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National HIV Testing Day

June 27th is National HIV Testing Day. National HIV Testing Day is an annual campaign to encourage persons at risk for HIV infection to receive voluntary counseling and testing for HIV. The National Association of People with AIDS (NAPWA) began this annual campaign ten years ago. It is estimated that 280,000 Americans are living with HIV and do not know it. The slogan for the campaign is "It's better to know". Persons are encouraged to have a HIV test and take control of their health.

Rapid HIV Testing is being offered in the three county area. Rapid testing is 99.6% accurate for persons with HIV and 100% accurate for persons who are not infected; requires only a fingerprick to obtain one drop of blood; and results are available in 20 minutes.

Rapid Testing will be available as follows:

1. Thursday, June 24, 2004 from 1 – 4 PM at the Broome County Health Dept. The testing provided is both anonymous and confidential.
2. Friday, June 25, 2004 from 5 – 9 PM at the STAP office in Johnson City. Testing is anonymous.
3. Thursday, June 24, 2004 from 2 – 4 PM at the STAP Office in Johnson City. This is anonymous testing.
4. Monday, June 28, 2004 from 1 – 4 PM at the Broome County Health Dept. Both anonymous and confidential testing is available.

Remember that with anonymous testing, there are no residency requirements and you do not need to give your name. The health care worker providing confidential testing does ask for your name, however the information is kept confidential.

To schedule an appointment for testing at the Broome County Health Dept., call 778-2839. Call STAP at 798-1706 or 1-800-333-0892 for more information regarding HIV testing at their office.

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Imagination is the only limit
to what we can hope to have
in the future.

Charles F. Kettering
(1876 - 1958)

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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Network Bylaws

At the Quarterly Network meeting in March, eight minor changes to the Network's Bylaws were approved by members. Those changes were submitted to the AIDS Institute and approved. Copies of the revised Bylaws will be available at Network meetings. If you are not able to come to a meeting and would like a copy sent to you by mail or email, call the Network at 778-2858.

Consumer Directory

After months of hard work, the Case Management Committee has revised the Network's Consumer Directory. A copy of the Consumer Directory can be found on the Network's website or obtained at Network's meetings. If you would like a copy sent to you, call 778-2858.

CDC Funding Announced for Prevention Programs

[News From Albany, New York AIDS Coalition]
Vol. 9, Issue 19: May 28, 2004

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) announced in May that 142 community-based organizations would receive \$49 million dollars in funding for HIV/AIDS prevention programs. The funding focuses on programs that provide prevention information for persons who are HIV positive with the goal to assist those who are HIV positive to decrease the transmission of HIV. Of the \$49 million dollars in funding, \$23 million dollars is to be used for prevention for persons who are HIV positive, their partners and some people who are at high risk for infection; \$14 million dollars for counseling and testing; and \$12 million dollars for outreach and education.

Of the groups that will be receiving funding, 82% focuses on minorities; 41% of the funding goes to programs focusing on men who have sex with men; and approximately 22% of the organizations receiving funding grants target injection drug users.

Nearly two thirds of the organizations that previously received funding for HIV/AIDS prevention from the CDC will no longer receive funding through the new grants. In New York State, 28 agencies received grants.

None of those agencies receiving CDC grants for prevention programs are in the Binghamton region.

Upcoming Events At a Glance

STAP Client and Family Picnic

Saturday, June 19, 2004 from 11:30 AM to 2 PM
Location: Ross Park Zoo
Free zoo admission and lunch from Phil's
Call STAP at 798-1706 for more information or to register!

Family Fun Day

Saturday, August 14, 2004 from Noon – 8 PM
Sponsored by the Centenary-Chenango United Methodist Church
Location: Cheryl Lindsay Memorial Park, Binghamton

HIV Testing to be available. Health providers will be there to give information and do health screenings. Also, the zoomobile, children's activities, food, snacks, etc. will be provided. For more information, contact Rev. Gary Doupe, at 724-3546.

Save the Dates:

October 25 and 26, 2004

New York and Pennsylvania HIV Conference: Season of Change – The Cycle of Life
Coordinated by the Erie County Medical Center
Website: aidscenterecmc.org
More information will be given when available.

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Friday, November 5, 2004

20th Anniversary of the Southern Tier AIDS Program – to be held at the Binghamton Club.
More information will be given when available.

