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April 10th marks the **2nd 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. April 10th is an opportunity to learn about HIV and support the cause that impacts so many. There are a total of thirteen partners for National Youth HIV/AIDS Awareness Day, including: National Minority AIDS Council, The Center for HIV Law and Policy, AIDS Healthcare Foundation, AIDS United, AIDS Alabama, and AIDS Taskforce 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 data from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. Almost 60% of youth with HIV in the United States do not know 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 suburban communities in the state.

The ultimate goal is to reduce the statistics and work towards an AIDS-Free Generation. In recognition and support of National Youth HIV/AIDS Awareness Day 2014, the Long Island Association for AIDS Care will provide educational resources, HIV and STI testing for Long Island's communities.

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 hotline at 1-877-TO-LIAAC.

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