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The Long Island Association for AIDS Care (LIAAC) receives Five Year Grant Award from the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Administration

LIAAC is excited to announce that we have been awarded funding by the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Administration (SAMHSA) for a HIV testing and substance abuse prevention/treatment program, focusing on Men who have Sex with Men (MSM), transgender individuals and returning veterans and their families. This program, Project Safety Net, will include community outreach, HIV/Hepatitis/STI testing, and recovery support services to individuals at high risk for HIV, including those in or seeking substance abuse treatment.

Dr. Gail Barouh congratulated the hard-working staff of LIAAC for securing this funding for our clients, noting that by reducing new HIV infections and connecting individuals with substance abuse and/or mental health treatment Long Island will see an overall improvement in health and community well-being.

Project Safety Net will provide targeted testing, conscientious outreach and effective intervention including case management and linkage to care. Our Prevention Specialists will focus their diligent efforts on high-risk communities that are disproportionately burdened with the co-occurring epidemics of poverty, substance abuse, mental health disorders, HIV/AIDS and Hepatitis. In collaboration with LIAAC's Mobile Outreach Coordinator, field-based outreach and intervention will provide essential, supportive services to local communities; ensuring increased engagement with target populations, reducing new HIV infections and improving overall health outcomes. Project Safety Net supports the 2020 National HIV/AIDS Strategy. Individuals who are identified as HIV-positive will be linked to proper medical care, provided essential and supportive services, as well as provided with education and techniques to make healthy choices and reduce the spread of HIV.

For more information about Project Safety Net or any of our other services, please call LIAAC's toll-free hotline at 1-877-865-4222.

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