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As the AIDS epidemic and the community response to it becomes more complex and multifaceted, it is essential that the service providers' community be professionally assisted in its attempt to focus attention on emerging needs and the resources to meet those needs. The establishment of the Consortium and its staffing by a professional Coordinator provides in the Western New York community the opportunity to creatively marshal our resources in a humane, empowering and cooperative way.

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AIDS SERVICE **PROVIDERS CONSORTIUM**

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ABOUT THE CONSORTIUM

The AIDS Service Providers Consortium is a partnership of service providers in the Western New York region who are involved in direct client care and education to persons and families affected by AIDS and HIV disease. The Consortium includes over 65 representatives from state, local, government and private organizations.

MISSION STATEMENT

The mission of the Consortium is to actively develop and promote a community based and coordinated response to the human needs of HIV infection and AIDS in Western New York. The Consortium serves as a forum for the exchange of information between concerned agencies and individuals for the study of emerging needs and the resources needed to meet them and for the mutual support of those who provide AIDS-related services in our community.

HOW THE CONSORTIUM WORKS

The Consortium achieves its goals through the work of various subcommittees. The subcommittees are addressing issues the following specific areas of concern:

- Continuum of Care
- Corrections Concerns
- Education
- Gay Issues
- Legislative
- Minority Concerns
- Substance Abuse
- Women, Children & Families
- Coordinated Case Management

The recommendations and information developed by the committee are submitted periodically to the Consortium Steering Committee for review. The Steering Committee is the elected leadership of the Consortium and works with the Coordinator to direct and implement the work of the membership.

The full membership of the Consortium meets quarterly to achieve the established goals, especially communication and mutual support.

STAFFING

The Consortium is staffed by a coordinator, whose responsibilities include identification of all groups in this region providing services (medical, social, educational, etc.) that are HIV/AIDS related for inclusion in the Consortium. This work includes an ongoing update of an AIDS Service Providers Directory, coordination of Consortium meetings and the facilitation of committees to establish priorities and recommendations.

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