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WHO WE HELP

- Persons with AIDS (PWA's) and AIDS Related Complex (ARC)
- Persons at risk of developing AIDS
- The "worried well"
- Family members, friends, partners and significant others of people with AIDS, ARC or at risk.
- Health care and other personnel who provide services to persons with AIDS and ARC
- Anyone with general concerns about AIDS who resides in the 8 counties of WNY: Allegheny, Cattaraugus, Chautauqua, Erie, Genesee, Niagara, Orleans and Wyoming.

WHAT WE ARE

The Western New York AIDS Program (WNYAP) was established in 1983 to provide educational and supportive services to people whose lives are affected by Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome (AIDS). A broad-based network of volunteers from the general public, high risk groups and various professional backgrounds is responsible for carrying out much of the work of this program.

The WNYAP is sponsored and administered by Buffalo AIDS Task Force, Inc. (BATF), a not-for-profit public health organization. BATF is governed by a volunteer Board of Directors whose membership is representative of the wider volunteer force.

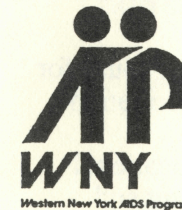
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Western New York AIDS Program

Operated by Buffalo AIDS Task Force, Inc.



**Western New York
AIDS Program**

220 Delaware Ave.
Suite 512
Buffalo, NY 14202

Office: 716-847-2441
Hotline: 716-847-AIDS

AIDS HOTLINE

The WNY AIDS Hotline provides information and referrals. Trained volunteers respond to the questions and concerns of callers with the most current information available, and referrals are made to appropriate medical and other services for care related to AIDS. The Hotline can be reached at (716) 847-AIDS.

EDUCATIONAL SERVICES

The WNYAP provides educational programs about AIDS including medical, psychosocial, and infection control or risk-reduction information.

Seminars are conducted for volunteers and the general public on a regular basis. Specialized training is provided to persons who volunteer their services to staff the Hotline, function as Case Advocates, coordinate support groups and carry out other tasks.

In-service programs are conducted for the staff of hospitals, other health care agencies, substance abuse treatment programs, social service and mental health agencies, professional associations and others.

Risk-reduction information and educational programs are offered to people at high risk for contracting AIDS and to those in the general public concerned about the risks related to AIDS.

The WNYAP serves as a clearinghouse for AIDS-related material and as a distribution center for informational literature.

Requests for in-services and educational programs should be made in writing and submitted to our office. Call the AIDS Hotline for information about scheduled events and the availability of educational materials.

WE NEED YOU

The services we provide depend in large part upon the talent, energy, and commitment of our volunteers.

We need people who can contribute their to work in various capacities such as clerical volunteers, Hotline workers, case advocates or task-oriented helpers for people with AIDS, fundraising workers and public speakers. We also need professionals who can lend their expertise to our program.

Please mail in this form or call 847-AIDS for more details, or to request a volunteer application.

I WANT TO HELP!

____ I would like to volunteer my time to help others. Please send me a volunteer application.

____ I am sending a contribution to help WNYAP continue its work in our community. (Please make checks payable to WNYAP.)

Amount enclosed \$ _____

____ Enclosed is my contribution of \$8.00 for a one-year subscription to the NEWSLETTER.

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone Number _____

Our Mailing List is Confidential

Please mail this form to: WNYAP
220 Delaware Avenue
Suite 512
Buffalo, NY 14202

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT

SUPPORT SERVICES

The Case Advocate Program is designed to provide individual support and resource assistance for persons with AIDS or ARC. A trained volunteer is assigned to help a person with AIDS through the more difficult times, and can provide assistance in obtaining appropriate services or in meeting day-to-day needs.

If you are in need of services, call the 847-AIDS Hotline for information.

SUPPORT GROUPS

Ongoing support is provided for persons affected by AIDS. Support groups are established as needed for people with AIDS, their families or significant others, those at high risk of contracting AIDS, and the "worried well". Supervision is provided by both professional and peer counselors.

Call the 847-AIDS Hotline for information about scheduled groups or for referrals to outside agencies and organizations providing structured support services.

WHO PROVIDES FUNDING FOR THESE SERVICES

Basic program funding is provided by the AIDS Institute of the New York State Department of Health. Additional support is obtained from our community through fundraising and private donations.

Your contributions help secure and expand our community services, and help us to provide emergency funding to people with AIDS.