Upcoming Network Meetings:

Wednesday, June 16, 2004 Time: 9:30 AM – 11 AM

Chenango County Workgroup
Topic: Future plans – educational programs to be offered
Location: Eaton Center, second floor, Norwich NY

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

Quarterly Network Meeting
Topic: The Down Low – an educational discussion by Larry Parham, Becky Green and Tom Garruto from STAP; also "AIDS Watch 2004" – discussion by Tom Garruto who attended the legislative educational event and election of some Chair and Co-Chair positions
Location: Broome County Health Department

Monday, June 21, 2004 Time: 10 AM - Noon

Faith Based Community Health Workgroup
Topic: Larry Parham and Yvonne Newell to discuss the conference by New York AIDS Coalition regarding Faith Based Organizations and their role in AIDS prevention
Location: Broome County Health Department

Tuesday, June 22, 2004 Time: 2:00 PM – 4:00 PM

Community Awareness Committee
Topic: Access to Dental Care – Jessie Sullivan, DSS Speaker
Location: Broome County Health Dept.

Thursday, July 22, 2004 Time: 10 AM - Noon

Case Management Committee
Topic: to be announced
Location: Broome County Health Dept.

Wednesday, August 4, 2004 Time: 11 AM - 12:30 PM

Consumer Advisory Board
Topic: to be announced
Location: Broome County Health Dept.

Thursday, Sept. 9, 2004 Time: 2 PM – 4 PM

Steering Committee Meeting
Topic: to be announced
Location: Broome County Health Department

NOTE: We try not to change dates/times or cancel meetings, but sometimes it happens. Therefore, please call 778-2858 to confirm meeting information.

Take rest; a field that has rested gives a bountiful crop.

Ovid (43 BC - 17 AD)

Have you seen the Network's website lately? There is now a Calendar of Events and Meetings!

Plans are in the works to add a section regarding HIV Testing.

The Links section is to be updated – if your agency would like to be considered for inclusion or you have a suggestion for a link that would be informative and relates to the mission of the Network, please call Sandy at 778-3066.

Check out our website at:
www.gobroomecounty.com/safety/hivindex.php

Committee News

Case Management Committee

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

The Case Management Committee met on March 25, 2004. Tina Barber spoke regarding a new case management program that STAP initiated on April 1, 2004. This new program provides services that are billed to Medicaid and will supplement the case management services previously offered by STAP.

The next Case Management Committee will be held on July 22, 2004.

Community Awareness Committee

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

The Community Awareness Committee met on April 13, 2004. Judi Dzuba spoke regarding the role of STAP within the criminal justice system. Also, a discussion was held regarding the Latino Conference that three Network persons attended and the National African-American Conference that one Network member attended.

The Community Awareness Committee Workgroup met in April and May to plan for the International AIDS Candlelight Memorial in Binghamton. The observance was held on May 17, 2004 at Recreation Park. The workgroup is beginning plans for National HIV Testing Day and for World AIDS Day.

The next Community Awareness Committee will be held on Tuesday, June 22, 2004. Jessie Sullivan from the Broome County DSS will provide an update on access to dental care for persons with Medicaid in Broome County.

Consumer Advisory Board

- Bill, Chair
- Elaine, Co-Chair

The May meeting of the Consumer Advisory Board was held on May 19, 2004 at the Eaton Center in Norwich NY. A new program, NY HATS, was discussed. Attendees viewed the AIDS Quilt Display after the business meeting.

Next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, August 4, 2004.

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.

Network Workgroups

Chenango County Workgroup

The Chenango County Workgroup held an International AIDS Candlelight Memorial on Sunday, May 16, 2004 in Norwich. Leif James, a singer from Ithaca and several of his friends, provided the musical entertainment. This group also hosted eight AIDS Quilts in the Eaton Center from May 18 – 21, 2004. Approximately 375 persons viewed the quilts. Three schools have requested educational speakers regarding HIV/AIDS as a direct result of the quilt viewing. Matt Asma and Megan Blenis were recognized for their time devoted to the World AIDS Day Program, International AIDS Candlelight Memorial and the Quilt Display during the opening ceremony for the Quilt Display.

This group's next meeting is June 16, 2004 at 9:30 AM on the second floor, Eaton Center.

