown - Full range of counseling services, both individual and family oriented. Services include detoxification and rehabilitation, inpatient and outpatient care, specialized treatment for women, gay and lesbian persons; treatment for alcoholic and other drug dependencies. 216-744-1181

HIV/AIDS Support Groups

"Living in the Light" - for: "anyone whose life is touched in anyway by HIV/AIDS" - whether "+" or "-", spouse/lover, relative, friend, buddy, volunteer, care-giver, professional or "worried-well" - meets the 2nd and 4th Monday of the month, 6:30 P.M., First Unitarian Church 216-742-8796

"AMARIS" (The promises of God are fulfilled through people) **HIV Support Group**: Meets at MCCDP weekly, call Case Manager. 216-797-0070

Support for Families, Friends and Caregivers: Meets the third Wednesday, Family Recovery Center, 964 N. Market St., Lisbon, Oh. 216-332-9575

"Hand in Hand" Support Group - Warren, Oh: Meets 1st and 3rd Mondays. 216-393-2551

Revisions

Check insert for updates, specific contacts, phone numbers, additions, and/or changes.

Resource Guide Contacts

Corrections in Bold Type!

AIDS Hotline - 742-8811

YHD AIDS Unit Educator, Lynn Harmicar. 742-8839

OCCHA, Hispanic Outreach - William Torres. 744-1808

Planned Parenthood, Rebecca or Esther. 788-2487

Mahoning County Area Task Force on AIDS - Kate Wallace, President or Bill Merz, Treasurer. 742-8811

**For client services call Rev. Tom Clark.
545-6130**

AIDS Consortium, Ryan White assistance, Gary Holsopple. 797-0070

M.C.C.D.P.-AIDS Case Manager, Darlene Sims.
797-0070

Family Protestant Services - **Franki - 744-8649**

•Living in the Light• Support Group, John, 427-6238
or Michael, 788-8137 *Now meets at Christ Church!*

•AMARIS• Support Group - Ask for Darlene Sims.
797-0070

Columbiana Cnty. Support Group - Jeri Jo. 332-9575

•Hand in Hand• Support Group, Trumbull County -
Gwen Brogdon. **392-2551**

YHD Gay Health Consultant - Rick Russell. 742-8839

Men in Touch Program - Rick Russell. 742-8839

P-FLAG - John - 427-6238 or Mary Ann, 545-1626

"Divino Amore" - Spiritual Support Group -
Meets fourth Thursday.
Ask for Nancy Dawson, O.S.U. - 542-3824 or
Kathleen Minchin, O.S.U. - 792-7636.

Clinton Library Transfer Form

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SAFER SEX KIT

!!! WARNING !!!

**This Kit is for People
who are
SEXUALLY ACTIVE**

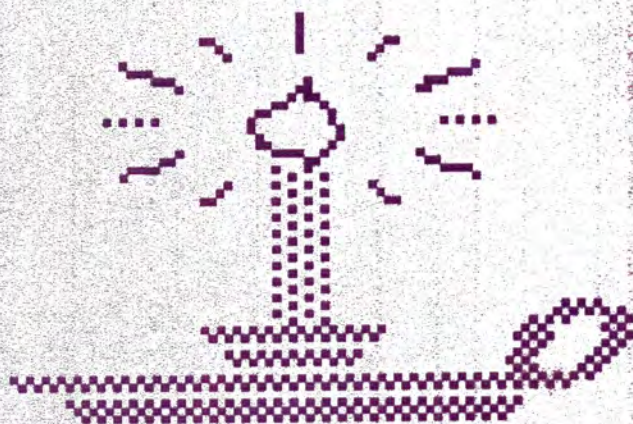
This Kit contains explicit materials!

**NATIONAL AIDS HOTLINE
800-342-AIDS**

**OHIO AIDS HOTLINE
800-332-AIDS**

**YOUNGSTOWN AIDS INFORMATION/REFERRAL
216-742-8796
800-837-2489 Ext 8796**

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SAFER SEX KIT

Youngstown Health Department



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tion may be disapproved. Consider talking with a social worker and advise your physician of the proper format to use.

Then, from the date at which you are considered disabled, there is a 5 month waiting period before you can expect a check. The amount of the check will vary based on how much you were making when you stopped working. SSDI says the average check is \$500. Two (2) years from the date of your first check you are eligible for a Medicare Card (it does not pay for prescription drugs).

Under SSDI, you cannot have liquid assets that exceed \$2,000. This includes checking, savings, stocks, bonds, IRAs, etc. You can own a home and an auto.

GA: General Assistance requires an application process. The determination/approval process takes less time than SSDI. Under GA the liquid asset amount you allowed to have is lower and the amount paid is lower. Currently a single individual gets approximately \$115 and \$95 in food stamps. (Not a lot to live on while waiting for SSDI to take over!)

Medicaid: This card will pay for medical expenses including AZT and can be applied for at the same time GA is applied for. However, application is on a monthly basis and there is "spend down" amount when you have additional income other than GA, such as SSDI. The term "spend down" means you must spend a certain dollar amount before you are

eligible for Medicaid. This constitutes a gap in services; where your income from SSDI precludes you from obtaining a Medicaid card, but where you are not yet eligible for Medicare under SSDI, or you need AZT but cannot afford to pay for the drug out of your disability check.

Prescription Drug Program: These programs usually have extremely high income limits allowing a working person to get AZT without personal health insurance. However, these programs are usually temporary and have limited time periods that they will cover.

Ryan White Consortium: This program is to be used as a "last resort" and to "fill gaps not currently available from other agencies". Funds are very limited with service caps. Those needing emergency funds keeps increasing while available dollars are decreasing.

Task Forces: The Mahoning County Area Task Force on AIDS helps financially. Case management, social workers, pharmacists, support groups, and financial advisors are available. A "buddy program" is available. Currently the dollar limit available per person yearly is based on the amount of donated funds. The yearly limit can change at any time, up or down.

Prepared by Bill Merz for the Mahoning County Area Task Force on AIDS and tri-county AIDS Network.

