

Our Comprehensive Approach

"I remember the fear I had when I first got out of a cab and walked through the doors of AIDS Community Resources back in 2003. I was a real mess. I had just gotten clean, was a methadone program, and enrolled in a supportive living program. My mental health treatment came through ACR, where my Case Manager helped me so much in dealing with the stigma of being HIV-positive, going back to college, and just trying to start over with all these obstacles as well as of the challenge of living without drugs and undergoing treatment for Hepatitis C; a year long process.

Speaking in high schools and up at SU was scary at first. I just spoke from my heart and left nothing out. The mistakes I made, the bad choices and the ultimate consequence was something I used to hide out of shame. Now I just want to tell other young, smart kids (just as I was at one time) what can happen once you decide to take risks. For whatever the reason it is to get intoxicated, to get high, to have one night stands, whether it be to self medicate or just plain ole peer pressure and not wanting to feel left out, it simply is not worth it.

At one time, I was a call girl, coke, then heroin addict - this lasted from 21 yrs of age to just 8 years ago. I was out there for a long time. I had a lot of support here in CNY, but none that helped me more, in so many different ways, and for such a long time, than ACR.

Thank you for helping to save and heal my life. Getting clean is the easy part. Rebuilding a life can be so daunting and overwhelming that it is easy to want to escape this harsh reality that I created in my younger years. I believe if more people got involved with organizations like AIDS Community Resources, they would make a successful recovery."



Karen Hinson
A true ACR
succes story



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Living With HIV?

**AIDS
Community
Resources
Can Help**



Dayne Moyer,
Diagnosed at age 5



Beverly Waters-Daniels,
HIV positive

Case Management

AIDS Community Resources offers a comprehensive array of support services for HIV positive consumers, their families, and their partners. Bilingual services, offered in English and Spanish, are provided at no cost to ACR consumers.

ACR services are offered without discrimination based on age, race, creed, color, gender, sexual orientation, economic status, political affiliation, marital status, mode of transmission, or handicapped status.

The Case Management Team

Case Manager: The Team Leader helps you to stay healthy, remain in stable housing, and to meet your goals for how to live the best life that you can. The Case Manager will help to identify your needs and to refer you to appropriate services; coordinate services that you may receive from other programs as well, and can be your advocate to help you reach your goals.

Case Management Technician: The CMT works closely with your Case Manager to help you meet your goals.

Community Follow up Worker: Can help you attend appointments and assist you with referrals to community programs.

Health Education Risk Reduction: Can help you understand how to stay healthy, to learn more about HIV/AIDS, and to help reduce your risk of infections due to risky behaviors.



**Alissa Jefferson
Viscome**
Director of Support
Services

Housing Opportunities

Lack of stable housing has many negative consequences for the HIV positive person. Housing Opportunitites for Persons with AIDS (HOPWA) provides both long-term and short-term assistance. Many HOPWA clients eventually transition to Section 8 housing, but there is a waiting list of 5 years in Syracuse and 4 years in Utica.



Every person, regardless of age, gender, race/ethnicity, sexual orientation, gender identity or socio-economic circumstance, will have unfettered access to high quality, life-extending care, free from stigma and discrimination.

National HIV/AIDS Strategy

Housing as a base from which to receive care

“The first step to better health is a roof over your head.”

-HOPWA Housing resident, Chicago

For more information:

www.aidscommunityresources.com/content.cfm/Services/HOPWA

www.hud.gov

Contact HOPWA at 315.701.2432

Transportation Assistance

Staying healthy is key to combatting HIV/AIDS, so STAR Transportation provides free transport to doctor and other medical appointments for qualified HIV positive individuals. To qualify, you must have HIV, be ineligible for Medicaid, and unable to get to the doctor on your own.

ACR serves nine counties that stretch from the Central New York region to Canada. STAR Transportation arranges rides across its service territory, free of charge.

Don't let circumstances stop you from getting where you should be. As always, you can count on ACR for the lift you need.

STAR Transportation and ACR

--Created in 1998 with Ryan White Title II Funds

--Serves Cayuga, Herkimer, Jefferson, Lewis, Madison, Oneida, Onondaga, Oswego, and St. Lawrence counties

--Supplied 1,258 rides for 114 clients needing medical transportation in 2007

--Improved access to care for hundreds of ACR clients

