

# HIV Care Network

## NEWS

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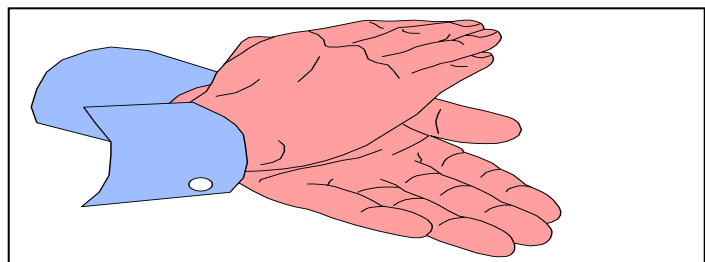
During the Quarterly Network Meeting held on March 18, 2004, eight individuals or organizations were recognized for their contributions to the Network. Those recognized were:

- Betty Pomeroy – a Network member who was recognized for her contributions to the Network and for her 19 years of service to persons living with or affected by HIV/AIDS by beginning and facilitating the HIV/AIDS Support Group at Binghamton General Hospital.
- Aaron Gould – a Network member who assisted with the plans for the World AIDS Day Program in Chenango County and, with friends, sang the vocals for that program.
- Lisa Kocak – a Network member who was instrumental in organizing Network meetings in Tioga County and continues to provide leadership for those meetings.
- Alfreda Archie – a Network member who is completing her fourth year as Co-Chair of the Community Awareness Committee.
- Rev. Carl Lewis – for assistance with the Prayer Breakfast and Health Summit held on Nov. 22, 2004.
- Salvation Temple Church – for hosting the Prayer Breakfast and Health Summit.
- Natalie Thompson – for her assistance with the Regional Gaps Analysis.
- Southern Tier AIDS Program – for their employees and volunteers who have provided an invaluable service to the community for 20 years.

Many thanks to those who were recognized and to all the Network's members for all you do for the Network and for our community.

"The wisest mind has something yet to learn."

George Santayana



The *Network News* is a publication of the Binghamton Tri-County HIV Care Network.

The Broome County Health Department is the Lead Agency for the Binghamton Tri-County HIV Care Network.

*The Mission of the HIV Care Network is to improve the quality of life of individuals and families impacted by HIV and AIDS. This mission is achieved by fostering a coordinated, comprehensive, and accessible system for health and social support services for persons and their families who are infected with or affected by HIV and AIDS.*

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**Steering Committee Members**

Tina Barber, Network Chair

Rosalind Wright, Network Co-Chair

Alfreda Archie	Alan NeJame
Beverly Arnold	Jack Patterson
Tina Edwards	Sondra Pruden
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Lisa Kocak	Becky Smith
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**A Note of Condolences**

The staff of the Network would like to express their condolences to the family, friends and associates of Lynda Converse. Lynda was a valued Network member who served on the Steering Committee and other committees for many years. Lynda also represented the Network on committees convened by the AIDS Institute. Her smile, joy and advocacy for others will be sorely missed.

**Legislative News**

**A Note of Thanks:**

The Network would like to thank Diane Brown, Executive Director, and Tom Garruto, Educator, from the Southern Tier AIDS Program, for providing legislative information, conducting an inservice on how to educate our legislators, and coordinating visits to legislators at the regional offices of the legislators last November. Unfortunately, due to inclement weather, Network members and others who were planning to attend the AIDS Awareness Day in February were not able to travel to Albany. Tom Garruto, however, braved the weather and did attend to represent the region.

**The Early Treatment for HIV Act  
Introduced in Congress**

House Minority Leader Nancy Pelosi (D-Ca), Rep. James Leach (R-Ia) and 68 members of Congress introduced the Early Treatment for HIV Act (ETHA) in the House of Representatives on Feb. 26, 2004. This Act provides incentives for states to enroll HIV-positive individuals in Medicaid before they are diagnosed with AIDS. This early enrollment would allow HIV-positive persons access to preventive and routine health care before their health status deteriorates. ETHA would increase the number of persons eligible for Medicaid; however the Act would provide higher federal Medicaid reimbursement rate, thus saving state and local tax dollars. This Act would also ease demand for ADAP (AIDS Drug Assistance Program). Democratic presidential candidate John Kerry supports ETHA. Pres. Bush's support for this Act is unknown. For more information on this Act, go to: [www.AIDSVote.org](http://www.AIDSVote.org).