PRE-PLANNING GUIDE FOR THE *HIV+* PERSON

**What You Can Do Now
To Assure That Your Future
Can Be:**

**Financially
Sound**

Things To Do List:

Find out what agencies are available for financial assistance now, while you are still working. Find out exactly what you can expect, financially, from each agency, how long the process takes, and the rules regarding what assets you are allowed to own, and the gaps that exist between these programs (See some agency guidelines below).

Set up a reasonable budget for that time when you are unable to work. Include in this budget the cost of health insurance that you can pick up from your current employer under the Cobra Act (You can keep this insurance for 18 months after your employment terminates). Establishing a budget **now** will help you manage decreases in income when you are not working and prepare you for that time.

As you peruse the listed programs, you will notice many gaps in funding between the time you are unable to work and the time you begin to receive an income that you can live on. To avoid these gaps you may want to opt to do the following:

1. Begin now by saving as much as possible. A Savings Account held by a *trusted friend, family member or trust* as the owner with you as

the "Joint Tenant With Right of Survivorship" is suggested. Any interest earned in this arrangement will be reported under the family/friend/trust name, not yours. As you will see later, a minimum of five months living expenses will be needed, but may be needed for as long as one year.

2. Transference of property to a trusted friend, family member, or trust such as stock, bonds, and homes vary with each of the social programs. Some transfers must be made at least 3 years prior to the time that an application is made, so be careful and check each government program completely, including this time frame detail. The IRS is also a consideration when transferring deeds, so check with a tax attorney or accountant.

3. Cashing in a Life Insurance Policy (whole life, not term) to provide cash to live on while waiting for approval of assistance programs. However, doing this may preclude you from being eligible for GA and Medicaid. Be very wary when doing this, and check with your insurance agent before going to an outside firm that specializes in cashing in life insurance policies. You can assign (either revocable or irrevocable) this policy to your *trusted friend, family member or trust*, so that you don't

have to keep a large amount of cash which might interfere with your eligibility for GA and Medicaid.

4. Get into one of the HIV Case Management systems now, before you need any financial assistance. The Case Management system will be able to expand on the variety of helping programs available including literature, nutrition, emotional support, a "buddy" system and medical referrals. Case Management can explain in detail the following programs.

For the Mahoning, Trumbull and Columbiana Counties, the Ohio Department of Health Case Manager is Darlene Sims, 216-797-0070.

For Mahoning County Area Task Force on AIDS, Patient Support Chair is Rev. Tom Clark, 216-545-6130.

Basic Available Programs:

SSDI: Social Security Disability Insurance can be applied for over the telephone or at the Social Security Office. Some pitfalls you need to be aware of: It takes a minimum of 90 days from application to approval. The determination of disability is performed by physicians in Columbus based on current documentation from your own physician(s). Because most physicians are unaware of how to fill out these forms properly, the first applica-

URBAN LEAGUE, INC. WARREN-TRUMBULL

Phone: 394-4316 or 399-6584

Services: Low income housing assistance, utility assistance, emergency food. Clothing and housing.

VALLEY COUNSELING SERVICES, INC.

Phone: 399-6451 or 545-4941

Services: Individual, group, family and emergency counseling.

WARREN CITY HEALTH DEPARTMENT

Phone: 841-2594

Contact: Patricia Dixon, R.N., M.S.Ed., C.H.E.S.

Services: Education, referral, case reporting.

**WARREN-TRUMBULL COMMUNITY
SERVICES AGENCY**

Phone: 399-7692

Services: Scheduled transportation from specified stops.
Special arrangements, if made in advance.



TRUMBULL COUNTY AREA AIDS TASK FORCE
c/o American Red Cross, Trumbull Chapter
P.O. Box 1390
Warren, Ohio 44482

**TRUMBULL COUNTY
AREA AIDS
TASK FORCE**

Community Resources



AIDS CASE MANAGER/COUNSELOR

Mahoning County Chemical Dependency Program
797-0070

Services: Legal, financial, housing advocacy. Help with emotional, social, medical/dental and spiritual needs. Food and clothing. Buddy training. Support group for persons with AIDS. Caregivers/family support group.

AIDS TESTING SITES

Services: Free and anonymous testing including pre- and post-test counseling.

Phone: Akron 216-375-1510
Canton 216-489-3322
East Cleveland 216-249-4100
Youngstown 216-747-4805

AMERICAN RED CROSS—TRUMBULL CHAPTER

Phone: 392-2551

Contact Kim Varley

Services: Referrals, educational materials, speakers bureau, and transportation by pre-arrangement.

CONTACT—COMMUNITY CONNECTION

Phone: 393-1565 or 545-4371

Services: 24 hour telephone crisis intervention, information and referral.

CATHOLIC COMMUNITY SERVICES

Phone: 369-4254 or 369-4525

Services: Full range of counseling services. Limited financial assistance.

FAMILY SERVICES ASSOCIATION OF WARREN

Phone: 856-2907 or 530-0395

Services: Full range of counseling services.

HELP HOTLINE

Phone: 747-2696

Services: 24 hour crisis intervention, information and referral.

HOME HEALTH CARE AGENCIES**DACAS**

Phone: 856-3610 or 783-5916

*Waiver II-Aids Program

NURSE'S HOUSE CALL

Phone: 373-6882 or 545-1010

Contact: Kaila Levy

*Waiver II-Aids Program

UPJOHN HEALTHCARE SERVICES

Phone: 759-8744

Contact: Donna Frederickson

VISITING NURSE ASSOCIATION

Phone: 399-2777

Contact: Carol White

MOBILE MEALS, TRUMBULL

Phone: 394-2538

Services: Home delivery of meals

MULTI-COUNTY AIDS NETWORK

Phone: 762-8144 or 762-7481

Contact: Rick Lange

Services: Regional buddy program, professional in-service and training, support services, and gay outreach.

NEW LEASE ON LIFE

Phone: 856-4828

Contact: Jean H. Copeland

Services: Activities for the handicapped

NORTHEAST OHIO LEGAL SERVICES

Phone: 373-1448

2 NORTH PARK

Phone: 369-3677, 392-2561 or 545-4841

Services: Full range of alcohol and drug treatment services.

PLANNED PARENTHOOD OF MAHONING VALLEY, INC.

