

THE CARC COMMUNITY

Connecticut AIDS Resource Coalition

November 2011



December 1, 2011, marks the 23rd year that World AIDS Day has been observed. This year's theme is "Facing AIDS", a campaign to draw attention to the issue, promote testing and help reduce stigma by putting a face to AIDS.

We are 30 years into this epidemic, and many of us who have been in this fight for almost that amount of time, see the need for a re-energizing of the movement. Instead of a moment of silence, have an hour of outrage that HIV is still with us and showing little sign of abating. Instead of a candlelight vigil, consider connecting with the local Occupy Wall Street folks in your community. Offer condom distribution or a teach-in about HIV prevention and harm reduction. Organize an action with them to take place on December 1. Report back on and share photos of your events and success stories. Don't forget to check out the Facing AIDS website at <http://facing.aids.gov> for materials and ideas.

We're encouraging all of our members and contacts to join the campaign, make signs and send photos to CARC. We will be creating a photo montage of people Facing AIDS all across the state. Check out our website at ctaidcoalition.org to see the CARC staff Facing AIDS. For more information and photo release forms contact Jenn at 860-761-6699 or jenn@ctaidcoalition.org.



Meet CARC's New Training Coordinator

Kimberly Jackson has recently joined CARC in the position of Training Coordinator for the newly developed Case Management Training Institute. Kim has nearly 20 years of non-profit experience predominately in program development. In her most recent position, Kim was the AIDS Program Director for Perception Programs in Willimantic, where her responsibilities included the management of Omega House and DPH funded HIV prevention activities. Kim has a Master's degree in Health Promotions with a public health major and is currently working on her Masters of Health Administration.

As the coordinator of the Case Management Training Institute, Kim is responsible for the overall coordination and marketing of training opportunities designed for those individuals with case management responsibilities in AIDS services, AIDS housing, domestic violence, shelters and transitional living programs. Specifically, Kim will lead our efforts in researching and evaluating training opportunities, demand for potential training, the overall marketing outreach strategy and execution of the program and analysis of the effectiveness of these training efforts. We are very excited to have Kim join our team!



Above: Award recipients at Opening Doors to Employment conference



Below: Participants at AIDS Walk



CARC Calendar - November 2011

Board Meeting November 2 9:30 - 11:00 a.m. Community Health Center, Meriden	CARC office closed: November 11 for Veterans' Day November 24-25 for Thanksgiving	AIDS LIFE Campaign November 22 Noon - 2:00 p.m. Community Health Center, Meriden
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For directions go to ctaidcoalition.org/meetings.htm



CARC Member Spotlight St. Philip House

Beginning with its first resident in 1990, St. Philip House has served over 185 clients, taking some of these individuals from homelessness and addiction to homeownership and self-sufficiency. What began with an informal breakfast

meeting sponsored by the Farmington Valley Task Force on AIDS in 1989 to address the housing needs of HIV+ individuals grew to a network of 27 units of housing for 47 individuals; spread throughout Plainville, Bristol, New Britain, and Hartford. In 1994, St. Philip House opened its first facility housing residential units and administrative offices. In 1999, St. Philip House adopted a sister agency in Lima, Peru named La Posadita del Buen Pastor. La Posadita is a residence for orphaned and abandoned HIV+ children and some of their HIV+ mothers. In 2000, construction of a community room was completed. This room has allowed St. Philip House to expand its support and education programs to the surrounding HIV/AIDS community. Educational entertainment and health enhancing programs are regularly held in this room. They are now offering massage therapy and reflexology to consumers. They are also offering HIV Testing & Counseling onsite, via the Human Resource Agency of New Britain. An HIV Support Group is being hosted onsite, in collaboration with Bristol Hospital. St. Philip House purchased new refrigerators with some of the funds they received from a \$30,000 grant from Wal-Mart. The funds from the grant are restricted to be use solely to benefit the residents, in areas such as: tuition assistance, clothing for the children, food assistance, etc.

Upcoming Presentations Hosted by Gilead

Many Women, One Voice: African American Women & HIV
November 16, Noon, O'Porto Restaurant, 2074 Park St., Hartford
OR November 18, Noon, Holiday Inn, 1070 Main St., Bridgeport

Safety & Efficacy of COMPLERA
November 17, 5:00pm, Greek Olive, 402 Sargent Dr., New Haven

World AIDS Day Request

Would you like to spread the word about your agency's World AIDS Day event? CARC would like to post details for events throughout the state on our website. If you have a World AIDS Day event you would like us to promote, please send all the details, including date, time and place (flyer preferred), to jenn@ctaidcoalition.org.

Special Standards of Care Meeting

In order for all AIDS housing programs to be prepared for the upcoming audit season, this meeting will provide an important overview of the recent changes to CARC's Standards of Care.

November 15, 1:00-3:30 p.m.
HRA of New Britain
180 Clinton St., New Britain
RSVP: cecilia@ctaidcoalition.org

Upcoming Events:

Point of Change:
CT Nonprofit Conference
November 10, 8:00am-5:00pm
Crowne Plaza Hotel, Cromwell

Mid-Fairfield AIDS Project's
Red Ribbon Gala
November 12, 7:00pm
Norwalk Inn & Conference Center

Hands on Hartford's
Soup and Bread Fundraiser
November 16, 6:30-8:30pm
Christ Church Cathedral, Hartford

Find more details for these and other events at ctaidcoalition.org

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