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

April 10, 2017 marks the 5th annual National Youth HIV/AIDS Awareness Day (NYHAAD) annual observance. This nationally recognized day is intended to educate the public about the impact of HIV and AIDS on young people as well as highlight the amazing work young people are doing across the country to fight the HIV & AIDS epidemic. The theme for 2017 is “The #NYHAAD Bill of Rights”, which are five demands which must be achieved in order to bring an end to HIV and AIDS.

Today’s young people are the first generation who have never known a world without HIV and AIDS. In the United States, one in four new HIV infections is among youth ages 13 to 24. According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, about 60% of youth with HIV in the United States do not know that they are infected. According to the New York State HIV/AIDS Surveillance Annual Report for Cases Diagnosed Through December 2014, there were 58 individuals living with HIV/AIDS in Nassau and Suffolk counties who were under the age of 19.

In recognition and support of the National Youth HIV/AIDS Awareness Day 2017, the Long Island Association for AIDS Care will be providing free and confidential testing for HIV, Hepatitis C, and sexually transmitted infections. To schedule a test, call our toll-free hotline at 1-877-236-3448.

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>.

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