Phone: 399-5104 or 788-2487

Services: Referrals, educational materials, speakers and counseling

SALVATION ARMY, WARREN

Phone: 392-1573

Services: Emergency food, limited emergency funds.

SALVATION ARMY-FAMILY WELFARE, YOUNGSTOWN

Phone: 746-8403

Contact: Betty

Services: Food, clothing, furniture, meals program. Utility bill assistance as funds allow. Help with vital prescriptions

SOCIAL SECURITY ADMINISTRATION

Phone: 399-7516 or 545-0232

Services: Supplemental Security Income (SSI), Social Security Insurance, Medicare.

TRUMBULL COUNTY AREA AIDS TASK FORCE

Phone: 392-2551 (American Red Cross)

Services: Referrals, speakers, educational consultation, support groups for persons with AIDS and families/caregivers.

TRUMBULL COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES

Phone: 373-1313

Services: Administers Aid to Dependent Children, General Relief, Medicaid, food stamps, and Title XX.

TRUMBULL COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT

Phone: 841-0490

Contact: Dianna R. Mason RNC

Services: Case reporting, education and referral.

TRUMBULL COUNTY FUNERAL DIRECTORS

Phone: 392-2559

Contact: Rick Clark

Services: Information

Mahoning County Chemical Dependency Program, Inc. (Serves Columbiana, Mahoning, and Trumbull Counties) Provides direct patient support for housing. Case manager/counselor helps with emotional, social, and medical/dental, food, and clothing needs for clients. Have support groups for persons with AIDS, for family and caregivers. Counselor will assist in securing benefits in the form of SSDI, SSI, Medicaid and Medicare. Ask for New I.D.E.A.S. Unit 216-797-0070

A.I.D. Emergency food, clothing, transportation. 9 A.M. - 12 noon 216-332-1373

Care Unit, Salem Hospital - Full range of drug and alcoholism services, both individual and family oriented. Services include detoxification and rehabilitation, inpatient, day partial and out patient care. Treatment for alcoholic and other drug dependence. 216-332-7348

The Way Station - Emergency transportation, food, clothing, and crisis referral service. Narcotics Anonymous, Cocaine Anonymous, ACOA Recovery Group. Call Tues., Wed., or Thurs. 10 A.M. to 2 P.M. 216-482-5072

Catholic Charities - Offer counseling, emergency financial assistance, information and referral. 216-424-9509

Family Recovery - Adult, individual, family counseling for all chemical dependencies and family related issues. Support groups for individual and family. Mental health out-patient services. 216-424-1468

Salem Community Hospital - Social services, Counseling and Pastoral care. 216-332-1551

Community Rescue Mission
1606 Pennsylvania Ave.
East Liverpool, Ohio
216-385-1950

F.I.S.H. Emergency assistance
9 A.M. - 12 noon daily
East Palestine 426-3911
East Liverpool 385-1166

H.E.L.P. Emergency assistance
Lisbon - Sana Petrek 424-5937

Tri State Promoters
1160 Penn. Ave., East Liverpool
216-385-3834

Helping Hands Clinic - Medical Services
% East Liverpool City Hospital
216-385-3335 or 216-385-4067

Community Action Agency 424-7221

H.E.A.P. 216-424-1368

Social Security Disability Benefits -
1-800-772-1213 or 216-385-9223

MEDICATION

Columbiana County Mental Health
Counseling Center - Mental health
and chemical dependency out patient
services. 216-424-9573

Ohio Department of Human Services -
Provides approved drugs to eligible
persons with AIDS or HIV infection
through a mail order pharmacy process.
DDHS 7238 "HIV Program Application" must
be completed. To obtain an application
call 1-800-686-1581 Ext. 6-6024

PHYSICIANS

William Hoppes, M.D.
Margaret F. Kobe, M.D.
1330 Timken Mercy Drive, Suite 322
Canton, Ohio 44708
216-489-1092

John Figel, M.D.
1 Ross Park Professional Center
Steubenville, Ohio 43952
614-283-7677

GAY CONCERNS/INFORMATION

Youngstown Health Department AIDS Unit - Gay
health consultant on staff for risk reduction
interventions, safer-sex education, and
support. HIV/AIDS presentations available -
gay oriented. 216-742-8796

Men In Touch (MIT) - Six week program for
gay and bi-sexual men to gain self-esteem,
gay awareness, and safer sex knowledge.
216-742-8796

Black & White Men Together - A gay multi-
cultural organization for all people committed
to fostering supportive environments wherein
racial and cultural barriers can be overcome
and the goal of human equality realized (not
just for black and white men, but inclusive of
all races). Support for those in the HIV
spectrum and loved ones. Ask for Don
216-782-3483

Parents & Friends of Lesbians and Gay/
Youngstown (P-FLAG) - All volunteer
organization seeks to help parents, and their
gay and bi-sexual children to understand and
love one another and to offer mutual support
wherever it is needed. The Youngstown group
provides a variety of experience at each of
its monthly meetings to meet the needs of
those attending. Support for those in the HIV
spectrum and loved ones. 216-742-8796

P - FLAG/AKRON - 216-794-2727
P - FLAG/PITTSBURGH - 412-372-4059
Ask for Bonnie or John
P - FLAG/WHEELING - 304-232-5133



COLUMBIANA COUNTY AIDS RESOURCE GUIDE



EMERGENCY/CRISIS ASSISTANCE

Help Hotline - 24 hours crisis intervention, information, referral, and suicide prevention. 216-747-2696

Ryan White Program - Columbiana, Mahoning, and Trumbull Counties. Financial assistance for emergency/crisis as well as home health services, transportation, counseling, physician services, blood testing, housing and placement, nutritional services, dental services, and rehabilitation. For persons who are HIV +. 216-797-0070 ask for Darlene Simms

EDUCATION-SPEAKERS/LITERATURE

Columbiana County Aids Task Force - Education presentations for schools, colleges, groups, business. Literature available for youth, teens, college students, women, parents, minorities, drug users, HIV positive and caregivers. 216-424-0272

