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**Long Island Association for AIDS Care (LIAAC) recognizes World Hepatitis Day**

July 28, 2016 is World Hepatitis Day, a global event that seeks to raise awareness about viral hepatitis. This year's World Hepatitis Day is centered around a goal of eliminating viral hepatitis through education and awareness initiatives. As 2016 has been a pivotal year globally for hepatitis legislation, NOhep, a global elimination movement, will be launched to bring people together and provide a platform for individuals to speak out and take action to ensure global commitments are met and that viral hepatitis is eliminated by 2030.

According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, many people infected with Hepatitis B and Hepatitis C are unaware of their infections. As reported in 2013 by the New York State Department of Health, there were 35.5 Hepatitis C infections per 100,000 population in Nassau County and 48.6 Hepatitis C infections per 100,000 population in Suffolk County.

To prevent the spread of viral hepatitis:

- Practice proper hygiene
- Vaccinations are available for Hepatitis A and Hepatitis B
- Avoid drinking water that has come into contact with a potentially unsafe source
- Use condoms during sexual interactions
- Avoid sharing needles for injection drug use
- Always avoid getting tattoos and body piercings from unlicensed facilities

For more information on how the Long Island Association for AIDS Care is celebrating World Hepatitis 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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