## Upcoming Events At a Glance

### **AIDS Walk, Southern Tier**

**Sunday, April 18, 2004**

Location: Recreation Park, Binghamton

Registration: 11 AM

Walk begins at Noon

Call 798-1706 for more information

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The Network's members are planning a number of upcoming events in our region:

1. **Saturday, May 1, 2004: Faith-Health Fair** – Columbus Park from 11 AM to 3 PM. To include displays by area health and human service providers, food, Bike Rodeo with free bicycle helmets for children, Rapid HIV Testing, dancers, music and more.
2. **Sunday, May 16<sup>th</sup> is International AIDS Candlelight Memorial Day.** The following observances are being planned:
  - a. **Sunday, May 16<sup>th</sup>** - in the evening at the East Park in Norwich
  - b. **Monday, May 17<sup>th</sup>** at Recreation Park in Binghamton, in the evening.
  - c. **Tuesday, May 18<sup>th</sup>** in the evening at the "Tree of Remembrance" in Marvin Park, Owego.
3. **Tuesday, May 18 – Friday, May 22, 2004: AIDS Quilt Display** – Eaton Center, Norwich.

More details will be sent on these observances as they are finalized.

**These projects will not be possible without the support of our members. Those involved in planning these events need assistance – if you are able to volunteer some time – please call Sandy at 778-3066.**

## Upcoming Network Meetings:

**Wednesday, March 24, 2004 Time: 2 – 4 PM**

### ***Tioga County Workgroup***

Topic: Plans for International AIDS Candlelight Memorial

Location: Tioga County Boys & Girls Club

**Thursday, March 25, 2004 Time: 10 AM - Noon**

### ***Case Management Committee***

Topic: Discussion by Tina Barber regarding STAP's new Medicaid Case Management Program – all interested persons invited

Location: Broome County Health Dept.

**Monday, March 29, 2004 Time: 3 PM – 4 PM**

### ***Community Awareness Workgroup***

Topic: Plans for International AIDS Candlelight Memorial – Binghamton; National HIV Testing Day

Location: Broome County Health Dept.

**Monday, April 5, 2004 Time: 10 AM - Noon**

### ***Faith Workgroup***

Topic: Developing plans for Health Fair on May 1, 2004

Location: Broome County Health Department

**Tuesday, April 13, 2004 Time: 2:00 PM – 4:00 PM**

### ***Community Awareness Committee***

Topic: to be announced

Location: Broome County Health Dept.

**Thursday, May 6, 2004 Time: 2 PM – 4 PM**

### ***Steering Committee Meeting***

Topic: to be determined

Location: Broome County Health Department

**Wednesday, May 19, 2004 Time: 11 AM - 12:30 PM**

### ***Consumer Advisory Board***

Topic: View AIDS Quilt and business meeting

Location: Eaton Center, Norwich, NY

Transportation provided from Broome County Health Dept. – van leaving at 10 A.M.

**Thursday, June 17, 2004 Time: 2:00 PM– 4:00 PM**

### ***Quarterly Network Meeting***

Topic: To be announced but will include election of some Chair and Co-Chair positions

Location: Broome County Health Department

**NOTE:** We try not to change dates/times or cancel meetings, but sometimes it happens. Therefore, please call to confirm meeting information.

Volunteers are especially needed for the AIDS Quilt Display. Tasks include supervising the display, running the elevator and directing bus traffic – all Chenango County Schools have been invited to view the quilts and we are hoping for a large turnout.

## Committee News

### Case Management Committee

- Nancy McGowan, Chair, Binghamton Family Care Center
- Beverly Arnold, Co-Chair, Catholic Charities

The Case Management Committee has drafted an updated Consumer Directory – we are in the process of developing a new layout for the Directory that will be easy to read and will note those providers who have residency restrictions for the services they provide. As soon as the layout is completed, the Directory will be printed and distributed.

Next, the Committee will be updating the Transportation Directory and Access Directory.

The next meeting of the committee will be March 25, 2004. Tina Barber, STAP Deputy Executive Director, will discuss STAP's new Medicaid Case Management Program that will begin on April 1, 2004.

### Community Awareness Committee

- Alan NeJame, Chair
- Alfreda Archie, Co-Chair

The Community Awareness Committee (CAC) hosted John Magisano from NYAC at their January meetings. John spoke regarding budget concerns and the Collaboration Project – a program to provide four grants to upstate providers for a consultant to provide technical assistance to improve the life HIV positive individuals. A CAC workgroup met to begin plans for the 2004 International AIDS Candlelight Memorial in May and the World AIDS Day Program in December.