Columbiana County Health Department - AIDS/HIV Education presentations for schools, colleges, groups, businesses. Literature available for youth, teens, college students, women, parents, minorities, drug users, HIV + persons and care givers. 216-424-0272

American Red Cross - Presentations to general interest community groups. Literature available about AIDS for children, teens, adults. 216-332-0028 or 216-386-4144

O.C.C.H.A. (Organization Civic y Cultural Hispana America) - Presentations available in Spanish for outreach youth and adults. Literature available in Spanish/English about AIDS for children, teens, adults, drug users. 216-744-2418

Planned Parenthood - Presentations to general interest groups. Literature available about Women and AIDS as well as general information and referral services. 216-788-2487 or 216-385-2508

Mahoning County Chemical Dependency Program -Education presentations to all groups. 216-797-0070

HOME HEALTH CARE AGENCIES

Salem Area Visiting Nurses Association - Providing skilled intermittent visits for HIV positive patients. 216-332-9986

Ohio Valley Home Health - Providing skilled intermittent visits for HIV positive patients. 216-385-2333

Nurse's House Call - Serving HIV positive patients with home nursing services and case management. 216-545-1010 ask for Randee Shoenberger

DACAS Nursing Systems, Inc. - Helping HIV positive patients stay home through home nursing services. 216-740-8130

Upjohn Healthcare Services - Serving HIV positive patients with home nursing services. 216-759-8744

Carriage Inn Home Health and Total Care Agency - Comprehensive skilled and personal care for HIV/AIDS patients. 216-424-0021

Hospice - Nursing and supportive services to families and terminally ill patients who wish to remain home. 1-800-640-5180

Option Care - Serving HIV positive with I.V. therapy and nursing services. Available 24 hour pharmacist and nurses. 216-759-1332 or 1-800-733-3762

FREE ANONYMOUS HIV TESTING SITES

Columbiana County Mental Health Center
Free and anonymous HIV testing by appointment. First and Third Friday of the month from 1:00 to 3:00 P.M. Includes pre- and post-test counseling. Ask for an appointment with Kim Green or HIV testing 216-424-9573

Youngstown Health Department STD Clinic
Free and anonymous testing on Tuesday and Friday, 12:00 Noon to 2:00 P.M. includes pre- and post-test counseling. Ask for HIV testing. 216-747-4805

Mahoning County Chemical Dependency Programs, Inc. - Free and anonymous testing daily by appointment, evening hours available, includes pre- and post-test counseling 216-797-0070 ask for HIV Testing

Salem Health Department STD Clinic
Testing and treatment for all sexually transmitted diseases. No AIDS testing. Monday & Thursday 11am - 12noon. 216-332-1618

O.C.C.H.A. (Organization Civic Y Cultural Hispana America) - Free and anonymous testing 1st and 3rd Friday of the month by appointment for clients, evening hours available, includes pre-test and post-test counseling. Ask for HIV testing
Akron-216-375-1510
Canton-216-489-3323
Cleveland-216-249-4100
Youngstown-216-788-2487
East Liverpool-216-385-2508

Steubenville City Health Department - Free and anonymous testing. Call for an appointment with Leslie Piergallina 614-283-6060 or 614-283-6050

HIV/AIDS SUPPORT GROUPS

"Friends and Families of HIV/AIDS" for anyone whose lives have been touched by HIV/AIDS. Meets 3rd Wednesday of the month at 7:00P.M.
For more information call 216-332-9575

"Living in the Light" for anyone who feels their life is touched in any way by HIV/AIDS whether HIV "+" or "-", spouse, lover, partner, relative, friend, buddy, volunteer, care-giver, professional or "just concerned". Meets 2nd and 4th Monday of each month, 6:30 P.M. First Unitarian Church of Youngstown (Elm at Illinois Ave.) All are welcome. 216- 427-6238

LEGAL AID

Northeast Ohio Legal Services for HIV + ,low income, terminally ill and have children. A confidential will preparation form will be sent to clients to be completed and returned. The program is for wills only, and will not include living wills or durable power of attorney for health care. Columbiana County call 216-424-3300 - Mahoning County call 216-744-3196.

FOOD ,SHELTER, CLOTHING, REFERRALS, COUNSELING, EMERGENCY SERVICES.

Salvation Army - Food, meals program, clothing, furniture, vital medication, and utility bill assistance as funds allow.
East Liverpool-385-1822
Salem-332-5624
Columbiana-482-2136
East Palestine-426-2417
Leetonia-427-5320
Lisbon-424-4013

Ryan White Program - see EMERGENCY/CRISIS

Columbiana County AIDS Task Force - Provides referral services, HIV/AIDS instructors and support groups. 216-424-0272

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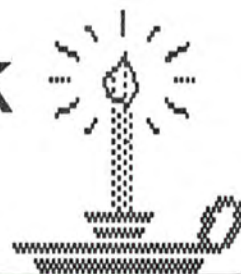
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AIDS AWARENESS MONTH 1993

"...And when the earth shall claim your limbs, then shall you truly dance." Kahill Gibran, *The Prophet*.



Jeri Jo Smith, MOM

Photo: Salem News, Aleks Dolzenko

Jeri is a parent. She is married to Ken Smith who has sustained her over the last few years. Jeri has two daughters, one son who is deceased, a stepdaughter, a stepson, and two grandchildren.

When Jeri was asked how she got involved in AIDS work she answered, "The hard way". Derf, her son, was diagnosed Nov. 1989 with AIDS. Up until that time she did not pay attention to HIV/AIDS, although she knew it was around. "When it doesn't affect you, you don't pay that much attention."

Jeri told about the support network Derf had had in Houston, Texas where he had been living and how friends saw to it that Derf had the funds to

travel around the country and see some of America before he again got sick.

Jeri had some photographs of Derf and an article that appeared in the Salem News which she had written late one night. This is:

Jeri's Story

A lot has been said about AIDS in recent weeks. Now let me tell you what it is like through a mother's eyes.

You know that your son hasn't been feeling well and has been having problems with his eyesight. He has gone to several doctors. Then you get a phone call that the doctors are going to do an MRI. You pray!

The news isn't good - Toxoplasmosis, a parasite that, with a healthy immune system, is no problem.