Tioga County Workgroup

Tioga County hosted an International AIDS Candlelight Memorial Observance on Tuesday, May 18, 2004 at the Tree of Remembrance, Marvin Park, Owego. Melissa Collins and Daphne Braden provided music. Four benches were made and placed by the Tree of Remembrance for visitors to sit and reflect on the meaning of the tree. The group is planning to improve the landscape surrounding the tree with future plantings of annuals and perennials.

The next meeting has not been scheduled at this time.

Faith Based Community Health Workgroup

The Faith Based Community Health Workgroup held a health fair on Saturday, May 1, 2004 in Columbus Park. Approximately 200 persons attended – many were young people from the neighborhood. Seven persons were tested for HIV. The next Faith Based Community Health Workgroup meeting is scheduled for Monday, June 21, 2004 from 10 AM to Noon. Lawrence Parham and Yvonne Newell will discuss information they received at a conference that the New York AIDS Coalition held in April that included a workshop on addressing HIV/AIDS with the assistance of the faith communities.

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

What is Operation Frontline?

Share our Strength's Operation Frontline Program, is provided by the Food Bank of the Southern Tier, in collaboration with Cornell Cooperative Extension. The program recruits and educates volunteer chefs, nutritionists and others in the food industry to teach nutrition, healthy cooking and food budgeting. Adults attending the classes are given a bag of groceries to make the meal that was demonstrated in class. One of their programs is called *Eating Well*. *Eating Well* is a cooking, nutrition and food budgeting class for persons living with HIV/AIDS. The *Eating Well* program consists of classes for 6-8 weeks and 8-10 people can register and attend the program. Brit Holmberg, coordinator of the program, reports that the *Eating Well* curriculum has been completely revised. Brit will contact Judi Dzuba at the Southern Tier AIDS Program to schedule this course in our area. The course information will be provided as soon as we receive it.

Mother to Child HIV Transmission Drops 78% in NYS

Gov. Pataki announced a 78% decline in the number of newborns who are infected with HIV in New York State. This result was derived from a study of newborns born between 1997 and 2002. In 1996, NYS passed legislation referred to as "Baby AIDS" law. This law added HIV to newborn screenings and a comprehensive program that included counseling for mothers, encouraging HIV testing of pregnant women and educational activities. In 1997, 10.9% of infants born to HIV infected women were infected with HIV; in 2002, only 2.4% of infants born to HIV infected women were infected with HIV.

http://www.state.ny.us/governor/press/year04/may27_1_04.htm.

Health Fair Held at Columbus Park, Binghamton

On May 1, 2004, approximately 200 persons attended the Network's Faith Based Community Health workgroup's Party in the Park – a community health fair. Providers included area health and human service agencies. Attendees received fresh fruits, yogurt, milk and other healthy snacks donated by area merchants. Samson Band, a Christian band from Endwell, played music. The Beautiful Plains Dancers from Beautiful Plains Baptist Church entertained attendees with their dances. The Broome County Sheriff Explorers were available to do fingerprinting of youth. Rapid HIV testing was offered and seven individuals received rapid HIV testing. Many thanks to all who helped to make this event a success.

2004 International AIDS Candlelight Memorials

For this first time, the Binghamton Tri-County HIV Care Network observed the International AIDS Candlelight Memorial. Observed internationally on the third Sunday of May for 21 years, locally three observances were held on successive nights. Norwich held the first observance on Sunday, May 16, 2004. Leif James, a singer from Ithaca, and several of his friends, sang and played music for the Chenango County observance. Matt Asma, Megan Blenis and Aaron Gould participated in the program.

In Binghamton, area youth read poetry from the AIDS Poetry Project and music was provided by Vestal High School's accapella groups. Elaine Mallison, Betty Pomeroy, Kevin Littlejohn, and Larry Parham were speakers. Rev. Ezra Jackson from the House of Prayer provided prayers for the group. Aaron Gould, Rebekah Fisk and Theresa Layton also sang and played the keyboard. Becky Green from the Southern Tier AIDS Program facilitated the program.

Although the skies were ominous, the Tioga County observance was able to be held outdoors at the Tree of Remembrance. Area youth read poetry, Melissa Collins and Daphne Braden sang and played guitar and harp, Pastor Mark Osborn and Rev. Carrie Schofield-Broadbent provided prayers and inspirational messages. Elaine Mallison and Tina Barber were speakers. Lisa Kocak facilitated the program.