The next CAC meeting will be held on Tuesday, April 13, 2004 at 2 PM at the Broome County Health Department.

### Consumer Advisory Board

- Bill, Chair
- Elaine, Co-Chair

The Consumer Advisory Board (CAB) met in February. Dan Tietz, from the AIDS Institute, was the guest speaker. Dan spoke about development of the CAB.

The next meeting will be held on Wednesday, May 19<sup>th</sup> at the Eaton Center in Norwich. Transportation will be provided free of charge from the Broome County Health Department. CAB members will view the AIDS Quilts and then have a business meeting in a conference room at the Eaton Center. Lunch will be provided at the Eaton Center.

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For more information about any of these committees, call Mary Beth, Keyboard Specialist, at 778-2858.

All committees are open to the public, except for the Consumer Advisory Board.

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## Network Workgroups

### Chenango County Workgroup

The Chenango County group has been very busy planning for the 2004 International AIDS Candlelight Memorial on Sunday, May 16<sup>th</sup> and the AIDS Quilt Display from May 18-21<sup>st</sup>. An educator from the Names Project will be presenting an educational program on making an AIDS Quilt Panel on Thursday, May 20, 2004 at 6 PM at the Eaton Center. Rapid HIV Testing will be from 3 – 7 PM on Thursday, May 20, 2004 at the offices of Planned Parenthood. A representative from the New York State Department of Health will conduct the testing.

The next Meeting is April 19, 2004 at 2:30 PM in the Eaton Center, Room 202.

### Tioga County Workgroup

The Tioga County Workgroup is planning the 2004 International AIDS Candlelight Memorial. The date will be Tuesday, May 18, 2004 at the "Tree of Remembrance" in Marvin Park, Owego. The group is also seeking donations for improvements to the park where the tree is located. Donations sought include benches and plants. The group is also coordinating an inservice for the staff of the Tioga County Jail with the Broome County Health Dept. The topic would be an update on HIV/AIDS and sexually transmitted diseases.

The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, March 24, 2004 at 2 PM at the Tioga County Health Dept., 3<sup>rd</sup> floor conference room.

### Faith & Health Workgroup

The Faith & Health Workgroup is very busy planning for the Health Fair on Saturday, May 1, 2004. The Health Fair will be at Columbus Park on Carroll Street in Binghamton, N.Y. Activities for youth, food, and health information and screenings are being planned. The Broome County Health Department's Healthy Living Partnership will be holding a Bike Rodeo for children and will be providing bicycle helmets for children who attend with their parents. Information about health insurance, including Family Health Plus and Child Health Plus will be available. A Voter Registration is also planned. If you would like to participate or assist, please call Sandy at 778-3066 or Mary Beth at 778-2858 for more information.

The next meeting is scheduled for April 5, 2004 at 10 A.M. at the Broome County Health Department.

New members for all of the above committees and workgroups are continually welcomed – call Sandy at 778-3066 for more information and to confirm published meeting dates!

## *News From our Region and New York State*

### **Congratulations**

Congratulations to Megan Blenis, employee of Chenango Health Network and a member of the HIV Care Network. Megan received the "Professional Youth Worker" award from the New York State Department of Health – Reality Check Program. The award recognizes Megan for her efforts that has made Chenango County's Reality Check Program one of the strongest in New York State. Reality Check is a nationwide program aimed at reducing smoking among youth. Megan was very involved in the Network's World AIDS Day Planning Committee for Chenango County. Many of the youth from the Reality Check Program came to and assisted with the World AIDS Day Program.

### **Regional Gaps Analysis (RGA)**

The RGA Report has been accepted by the New York State Department of Health. It can be viewed on the Network's website: [www.gobroomecounty.com/safety/hivindex.php](http://www.gobroomecounty.com/safety/hivindex.php) - click on reports then click on "Recommendations for Prevention of HIV/AIDS".

### **2003 Membership Assessment of Active Members**

The 2003 Membership Assessment of Active Members was completed and presented to the Steering Committee. The report notes membership in the Network has grown to 109 active members. These figures do not include 91 others who are noted as "mailings only" – people who are interested in the Network and wish to receive the Network News and other mailings but are unable to participate in meetings. The Consumer Advisory Board had the largest growth of all the committees in members – up from 11 to 19. Members joining the Chenango County and Tioga County Workgroups also contributed to the increase in membership.