Now you know it is AIDS. And you have done enough reading that you know what the final outcome will be. You cry.

Your son is admitted to the hospital and you fly to be with him. His condition gets worse, much worse. You spend nights icing down his burning body. But now is not his time. And slowly, with his many friends at his side,

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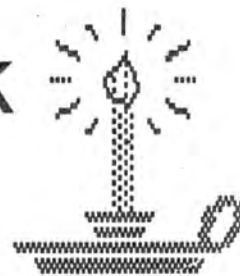
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A Focus on AIDS Testing

"You give but little when you give of your possessions. It is when you give of yourself that you truly give."
Kahlil Gibran, *The Prophet*.

To Test or Not to Test: That is the Question

by Kate Wallace

We keep hearing that people are afraid to get tested for HIV because they don't want to know. I can understand "not wanting to know". What I can't understand is how one cannot know if they are engaging in behavior that puts others at risk. What one chooses to do with one's body is one thing. It is entirely a different matter when you are putting someone else at risk.

Granted, we are now learning and teaching that it is each person's obligation to take responsibility. Responsibility to know if you are infected so that treatment can begin; responsibility not to become infected; responsibility to not infect others if infected; and responsibility to survive if infected.

It could be added, that if you are infected you have at least some responsibility to educate others so that what happened to you does not happen to anyone else. This of course is based on the individual. The more people we have with HIV or AIDS speaking out can only help fight the AIDS pandemic.

Reasons To Test:

☺ To get early treatment if you are HIV positive. Early treatment is said to be more effective in the earlier phase of HIV infection.

Symptoms of AIDS

Specific symptoms that signal the onset of AIDS are typical of flu viruses, but which continue for an extended period of time beyond the normal time frame for flues. Other symptoms include:

- ▼ Unexplained fatigue
- ▼ Unexplained weight loss of 10 to 15 pounds in less than two months
- ▼ Unexplained fever, chills and night sweats for more than two weeks
- ▼ Unexplained persistent dry cough (not from smoking), shortness of breath or difficulty breathing
- ▼ Unexplained swollen glands
- ▼ Unexplained diarrhea or bloody stools for more than two weeks
- ▼ Creamy white patches on the tongue or mouth that cannot be scraped off

The HIV antibody Test

by William Merz

The test for HIV is actually a test for the HIV antibody (the factor that begins to fight the disease). "When HIV enters the body, the body produces antibodies in response to the virus. The test detects the presence of these antibodies in a small sample of blood usually drawn from the arm. The test does not detect whether you have AIDS - it only tells you if your body had produced antibodies in response to HIV."

While there is a test that detects whether the AIDS virus itself is in the body, this test is not routinely administered at HIV antibody testing sites and clinics. It is available only upon special request by a doctor". (The Test Understanding HIV Antibody Testing, Gay Men's Health Crisis, 1989)

Since the usual tests used are for HIV antibodies, a * "window period" exists between infection by the virus and when it will show up on an HIV test. This period is approximately six (6) to twelve (12) weeks, but may be up to a year. Currently there are two tests approved by the CDC and in use in Ohio, the Elisa and Western Blot. At state funded free testing sites, the Elisa test is used first.

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A Focus on AIDS Information - the Basics plus More on HIV/AIDS

Back to the Basics

compiled by William Merz

It is evident to those who work in the AIDS Unit and answer calls daily that the public still does not know the basic facts about AIDS.

This article will focus on the basics of HIV and AIDS. If you think you know the basics and know the answers to these questions, please read on. What you already know may be reinforced by reading the "facts" about HIV and AIDS one more time.

What is AIDS?

AIDS is an abbreviation for Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome. It is thought to be caused by a virus called HIV. This virus attacks certain cells within the immune system and renders them unable to do what they are supposed to do - defend against infection. Once infected with HIV, the body creates an anti-body to defend against the virus. This happens within a relatively short time period (usually anywhere from 6 to 12 weeks). The virus lies "dormant" for many years without showing any symptoms of the infection. Medications have been created to prolong the "dormant" period. So the quicker that a person, who has tested positive for HIV, begins therapy, the longer that "dormant" period may be. Eventually, the immune system becomes compromised and the body becomes extremely susceptible to other viruses and diseases. The CDC (Center for Disease Control) makes the distinction between a person "being HIV+" and "having AIDS" based on criteria which is ever changing as AIDS research and development expands.

Some of the diseases associated with AIDS are: Kaposi's sarcoma (a cancer of the blood vessels that may appear on the skin or occur in internal organs such as brain or lungs); Pneumocystis carinii pneumonia (an infection of the lungs that only occurs in people with seriously damaged immune systems); Tuberculosis (a lung infection that occurs more often in people with damaged immune systems); Cytomegalovirus retinitis (a disease which causes blindness); Cervical cancer (a disease found only in women). It is therefore, one or a combination of these infections/diseases that the person with AIDS eventually succumbs to and dies.

Symptoms of AIDS

Specific symptoms that signal the onset of AIDS are
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AIDS Survival Rates Similar Among Racial Groups

Reprinted from NIAID AIDS Agenda (National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases, Fall 1992)

Regardless of race, HIV infected patients who have fewer than 200 CD4+ T white blood cells have similar rates of death, according to a study supported by NIADS's Terry Beirn Community Programs for Clinical Research on AIDS (CPCRA).

While investigators found that African Americans and Hispanics have different rates than Caucasians, when adjusted for confounding factors that influence death rates, the rates for each ethnic group were similar...

Dr. Brown presented the findings at the VIII International AIDS Conference in Amsterdam.

Depression

May Accelerate HIV Disease Progression

Wellness Times, October 1992, A publication of the Ohio AIDS Coalition

"Researchers at San Francisco General Hospital have found that depression accelerates declines in CD4 counts among HIV infected people and therefore may hasten disease progression and death. In a study presented at the Eighth International Conference on AIDS in Amsterdam, Jeffrey Burack, MD, reported that CD4 counts declined faster among depressed HIV infected men than non-depressed infected men. Specifically, depressed men lost about 23 more cells per year than non-depressed men.