Revised Forms and Recommendations for Prenatal HIV Testing in New York State

The new Informed Consent to Perform HIV Testing (DOH 4288) which allows pregnant women to consent once for two HIV tests during pregnancy is now available on the NYS DOH website. NYS is now recommending HIV testing early in pregnancy and again in the third trimester of pregnancy. This is due to the fact that some women may initially test negative for HIV but then become infected later during her pregnancy. The second testing will allow for the possibility of preventing perinatal transmission. For more information, go to the DOH website: www.health.state.ny.us and click on HIV/AIDS. There will be a link to the new form.

“After Prison: Roadblocks to Reentry”

The Legal Action Center released a report of the first-ever comprehensive study of the legal barriers in all 50 states that parolees must overcome to lead productive lives outside of prison. The goals of the report are to: 1) document state laws and policies that prevent qualified individuals with arrest and conviction records from obtaining employment, drivers’ licenses, voting, adoption, and from obtaining other services; 2) grades states on their laws and policies; and 3) provides a blueprint for reform to assist people with past criminal records to reintegrate successfully. The report is on the web at: www.lac.org/roadblocks.html. If you would like a copy and do not have Internet access, call the Network at 778-2858 for assistance.

“Assessing Missed Opportunities for HIV Testing in Medical Settings”

Liddicoat, Rebecca V., Horton, Nicholas J., Urban, Renata, Maier, Elizabeth, Christiansen, Demian & Samet, Jeffrey H. (2004). Assessing Missed Opportunities for HIV Testing in Medical Settings. *Journal of General Internal Medicine* 19 (4), 349-356. doi: 10.1111/j.1525-497.2004.21251.x

Researchers at Boston University did a 10-year retrospective review of medical charts of clients seen at an HIV clinic. The review included 221 patients and a total of 2,424 patient encounters. They determined that 50% of medical visits had triggers that should have suggested HIV testing, but only 27% of the time did the medical care provider address HIV testing. Men were more likely to be offered testing than women. The authors found that emergency rooms, ob-gyns and other specialty clinics were less likely to recommend HIV testing than urgent care centers, sexually transmitted disease clinics, primary care clinics, and hospitals. The authors of the study noted that medical care providers must become more aware of clinical triggers that suggest increased risk for HIV and recommend HIV testing more frequently.

“Economists Rank AIDS, Hunger as World’s Worst Worries”

[CDC HIV/STD/TB Prevention News Update] June 1, 2004.

Eight economists, including several Nobel Prize winners, concluded a weeklong economic conference by deciding that fighting HIV/AIDS and malaria, eradicating hunger, and promoting free trade are the world’s most pressing problems. The panelists gave HIV/AIDS top ranking as the world’s most pressing problem.

Reuters (05.29.04)::Per Bech Thomsen

“HIV study is chilling to black college campuses”

www.ajc.com/news/content/health/0304/11hivblack.html

A study revealed increasing HIV infection among black college students in North Carolina. The number of male college students in North Carolina with HIV infection rose from six cases in 2000 to 19 in 2001, 29 in 2002 and 30 in 2003. Of the 84 newly infected male college students, 73 were African-Americans. Dr. Lisa Fitzpatrick, director of the CDC’s HIV/AIDS Research Initiative who assisted with the North Carolina research, said that several of the colleges in North Carolina were not happy with the research and the attention the research has received stating that the research stigmatized the colleges. Dr. Fitzpatrick responded by saying that the way to solve the problem is to bring attention to this issue. She also stated that the researchers are concerned that this situation is not unique to North Carolina. An AIDS outreach program director in Atlanta blamed the rise in HIV infections on an abstinence only education that does not give students the information they need to protect them from HIV.

This article was written by David Wahlberg and published in The Atlanta Journal Constitution on March 11, 2004.

Youth Risk Behavior Surveillance-United States 2003

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. Surveillance Summaries, May 21, 2004. MMWR, 2004:53(No. SS-2).

