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National Youth HIV/AIDS Awareness Day, Long Island Association for AIDS Care (LIAAC) launches testing events.

April 10th 2016 marks the 4th annual National Youth HIV/AIDS Awareness Day (NYHAAD) annual observance. This nationally recognized day was created to raise awareness on HIV/AIDS and how the disease affects our youth. There are a total of thirteen partners for National Youth HIV/AIDS Awareness Day, including: National Minority AIDS Council, Advocates for Youth, AIDS Alliance, AIDS United, and the National Black Gay Men’ s Advocacy Coalition, to name a few.

Youth aged 13 to 24 accounted for an estimated 26% of all new HIV infections in the United States in 2010, according to the data from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. Over 50% of youth with HIV in the United States do not know that they are infected. According to the New York State Epidemiological Profile in 2012, Nassau and Suffolk counties have the highest number of newly diagnosed HIV cases among similar New York regions.

In recognition and support of the National Youth HIV/AIDS Awareness Day 2016, the Long Island Association for AIDS Care will be providing educational resources and HIV and STI testing at SUNY Old Westbury’ s health center on April 11, 2016 from 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. This event is only open to students.

For more information on how the Long Island Association for AIDS Care is celebrating National Youth HIV/AIDS Awareness day, visit our Facebook events page at <https://www.facebook.com/LIAAC.inc/events> or call our toll free hotline at 1-866-236-3448.

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