There were no women involved in the study. "over six years of follow-up, the depressed subjects had a mean rate of CD4 decline of 81.4 cells per year, compared to 58.9 cells in the nondepressed subjects," Burack said. "In other words, CD4 counts fell on average, 22.5 cells per year faster among the depressed subjects."

The article gives possible reasons for the CD4 decline in association with depression but the bottom line is: "Identifying and treating depression improves quality of life and is, therefore of great value in it's own right to those with HIV infection."

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"In truth you owe naught to any man. You owe all to all men." Kahill Gibran, *Sand and Foam*.

WORLD AIDS AWARENESS DAY (12/01/92)

...is over for 1992. The goal of all those working to bring attention to this special day, a day not designated by one state, nor by one county, but rather by the World is to focus on world awareness of this pandemic. This in itself is significant. This is not a problem of just the United States. It is a world wide problem. In the United States more males are affected than females. In other countries, such as Africa, the ratio is an equal amount of men and women affected. This country is not far behind with more women and children becoming infected hourly.

"World AIDS Day, observed annually on December 1st is the only international day of coordinated action against AIDS. It serves to strengthen the global effort to meet the challenge of the AIDS pandemic which continues to spread in all regions of the world. World AIDS Day aims to stimulate discussion and action among people not regularly confronted by AIDS and to enhance community support for HIV/AIDS programs. This worldwide observance spreads messages of compassion, hope and understanding to every corner of the globe". *American Association for World Health*

Locally, the focus was placed on the business community and agencies who have not previously had the opportunity to become involved in helping solve the AIDS awareness problem and provide an opportunity for their employees to become aware of what is available locally. A Press Conference was held in City Hall Council Chambers December 1st with Community Business professionals, Rep. Ronald Gerberry, and Mayor Patrick J. Ungaro.

FIRST BUDDY RECOGNITION DINNER

Under the leadership of Carrie Bender, MCATFA Volunteer Buddy Coordinator, Task Force Trustee and Director of Protestant Family Services, and her dinner coordinators (Kimberly Green, Linda Jones, and Sue Leonard) the First Buddy Recognition Dinner was held at St. Joseph's Church on November 21, 1992.

The Lyon's Hall provided fine surroundings for the elegant settings of round tables with floor length cloths, silver candelabra with red candles, crystal glassware, fine china, and silver place settings donated by DKD Rental Company from Solon, Oh.



Dr. Virginia (Dee) Banks

She explained how most other countries were directly dealing with the problem of AIDS through its factual to-the-point literature and visual media. Dr. Banks referred to the U. S. society as being puritanical in its efforts to fight AIDS.

The title of Dr. Bank's address was "The Importance of the Team Approach to the HIV Patient". In this area Dr. Banks explained that from a doctors approach the efforts are

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Dr. Virginia Banks, Infectious Disease physician from St. Elizabeth Hospital, gave the key note address after first being momentarily blinded by our volunteer photographer. Dr. Banks discussed her chagrin and disappointment with the United States display presentation at the VIII Annual AIDS

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"There is only one Way to get Free From the Past"

by The Rev. Larry J. Uhrig

from: *Quest*-the Newsletter of AIDS Foundation Dayton

A significant part of the disease in our lives comes from the fact that most of us harbor resentment towards others. There are people who hurt us, wronged us, abused us, oppressed us and denied us. Many gay and lesbian people attempt to live healthy and productive lives while they are weighted down with the memories and incidents which need to be healed and removed from our lives.

Recently one of the saints of our church, a man of maturity and spiritual strength, was sharing with me the details of a painful and fractured relationship with a former friend and colleague. This saint said to me, "I just cannot forgive him." His adamant refusal to forgive brought forth a response from me. "But you don't understand, you have to forgive!" Why must we forgive? The answer is very simple. Forgiveness is not about the other person, it is about you. When you don't forgive, you are the one holding on to the anger, rage and pain. Often the person you just can't forgive is unaware of the problem. They are living their lives while you can't. You may be tied in knots and fretting over the relationship. When we refuse to forgive we think we are holding something over another. We think we have control over the other person. WE act like our not forgiving them is some form of punishment for the offender. In truth, we are the ones being punished. The rage we hold does damage to our lives. Forgiveness is the means whereby we release the

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2nd Annual AIDS Community Benefit

by Kate Wallace

A benefit was held Sunday, August 2nd, to raise funds for PLWAs. The MCATFA was chosen to distribute these funds meeting the needs of local and area HIV+ persons and those living with AIDS.

Funds in the amount of \$2,425.50 were raised (after costs). The benefit was held in the backyard of one of the lovelier homes bordering Mill Creek Park. The picnic theme was accompanied by perfect weather where 200 plus guests enjoyed the food, entertainment, and raffles throughout the day and early evening. There were a few special songs sung about the loss of friends and loved ones to AIDS.

The last guitar soloist enlisted the assembled group to link raised hands in a statement of solidarity. An added touch was the lighting of sparklers by everyone which showered light on the group and its purpose.

The MCATFA would like to acknowledge all those who worked so hard and participated in this poolside gala; and to those who attended and donated willingly to the raffles and entertainers. We are indeed very grateful, not only for the funds raised, but also for the vote of confidence and support for the Task Force.



tion may be disapproved. Consider talking with a social worker and advise your physician of the proper format to use.

Then, from the date at which you are considered disabled, there is a 5 month waiting period before you can expect a check. The amount of the check will vary based on how much you were making when you stopped working. SSDI says the average check is \$500. Two (2) years from the date of your first check you are eligible for a Medicare Card (it does not pay for prescription drugs).

Under SSDI, you cannot have liquid assets that exceed \$2,000. This includes checking, savings, stocks, bonds, IRAs, etc. You can own a home and an auto.

GA: General Assistance requires an application process. The determination/approval process takes less time than SSDI. Under GA the liquid asset amount you allowed to have is lower and the amount paid is lower. Currently a single individual gets approximately \$115 and \$95 in food stamps. (Not a lot to live on while waiting for SSDI to take over!)