The Center for Disease Control (CDC) released its 2003 Youth Behavior Surveillance Survey on May 21, 2004. The survey was completed by youth in grades 9 – 12 in the United States. Six categories of health are surveyed: unintentional injuries and violence; tobacco use; alcohol and drug use; sexual behaviors that contribute to unintended pregnancy and sexually transmitted disease, including HIV; unhealthy dietary behaviors; and physical activity. A total of 15, 214 youth in 32 states completed the survey. The percentage of youth having sex remains stable from 2001 to 2003 at 46.7%; teen condom use increased with 63% of teens reporting using a condom with their last sexual encounter; and teens reporting more than 4 sexual partners dropped from 19% in 1991 to 14% in 2003. Nationwide 87.9% of students report being taught in school about HIV and AIDS. The full report can be found at: www.cdc.gov/mmwr/pdf/ss/ss5302.pdf.

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
- ❑ **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

Hep C and HIV Coinfection Support Group

Alternate Tuesdays

Call Kevin Littlejohn at STAP for more information
798-1706 or 1-800-333-0892

Anonymous* & Confidential HIV Testing Sites:

- * Broome County Health Dept.....(607) 778-2839
- * Chenango Memorial Hospital(607) 337-4217
- * Planned Parenthood(607) 334-6378
- * Tioga County Health Dept(607) 687-8600
- * Tioga Opportunities(607) 687-5333
- * Southern Tier AIDS Program 1-800-333-0892
- * NYS SIDA (Spanish).....1-800-233-7432

Others in New York State call**1-800-562-9423**

* Anonymous testing is free.

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

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

First Call for Help

Broome County729-9100
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

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
July – December 2004**

<i>Course Title</i>	<i>Date offered</i>	<i>Time</i>	<i>Location of Training</i>
<i>Cultural Diversity</i>	<i>July 14, 2004</i>	<i>9 AM – 4:30 PM</i>	<i>Binghamton</i>
<i>Implementing Rapid Testing</i>	<i>August 18, 2004</i>	<i>9 AM – 1 PM</i>	<i>Binghamton</i>
<i>Overview of HIV and AIDS</i>	<i>Sept. 14, 2004</i>	<i>9 AM – 1 PM</i>	<i>Binghamton</i>
<i>The ABCs of HIV & Hepatitis</i>	<i>Sept. 28, 2004</i>	<i>9 AM – 1 PM</i>	<i>Binghamton</i>
<i>HIV/AIDS Confidentiality Law</i>	<i>Sept. 30, 2004</i>	<i>9 AM – 1 PM</i>	<i>Binghamton</i>
<i>HIV Testing Procedures</i>	<i>Oct. 6 – 7, 2004</i>	<i>9 AM – 5 PM</i>	<i>Binghamton</i>
<i>Basic Information about Domestic Violence</i>	<i>Oct. 19, 2004</i>	<i>9 AM – 4:30 PM</i>	<i>Binghamton</i>
<i>Staged Based Behavioral Counseling</i>	<i>Nov. 3 – 5, 2004</i>	<i>9 AM – 4:30 PM</i>	<i>Binghamton</i>
<i>Overview of TB & the TB/HIV Connection</i>	<i>Nov. 16, 2004</i>	<i>1 PM – 4 PM</i>	<i>Binghamton</i>
<i>HIV/AIDS Treatment Update</i>	<i>Nov. 18, 2004</i>	<i>9 AM – Noon</i>	<i>Johnson City</i>
<i>Tailoring HIV C&T to Adolescents</i>	<i>Nov. 30, 2004</i>	<i>9 AM – 4:30 PM</i>	<i>Binghamton</i>
<i>Domestic Violence in the L,G,B,T Communities</i>	<i>Dec. 2, 2004</i>	<i>9 AM – 4:30 PM</i>	<i>Binghamton</i>
<i>Cultural Diversity</i>	<i>Dec. 7, 2040</i>	<i>9 AM – 4:30 PM</i>	<i>Binghamton</i>
<i>Service Families: From Assessments to Service Plans</i>	<i>Dec. 13-14, 2004</i>	<i>Dec. 13: 9 am-4:30 PM Dec. 14: 9 AM - Noon</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.
- 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.

“Next in importance to freedom and justice is popular education, without which neither freedom nor justice can be permanently maintained.”

**James A. Garfield, July 12, 1880
(1831 - 1881)**

US general & politician; president of Hiram College 1857-1861;
20th president of U.S.A.; assassinated in 1881