### **Latino Forum on HIV/AIDS**

In December, the Network Coordinator and 2 Network Members were invited by the AIDS Institute to attend the National Latino AIDS Conference in New York City. The purpose of the forum was to provide information about the Latino AIDS epidemic and to discuss approaches to combating AIDS in the Latino population. New York City has the largest Latino population of any city in the U.S. – 2.2 million Latinos live there as of the year 2000. Of the 29 states that report HIV, Latinos accounted for 26.2% of those with a HIV diagnoses. For more information on Latinos and HIV/AIDS, see the Kaiser Family Website for "Latinos and HIV/AIDS" or call the AIDS Institute at 518-473-8815. Locally, the Network Coordinator is participating with WSKG in their project to promote wellness in the local Latino population. A second Latino Health Fair is planned for June – more information will be provided as available.

### **HIV/AIDS Education Providers Directory**

The Network has been asked to develop a HIV/AIDS Education Providers Directory. This would be a directory of all providers of HIV/AIDS educational programs and serve as a resource for the community. The purpose would be to provide a listing of all education providers, topics available for presentation, costs – if any, service area, target population, and other pertinent information. A questionnaire will be sent out to all HIV/AIDS education providers known to the Network in the near future. If you do not receive one or wish to ensure that the Network is aware of your program, please call Mary Beth at 778-2858 and leave your name and contact information.

### **New York AIDS Coalition**

The New York AIDS Coalition (NYAC) is committed to ensuring that youth receive age-appropriate health and comprehensive sex education, including HIV/AIDS education. NYAC has developed a Public School Task Force on HIV/AIDS. This task force has been working to improve the quality of HIV/AIDS and sex education provided in New York City schools. If you would like to know more about this task force or find out how to develop a similar task force, call Rebecca Mandell at 212-629-3075, ext. 102.

### **Sex Education in America Poll**

A poll by NPR, the Kaiser Family Foundation and Harvard's School of Government found that:

- 7% of Americans reported that sex education should not be taught in schools
- 74% of principals noted no recent discussions or debates in school or public meetings about content of sex education and few were contacted by elected officials, faith leaders or others in their community about sex education content
- 93% of parents whose children received sex education in school reported the program was at least somewhat helpful
- 15% of respondents support abstinence only education
- 36% said sex ed should focus on educating teens how to make responsible choices re sexual lives
- 46% support "abstinence-plus" – providing abstinence info and condom and contraceptive information.

For more information about the poll, go to [www.kff.org/newsmedia/7015.cfm](http://www.kff.org/newsmedia/7015.cfm)

## National and International News

### **“AIDS Hits Older Delawareans”**

[CDC HIV/STD/TB Prevention News Update] Jan 6, 2004.

HIV/AIDS infections are on the rise among older persons in Delaware and across the country. One in 10 Americans who are becoming infected with HIV is age 50 or older and as this group continues to grow, so does the number of infected older Americans. Reasons for the increase in this population include misconceptions about HIV, impotency medications such as Viagra, failure to seek HIV testing, a notion of invulnerability that allows for risky behaviors, and the belief that condoms are not necessary as there is no fear of pregnancy. Older women are at risk for increased possibility of tearing of the vaginal wall during intercourse and this places them at higher risk for HIV transmission. Health care professionals may fail to suggest HIV testing, and HIV symptoms – such as fatigue, weight loss and dementia – may be misdiagnosed as due to aging or Alzheimer’s disease. News Journal (01.06.04)::Kent Steinriede

### **“More Teenagers Say No to Sex, and Experts Aren’t Sure Why”**

[CDC HIV/STD/TB Prevention News Update]: Dec. 23, 2003

The Center for Disease Control reported the teen birthrate has declined 30% over 10 years to a historic low of 43 births per 1,000 people. The biggest drop in birth rate was among African American teens, dropping more than 40% since 1991. The abortion rate in women ages 15-19 also dropped from 1990 to 1999. A co-author of the report, Stephanie Ventura Chief of Reproductive Statistics Branch of the National Center for Health Statistics, noted the tremendous amount of attention focused on preventing teen pregnancy and believes that it is paying off. AIDS awareness campaigns are also noted for contributing to reduce teen pregnancy, especially in the African American community. The CDC’s Youth Risk Behavior Survey noted that teenagers are having less sex and using contraception more effectively when they do have sex. From 1991 to 2001, teenage girls having sex decreased from 51% to 43%; teenage boys having sex decreased from 57% to 48%; and condom use by high school students increased from 46% to 57%. New York Times (12.23.03)::Linda Villarosa

### **On-line resource available**

Kaiser Family Foundation is providing an on-line resource to promote education about candidates’ position on critical health policy issues. Access the Election 2004 Issue Spotlight is found at:  
<http://www.kaisernetnetwork.org/spotlight/election> 2004.