Medicaid: This card will pay for medical expenses including AZT and can be applied for at the same time GA is applied for. However, application is on a monthly basis and there is "spend down" amount when you have additional income other than GA, such as SSDI. The term "spend down" means you must spend a certain dollar amount before you are

eligible for Medicaid. This constitutes a gap in services; where your income from SSDI precludes you from obtaining a Medicaid card, but where you are not yet eligible for Medicare under SSDI, or you need AZT but cannot afford to pay for the drug out of your disability check.

Prescription Drug Program: These programs usually have extremely high income limits allowing a working person to get AZT without personal health insurance. However, these programs are usually temporary and have limited time periods that they will cover.

Ryan White Consortium: This program is to be used as a "last resort" and to "fill gaps not currently available from other agencies". Funds are very limited with service caps. Those needing emergency funds keeps increasing while available dollars are decreasing.

Task Forces: The Mahoning County Area Task Force on AIDS helps financially. Case management, social workers, pharmacists, support groups, and financial advisors are available. A "buddy program" is available. Currently the dollar limit available per person yearly is based on the amount of donated funds. The yearly limit can change at any time, up or down.

Prepared by Bill Merz for the Mahoning County Area Task Force on AIDS and tri-county AIDS Network.

PRE-PLANNING GUIDE FOR THE *HIV+* PERSON

**What You Can Do Now
To Assure That Your Future
Can Be:**

**Financially
Sound**

Things To Do List:

Find out what agencies are available for financial assistance now, while you are still working. Find out exactly what you can expect, financially, from each agency, how long the process takes, and the rules regarding what assets you are allowed to own, and the gaps that exist between these programs (See some agency guidelines below).

Set up a reasonable budget for that time when you are unable to work. Include in this budget the cost of health insurance that you can pick up from your current employer under the Cobra Act (You can keep this insurance for 18 months after your employment terminates). Establishing a budget **now** will help you manage decreases in income when you are not working and prepare you for that time.

As you peruse the listed programs, you will notice many gaps in funding between the time you are unable to work and the time you begin to receive an income that you can live on. To avoid these gaps you may want to opt to do the following:

1. Begin now by saving as much as possible. A Savings Account held by a *trusted friend, family member or trust* as the owner with you as

the "Joint Tenant With Right of Survivorship" is suggested. Any interest earned in this arrangement will be reported under the family/friend/trust name, not yours. As you will see later, a minimum of five months living expenses will be needed, but may be needed for as long as one year.

2. Transference of property to a trusted friend, family member, or trust such as stock, bonds, and homes vary with each of the social programs. Some transfers must be made at least 3 years prior to the time that an application is made, so be careful and check each government program completely, including this time frame detail. The IRS is also a consideration when transferring deeds, so check with a tax attorney or accountant.

3. Cashing in a Life Insurance Policy (whole life, not term) to provide cash to live on while waiting for approval of assistance programs. However, doing this may preclude you from being eligible for GA and Medicaid. Be very wary when doing this, and check with your insurance agent before going to an outside firm that specializes in cashing in life insurance policies. You can assign (either revocable or irrevocable) this policy to your *trusted friend, family member or trust*, so that you don't

have to keep a large amount of cash which might interfere with your eligibility for GA and Medicaid.

4. Get into one of the HIV Case Management systems now, before you need any financial assistance. The Case Management system will be able to expand on the variety of helping programs available including literature, nutrition, emotional support, a "buddy" system and medical referrals. Case Management can explain in detail the following programs.

For the Mahoning, Trumbull and Columbiana Counties, the Ohio Department of Health Case Manager is Darlene Sims, 216-797-0070.

For Mahoning County Area Task Force on AIDS, Patient Support Chair is Rev. Tom Clark, 216-545-6130.

Basic Available Programs:

SSDI: Social Security Disability Insurance can be applied for over the telephone or at the Social Security Office. Some pitfalls you need to be aware of: It takes a minimum of 90 days from application to approval. The determination of disability is performed by physicians in Columbus based on current documentation from your own physician(s). Because most physicians are unaware of how to fill out these forms properly, the first applica-

GAY CONCERNS/INFORMATION

▼ **Youngstown Health Department AIDS Unit** - Gay Health Consultant on staff for gay outreach, safer-sex education, and support. HIV/AIDS presentations available - gay oriented.

216-742-8839 or 216-742-8796

▼ **Men in Touch (MIT)** - Six-week program for gay and bi-sexual men to gain self-esteem, gay awareness, and safer sex knowledge.

216-742-8839 or 216-742-8796

▼ **Black & White Men Together** - A gay multiracial, multicultural organization for all people committed to fostering supportive environments wherein racial and cultural barriers can be overcome and the goal of human equality realized (not just for black and white men, but inclusive of all races). Support for those in the HIV spectrum & loved ones. Ask for Don. 216-782-3483

▼ **Parents & Friends of Lesbians and Gays/Youngstown (P-FLAG)** - All volunteer organization seeks to help parents, and their gay and bisexual children to understand and love one another and to offer mutual support wherever it is needed. The Youngstown group provides a variety of experiences at each of its monthly meetings to meet the needs of those attending. Support for those in the HIV spectrum & loved ones. 216-742-8796

▼ **Coffee House** - Women only. 216-545-1626

▼ **Gay Hotline - Coming Soon !** For AIDS & general Gay/Lesbian information/referrals.

AIDS Hotline for the Deaf:
1-800-AIDS-TTY

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MAHONING COUNTY AREA TASK FORCE ON AIDS

The Mahoning County Area Task Force on AIDS & AIDS Network

serves the people of Mahoning County and surrounding areas.

