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# **AIDS Nova Scotia**

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Inform-AIDS Province Wide Toll Free

**1-425-AIDS**

5:00 pm - 8:00 pm Tuesday to Friday

AIDS Nova Scotia  
is a member  
of the  
Canadian AIDS Society  
and the  
Atlantic AIDS Network

## SUPPORT SERVICES

AIDS Nova Scotia's Coordinator of Support Services facilitates a support group for Persons Living With HIV. In addition, bi-monthly support groups for persons affected by HIV (family members, partners, friends, caregivers, etc.) are available.

The organization provides on-going, individual counselling through the Coordinator of Support Services or through a referral to other health professionals and agencies.

Consultation services are also available to other agencies and health professionals in the province with regard to HIV counselling issues, principles and guidelines.

Advocacy services such as assistance in accessing available community resources are available through the AIDS Nova Scotia office.

A short-term Emergency/Discretionary Fund is available to all PLWHIV/AIDS to assist with emergency housing, food, transportation and related medical needs. Television service to PLWHIV/AIDS during their stay at the Victoria General Hospital is also available through the fund.

AIDS Nova Scotia operates a toll-free, anonymous, confidential telephone information service called Inform-AIDS, which can provide individuals with information and referrals from all parts of Nova Scotia. Call Tuesday through Friday from 5:00 pm until 8:00 pm (902 425-AIDS)



## EDUCATION SERVICES

AIDS Nova Scotia provides education on HIV infection and its prevention through its Speaker's Bureau presentations and workshops.

The organization's Workplace Education Program assists all Nova Scotia businesses in implementing HIV / AIDS policies and in the development of workplace educational programs.

The Resource Library contains reference books, research articles, posters, information pamphlets and videos pertaining to HIV / AIDS-related issues that may be borrowed by the public.

AIDS Nova Scotia has also developed special initiatives such as a "Women & AIDS Project" and a "Men Who Have Sex With Men" project.

Providing training for educators and volunteers through workshops and conferences is a priority of AIDS Nova Scotia. Volunteer orientation, information requests, in-house print resource development and regular newsletters and updates, cover just a few of the many services provided by Education Services at AIDS Nova Scotia. Workshops emphasize safer sex and issues centred around living in the "Age of AIDS". The organization serves as a consultant for curricula development, has access to provincial services, and in conjunction with the Departments of Health and Education is involved in innovative educational strategies for youth, (i.e. interactive theatre).

## About AIDS Nova Scotia

AIDS Nova Scotia is a community-based nonprofit organization which provides the province with direct education and support services and works toward the development of positive, provincial policies on all issues related to AIDS and HIV infection. The organization was formed in 1984 as the Metro Area Committed on AIDS (MACAIDS), and is committed to reducing the spread of HIV/AIDS in Nova Scotia and improving the quality of life for persons with HIV infection.

AIDS Nova Scotia provides direct support to those individuals who are infected with HIV and to their family members, friends, partners and caregivers. The organization consists of a volunteer Board of Directors, 4 full-time staff members and over forty dedicated volunteers.

Funding for AIDS Nova Scotia is provided through grants from the Federal Department of Health and Welfare, the Provincial Department of Health and corporate as well as individual contributions. The organization's annual operating budget is approximately \$234,124. Expenditures are administered as follows:

- 48% Education
- 42% Support
- 10% Administration

In order to maintain and eventually expand our services we must meet this year's fundraising goal set at \$46,350.

All donations in excess of \$10.00 are income tax deductible, Registered Charitable Organization number 0749028-11-03.