### **“Asia Looks to Thailand’s AIDS Success Story”**

[CDC HIV/STD/TB Prevention News Update]: Dec. 12, 2003

In the early 1990’s Thailand began a nationwide prevention campaign against HIV/AIDS. As a result, the number of people in Thailand testing positive for HIV dropped 83% from 1991, the peak year. Thailand promotes 100% condom use, community activism and faith-based responses to HIV/AIDS. Community activism is used to combat stigma and form self-help groups. Buddhist Monks have started AIDS-education programs in local schools and offer support and counseling. Thailand has become a learning center for developing countries in Asia. Health care workers come to Thailand to take training courses in HIV prevention. Christian Science Monitor (11.20.03)::Simon Montlake

### **“Toolkit Teaches Youth About AIDS”**

[CDC HIV/STD/TB Prevention News Update]: Dec. 19, 2003

The Mennonite Central Committee (MCC), a worldwide relief agency, developed a “Join Hands, Stop AIDS” toolkit that uses Hershey’s Kisses and Hugs for the “HIV Transmission Game”. The game is designed to show how quickly the HIV/AIDS can spread and how to stop the spread through marital fidelity and abstinence. The toolkit was designed for teens and allows the teens to lead in way in educating their congregations about HIV/AIDS. MCC is planning to spend more than 1.5 million dollars from 2004-06 on HIV/AIDS education. The toolkit also contains a DVD with video outlining the AIDS pandemic, response of the Mennonite church in Africa, a worship service on the AIDS crisis, information on how to pack an AIDS Care Kit, and opportunities to raise money for the program through selling T-shirts and Christmas CDs. Brenda Wagner, one of the kits developers, stated “we have a calling here to stand with the children in other places in the world”. Sunday News (Lancaster, Pa) (12.14.03)::Helen Colwell Adams

# Community Resources Page

## Domestic Violence Resources

- ❑ **NYS Domestic Violence Hotline:**  
1-800-942-6906 English  
1-800-942-6908 Spanish
- ❑ **SOS Shelter**  
(Serving Broome and Surrounding Counties)  
754-4340 24 hr hotline
- ❑ **A New Hope Center**  
(Tioga & Surrounding Counties)  
1-800-696-7600 OR 687-6866
- ❑ **Safe Against Violence**  
(Delaware County)  
(607) 746-6278
- ❑ **Catholic Charities**  
(Chenango County)  
Crime Victims/Domestic Violence  
(607) 336-1101
- ❑ **Crime Victims Assistance Center**  
Non-residential services for domestic violence  
722-4256 24hr hotline

Website URL for the *HIV Care Network*:  
[www.gobroomecounty.com/safety/HIVindex.html](http://www.gobroomecounty.com/safety/HIVindex.html)



## Anonymous\* & Confidential HIV Testing Sites:

- \* Broome County Health Dept.....(607) 778-2839
- \* Tioga County Health Dept.....(607) 687-8600
- \* Southern Tier AIDS Program ..... 1-800-333-0892

Others in New York State call ..... **1-800-541-AIDS**

\* Anonymous testing is free.

**Partner Notification Assistance Program..... 1-800-541-2437**

**HIV/AIDS Support Group** 1st & 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of each month. For information contact Karen Van Kleek, 763-6003

## First Call for Help

Broome County .....729-9100  
Chenango County.....1-800-227-5353  
Tioga County.....1-800-266-5252

## Department of Social Services

Broome County.....778-2669  
Chenango County.....337-1531  
Tioga County.....1-800-548-4642

## Legal AID For Broome and Chenango, Inc.

(607) 723-7966 Binghamton

(607) 336-8256 Norwich

## FRIENDS: Weekly Dinner & Social Hour

For persons infected or affected by HIV/AIDS,  
their friends and family members.

Trinity Episcopal Church, for information,  
call Jack at 723-0523 or Bill at 724-0103

## AIDS DRUGS ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (ADAP)

**1-800-542-2437**

If you have questions or concerns about access to AIDS medications, are eligible for the AIDS Drug Assistance Program, and are on a Medicaid spend-down, please call the ADAP program.