Our mission is summed up in these words:

- You can stop AIDS! •
- We can stop AIDS! •
- Together...WE Must Stop AIDS! •
- Our compassion requires us to assist those already infected, and those who love them and whom they love. •
- Education is still our best weapon to stop AIDS. •

The Mahoning County Area Task Force on AIDS,
P.O. Box 1143, Youngstown, Ohio 44501
216-742-8811

**The Task-Force & AIDS Network
invites You-
to-join-Us, so that together-
We-can-Stop-AIDS!**

COMMUNITY A.I.D.S RESOURCE GUIDE

MAHONING COUNTY AREA TASK FORCE ON AIDS and AIDS NETWORK

216-742-8811
or
216-742-8796



MAHONING COUNTY AREA TASK FORCE ON AIDS

EMERGENCY/CRISIS ASSISTANCE

Help Hotline - 24 hours crisis intervention, information, referral, and suicide prevention. 216-747-2696

AIDS Hotline - Information, referral. 216-742-8796

EDUCATION - SPEAKERS/LITERATURE

Youngstown Health Department AIDS Unit - AIDS 101 Introduction Presentations and AIDS 501 Advanced Presentations for schools, colleges, groups, businesses. Literature available for youth, teens, college students, women, parents, Minorities, drug users, HIV+ persons and caregivers. 216-742-8839

American Red Cross - Presentations to general interest community groups. Literature available about AIDS and the blood supply, children, teens, men, women, on the job site, school systems, and drugs. 216-744-0161

O.C.C.H.A. (Organizacion Civic y Cultural Hispana America) - Presentations available in Spanish for outreach to youth and adults. Literature available in Spanish/English about AIDS for children, teens, adults, drug users. 216-744-2418

Planned Parenthood - Presentations to general interest groups. Literature available about Women and AIDS as well as general information and referral services. 216-788-2487

HOME HEALTHCARE AGENCIES

Visiting Nurses Association of Youngstown - Providing skilled intermittent visits for HIV positive patients. 216-782-5606

Nurse's House Call - Serving HIV positive patients with home nursing services and case management. 216-545-1010

DACAS Nursing Systems, Inc. - Helping HIV positive patients stay home through home nursing services. 216-740-8130

Upjohn Healthcare Services - Serving HIV positive patients with home nursing services. 216-759-8744

FREE ANONYMOUS HIV TESTING SITES

Youngstown Health Department STD Clinic - Free and anonymous testing on Tuesday and Friday, 12:00 Noon to 2:00 P.M., includes pre- and post-test counseling. (Evening hours coming soon, see insert) 216-747-4805

Mahoning County Chemical Dependency Programs, Inc. - Free and anonymous testing daily by appointment, evening hours available, includes pre- and post-test counseling. Ask for HIV testing. 216-797-0070

O.C.C.H.A. (Organizacion Civic y Cultural Hispana America) - Free and anonymous testing 1st and 3rd Friday of the month by appointment, includes pre- and post-test counseling. Ask for HIV testing. 216-744-2418

Planned Parenthood of Mahoning Valley, Inc. - Free and anonymous testing daily by appointment for clients and partners, evening hours available, includes pre- and post-test counseling. Ask for HIV testing. 216-788-2487

FOOD, SHELTER, CLOTHING, REFERRALS, COUNSELING, EMERG. SERVICES

Mahoning County Area Task Force on AIDS - Provides direct patient support in the form of food, utilities, housing, referral services, "buddy" training, support groups, and healing weekends. 216-742-8811

Mahoning, Columbiana, Trumbull AIDS Consortium - Provides emergency patient reimbursement for services not provided or exhausted from other agencies. Caps may be in effect. 216-797-0070

Mahoning County Chemical Dependency Programs, Inc. - Case Manager/Counselor helps with emotional, social, and medical/dental, food, and

clothing needs for clients. Counselor will also assist in securing benefits in the form of SSDI, SSI, Medicaid, Medicare. 216-797-0070

Protestant Family Services - Emergency assistance, counseling, referral services, provides "buddy" program for AIDS clients. 216-744-8649

Salvation Army/Family Welfare - Food, meals program, clothing, furniture, vital medication, and utility bill assistance as funds allow. 216-746-8403

Urban League Inc. - Low income housing assistance, utility assistance, emergency food available as well as clothing. 216-788-6533

Alcoholic Clinic of Youngstown - Full range of counseling services, both individual and family oriented. Services include detoxification and rehabilitation, inpatient and outpatient care, specialized treatment for women, gay and lesbian persons; treatment for alcoholic and other drug dependencies. 216-744-1181

HIV/AIDS Support Groups

"Living in the Light" - for: "anyone whose life is touched in anyway by HIV/AIDS" - whether "+" or "-", spouse/lover, relative, friend, buddy, volunteer, care-giver, professional or "worried-well" - meets the 2nd and 4th Monday of the month, 6:30 P.M., First Unitarian Church 216-742-8796

"AMARIS" (The promises of God are fulfilled through people) HIV Support Group: Meets at MCCDP weekly, call Case Manager. 216-797-0070

Support for Families, Friends and Caregivers: Meets the third Wednesday, Family Recovery Center, 964 N. Market St., Lisbon, Oh. 216-332-9575

"Hand in Hand" Support Group - Warren, Oh: Meets 1st and 3rd Mondays. 216-393-2551

Revisions

Check insert for updates, specific contacts, phone numbers, additions, and/or changes.

Resource Guide Contacts

Corrections in Bold Type!

AIDS Hotline - 742-8811

YHD AIDS Unit Educator, Lynn Harmicar. 742-8839

OCCHA, Hispanic Outreach - William Torres. 744-1808

Planned Parenthood, Rebecca or Esther. 788-2487

Mahoning County Area Task Force on AIDS - Kate Wallace, President or Bill Merz, Treasurer. 742-8811

**For client services call Rev. Tom Clark.
545-6130**

AIDS Consortium, Ryan White assistance, Gary Holsopple. 797-0070

M.C.C.D.P.-AIDS Case Manager, Darlene Sims.
797-0070

Family Protestant Services - **Franki - 744-8649**

• Living in the Light • Support Group, John, 427-6238
or Michael, 788-8137 Now meets at Christ Church!

• AMARIS • Support Group - Ask for Darlene Sims.
797-0070

Columbiana Cnty. Support Group - Jeri Jo. 332-9575

• Hand in Hand • Support Group, Trumbull County -
Gwen Brogdon. **392-2551**

YHD Gay Health Consultant - Rick Russell. 742-8839

Men in Touch Program - Rick Russell. 742-8839

P-FLAG - John - 427-6238 or Mary Ann, 545-1626

"Divino Amore" - Spiritual Support Group -
Meets fourth Thursday.
Ask for Nancy Dawson, O.S.U. - 542-3824 or
Kathleen Minchin, O.S.U. - 792-7636.