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COALITION

About

AIDS Nova Scotia and The Nova Scotia Persons With AIDS Coalition

Together, these two organizations are working toward providing the community with a full complement of HIV-related services. Their first area of concern, with regards to cooperation, is that of support. Each organization, therefore, offers distinct, yet complimentary, support services to persons infected with and affected by HIV/AIDS.

AIDS Nova Scotia is a community-based non-profit organization which is mandated to directly provide the community with education and support services and to work towards the development of positive, provincial policies on all issues related to AIDS and HIV infection. AIDS N.S. will provide direct support to those individuals who are infected with HIV and their family members, friends, partners and caregivers. The organization consists of a volunteer Board of Directors, four full-time staff members and volunteers. It was formed in 1984 as the Metro Area Committee on AIDS.

The Nova Scotia Persons With AIDS Coalition is a non-profit organization which was established by Persons Living With HIV to provide education to the community and to empower HIV+ individuals to take control of, and become involved in the issues which affect them. In order to fulfil their mandate, the Board of Directors of the Nova Scotia Persons With AIDS Coalition consists of Persons Living With HIV; the organization is further staffed by four full-time employees and a large core of volunteers.

It has secured short term funding for the **Black Outreach Project** which offers culturally sensitive information, education and support services on HIV/AIDS to the black communities in Nova Scotia.

Support Services

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- provision of food supplements, such as ensure and boost;
- nutrition counselling/workshops for those individuals who wish to gain more information about healthy dietary choices;
- financial counselling, especially with regards to accessing funding through U.I.C., Canada Pension, Provincial / Municipal Social Assistance, AIDS Nova Scotia Emergency / Discretionary Fund;
- provision for Counsellors through referrals to various lawyers, knowledgeable HIV/AIDS doctors, psychiatrists, social workers, etc.;
- peer counselling is available through individuals who have been diagnosed with HIV and have had experience dealing with the many issues involved in living with HIV/AIDS (available by phone or one-to-one);
- advocacy services for and with institutions, groups and individuals;
- treatment information counselling re: treatment options, complimentary therapies, etc.



Support Services

AIDS Nova Scotia

- facilitated, weekly support group for Persons Living With HIV (PLWHIV);
- facilitated, bi-monthly support group for persons affected by HIV (family members, partners, friends, caregivers, etc.)
- on-going, individual counselling through the Coordinator of Support Services or through a referral to other health professional, agencies, etc.;
- consultation services available to other agencies, health professionals, etc. with regards to the HIV counselling issues, principles and guidelines;
- advocacy services, i.e., assistance in accessing available community resources;
- a short-term Emergency / Discretionary Fund is available to all PLWHIV to assist with housing, food, transportation and related medical needs;
- television service for PLWHIV during their stay at the Victoria General Hospital;
- toll-free, confidential telephone information service.

In addition to the services listed above, the Nova Scotia Persons With AIDS Coalition and AIDS Nova Scotia join together with the Church Members Assembled to Respond to AIDS (C.A.R.A.S.) to assist with the funding of Morton House and the planning of the Candlelight Vigil, held yearly to remember those who are living with HIV and those who have died.

Education Services

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The NSPWAC provides education about living with HIV/AIDS by persons living with HIV/AIDS to the public, private institutions, groups and individuals, etc.

Through its' efforts the "Coalition" encourages the prevention of opportunistic infections associated with HIV and of the transmission of HIV itself. It also specializes in treatment information.

AIDS Nova Scotia provides education on HIV infection and its' prevention through their Speakers Bureau's presentations and workshops. Special education officers respond to Men Who Have Sex With Men issues.

The organizations' Workplace Education Programme assists all places of work in implementing HIV/AIDS policies and development of workplace educational programmes such as Women and AIDS, AIDS 101, AIDS and the Workplace, etc.

The Inform-AIDS toll-free information line provides confidential information and referrals from all parts of Nova Scotia. Call Tuesday through Friday from 5:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m. (1-425-AIDS)

Both organizations maintain a resource library contains books, articles and videos pertaining to HIV/AIDS related issues that may be borrowed for limited periods of time.

Financial/Administrative Data

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Funding is provided by grants through the Federal Health and Welfare Department, the Provincial Department of Health and by corporate and private financial contributions.

The organizations combined annual operating budgets total \$450,867.00. Expenditures are administered as follows:

- 45 % Education
- 45 % Support
- 10 % Administration

This years fund raising goal is \$ 80,000.00
Donations in excess of \$10.00 are tax deductible.

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Both organizations are members of the Canadian AIDS Society and the Atlantic AIDS Network.