## Binghamton Area Rainbow Association (BARA) –

a GLBT information resource & social activities.  
Phone: 607-772-3216 or check out the web site at:  
[www.barabing.org](http://www.barabing.org)

## CDC National AIDS Hotline TTY Service:

**1-800-243-7889**

All calls are free and private. For information regarding HIV, AIDS or Sexually Transmitted Diseases.

The following programs are Ryan White Title II funded services. It is not our intention to exclude other programs that may serve persons with HIV/AIDS. If you would like your program listed in the Newsletter, please call the Network office at 778-3066.

## HIV/AIDS Counseling Program

Outpatient Mental Health Clinic  
Binghamton General Hospital  
Summit Building, 33 Mitchell Ave., Binghamton  
**(607) 762-3254**

## Project Uplift / Mental Health Association

Counseling & Psychiatric Consultation Serving  
Mentally Ill/Chemically Addicted  
164 Court Street, Binghamton  
**(607) 771-8353**

## The S.M.A.R.T. Initiative

Education and consultation on HIV Treatment Issues  
for Health and Human Service Providers  
(607) 798-1706 OR 1- 800-333-0892  
The Southern Tier AIDS Program  
122 Baldwin Street, Johnson City, NY

**Broome County Health Department's HIV/AIDS Training Program  
March – June 2004**

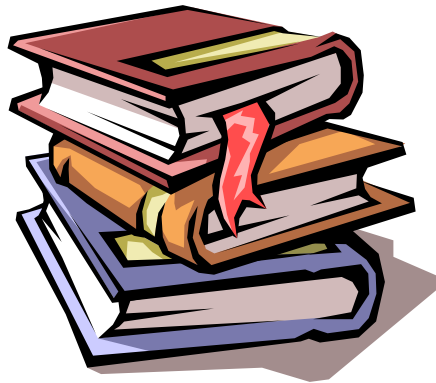
<i>Course Title</i>	<i>Date offered</i>	<i>Time</i>	<i>Location of Training</i>
<i>Basic Information about Domestic Violence</i>	<i>March 23</i>	<i>9 AM – 4:30 PM</i>	<i>Binghamton</i>
<i>Cultural Diversity</i>	<i>March 31</i>	<i>9 AM – 4:30 PM</i>	<i>Binghamton</i>
<i>Overview of HIV Infection and AIDS</i>	<i>April 7</i>	<i>9 AM – 1 PM</i>	<i>Binghamton</i>
<i>The ABC's of Hepatitis &amp; HIV</i>	<i>April 13</i>	<i>9 AM – 1 PM</i>	<i>Binghamton</i>
<i>HIV/AIDS Confidentiality Law</i>	<i>April 20</i>	<i>9 am – 1 PM</i>	<i>Binghamton</i>
<i>HIV Testing Procedures</i>	<i>April 28 &amp; 29</i>	<i>9 AM – 5 Pm</i>	<i>Binghamton</i>
<i>Reducing the Risk and Harm of HIV</i>	<i>May 19 – 21</i>	<i>9 AM – 4:30 PM</i>	<i>Binghamton</i>
<i>Domestic Violence in Lesbian, Gay, Transgendered &amp; Bisexual Communities</i>	<i>May 26</i>	<i>9 AM – 4:30 PM</i>	<i>Binghamton</i>
<i>Tailoring HIV C&amp;T to Unique Needs of Adolescents</i>	<i>June 10</i>	<i>9 AM – 4:30 PM</i>	<i>Binghamton</i>

*Note: All of the above trainings are free!!!!!!!!!!*

*To register, call: Brenda Crone (607) 778-2855*

**Other Educational Offerings available include:**

- 1. NYS Department of Health AIDS Institute.** For information, go to: [www.health.state.ny.us/nysdoh/aids/training.htm](http://www.health.state.ny.us/nysdoh/aids/training.htm)
- 2. Leadership Training Institute (LTI)** – a statewide initiative that provides training, skills building, motivation and education to people living with HIV and AIDS. Training programs include community organizing, planning and decision making, advocacy and policy-making advice. For more information, call 1-866-PWA-Lead or contact the Network at 778-2858 for more information.



**The great aim of education is not knowledge but action.**

**Herbert Spencer, English Philosopher, (1820 - 1903)**