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Nassau County Funding Cuts Impact Vital HIV/AIDS Services for County Residents

Effective April 30, 2011, Nassau County will completely eliminate further funding to the Long Island Association for AIDS Care, Inc. (LIAAC); funding that is used to support LIAAC's Nassau County Services, including the Region's only HIV/AIDS professionally staffed, bilingual Hotline. Despite living in a region that has been designated as an Eligible Metropolitan Area (EMA), an area with a disproportionately high number of individuals infected with HIV/AIDS, Nassau County residents will no longer be guaranteed access to LIAAC's Hotline, a service they have turned to for over 20 years for accurate and up to date HIV/AIDS education and information and referrals and linkages to vital services such as food, housing and medical providers.

In addition to affecting our Nassau County callers timely access to LIAAC's programs and services, this cut may also affect LIAAC staffs' ability to provide timely referrals and linkages to service providers that serve Nassau County residents.

Immediate action is needed to restore LIAAC's budget through Nassau County so that services to Nassau County residents in need are not interrupted. You can make a difference by calling the Nassau County Executive, Ed Mangano, at 516-571-6603. Additionally, you can call your local Legislator to tell them how these budget cuts will prevent individuals living in Nassau County from receiving the essential services that LIAAC provides as well as visit and "Like" our Restore LIAAC's HIV/AIDS Hotline page on Facebook.

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