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NATIONAL WOMEN AND GIRLS HIV/AIDS AWARENESS DAY Long Island Association for AIDS Care (LIAAC) launches week-long education and HIV testing initiative

March 10, 2013 is National Women and Girls HIV/AIDS Awareness Day, a nationwide observance that encourages people to take action in the fight against HIV/AIDS and raise awareness of its impact on women and girls.

Women of all ages can get HIV/AIDS, and they account for approximately 24 percent of all HIV diagnoses. Today, women represent a larger share of new HIV infections than they did earlier in the epidemic, with nearly 280,000 women living with HIV/AIDS in the United States. Women of color are particularly affected, as they accounted for two-thirds (64%) of new AIDS diagnoses among women in 2010. (www.womens health.gov.) The New York State Dept. of Health in 2012 contends that 26.7% of all AIDS cases in Nassau and Suffolk counties are women.

In recognition of this day, the Long Island Association for AIDS Care, Inc. will be launching a week-long HIV/AIDS education and testing initiative. Some of the areas on Long Island which we will be going to are: **Monday, March 11th 2013** - HIV & HepC testing at Mercy Center, 436 West Main St. #1, Patchogue, NY, 7:30pm to 9:00pm.; **Monday, March 11th 2013**, HIV & HepC testing at Captree Commons, Suffolk County Community College (Michael J. Grant Campus , 1001 Crooked Hill Road, Brentwood, NY HIV Testing Open to the Public from 11am – 2pm.; **Thursday, March 14th 2013**, HIV & HepC testing at Department of Health and Social Services, 2 South Second Street, Deer Park, NY, 9:30am – 1pm.; **Friday, March 15th 2013**, a special education presentation "HIV 101" at the Wyandanch UFSD, 140 Garden City Avenue, Wyandanch, NY from 9:00 am to 12:00pm.

LIAAC will be hosting more events on this week, for additional information on LIAAC's Women and Girls HIV/AIDS Awareness Day initiative and a complete list of testing locations and times, please visit our Facebook events page at: <https://www.facebook.com/LIAAC.inc/events> or call our toll free number at 1-866-236-3448 or visit our website at www.liaac.org.