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LET'S TALK ABOUT IT WORLD AIDS DAY IS COMING DECEMBER 1, 2022

Observed each year on December 1st. This is an opportunity for people worldwide to unite in the fight against HIV by showing support for people living with HIV/AIDS, and remembering those who have died from an HIV-related illness. World AIDS Day started in 1988 and was the first-ever global health day.



World AIDS Day

Let's Get Involved

The CDC has kicked off this year's campaign #MyVoiceMyAction. It is an initiative highlighting that every voice and every action impacts the global effort to stop the HIV epidemic. Get involved by making your voice heard by sharing the stories of others using the #MyVoiceMyAction when you make a post on social media. CCFBA will raise awareness of HIV and provide information on stigma, testing, prevention, and treatment through this newsletter, our website and by word of mouth.

IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER

October 3rd-7th: Mental Illness Awareness Week

October 10th: World Mental Health Day

October 15th: National Latinx AIDS Awareness Day

December 1st: National World AIDS Day

From the Desk of the Executive Director



What is Transitional Housing???

The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) defines transitional housing as “a project that has its purpose facilitating the movement of homeless individuals and families to permanent housing within a reasonable amount of time.”

CONTINUING OUR SERVICES DURING THESE DRASTIC TIMES...

As the COVID-19 pandemic continues and now we have to place our main concern on the Monkey Pox epidemic, we are having to change our approach to meet the needs of our clients. They fall into the category of people with “**underlying conditions**” and that means that we must take more than normal precautions as they are more careful about their health. Overall, it is our responsibility to service people with HIV /AIDS and to let them know that they aren’t more likely to contract COVID-19 than others. As stated by the World Health Organization, it is unknown whether those with HIV face a greater risk of infection or more serious complications. We continue to adhere to the mandated guidelines given by our local, state and federal government to keep our Residents safe under these circumstances.

As an organization we must be a contributor and catalyst that focuses on human services and social issues that provide a better quality of life for the residents of our community. Our Home Again Residence facility is vital to the City of New Orleans, in that we service and care for those who are dealing with substance abuse, HIV/AIDS virus, mental and physical challenges.

Each year we face budget cuts that drastically diminish our ability to offer prime care and services to our clients. That is why it is vital that we reach out to the Business Community. As we move forward in our planning and projections for the 2023 year, we are focused on funding projects that will positively impact our organization and bring in the necessary funding needed to sustain us for the future. Look forward to new implementations and programs that will benefit our clients as well as the community we serve. To donate to our organization, visit our website at www.ccfbanola.org. Your donation will help so many persons in need.

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MONKEY POX “Questions and Answers”

Question:

What are the signs and symptoms of monkeypox?

Answer:

Human monkeypox often begins with a combination of the following symptoms: fever, headache, chills, exhaustion, asthenia, lymph node swelling, back pain and muscle aches. A rash commonly develops one to three days after the onset of fever, first appearing on the face and spreading to other parts of the body, including hands and feet.

Question:

Is there a vaccine for Monkey Pox?

Answer:

Varma says people are receiving one of two available vaccines for smallpox, which have been shown to be effective against monkeypox:

- ACAM2000, the original smallpox vaccine
- JYNNEOS, a newer vaccine

The vaccine is estimated to be around 85% effective at monkeypox prevention, but the research is currently limited.

Question:

How long is a person with Monkey Pox contagious?

Answer:

When a blister has turned into a scab and the scab has fallen off, and new skin is covering where the blister and scab once was. People are receiving one of two available vaccines for smallpox, which have been shown to be effective against monkeypox:

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Source: Providence Cedars-Sinai Tarzana Medical Center.

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OUR CORE MISSION AND VALUES

Concerned Citizens For A Better Algiers, Inc.'s (CCFBA) primary focus is to take the lead in transforming the dreams of our community into reality. Since 1986 we have delivered services to low and moderate-income residents.

Compassion and an empowering approach are paramount in delivering these services.

As an organization we must be a contributor and catalyst that focuses on human services and social issues that provide a better quality of life for the residents of our community.

As a viable member of the community, Concerned Citizens For A Better Algiers, Inc. is a non-profit that operates multiple programs. These programs are designed to have a positive impact on the lives of the participants. Whether it is assisting a family in becoming first time home owners or providing housing and support for special needs persons, we develop the resources and infrastructure to complete the job.

Mission

To deliver services to the low- and middle-income Algiers residents of all ages that will enhance their self-sufficiency and empower them to become productive citizens. The current goal of CCFBA is to provide the path for homeless HIV/AIDS-infected individuals to move to permanent housing and life as a productive citizen while experiencing positive health outcomes and reduced viral loads.

To achieve this mission and goal, CCFBA strategies are to:

Provide immediate access to permanent housing for homeless persons with special needs and their families

Provide supportive services needed to maximize client success in maintaining stable housing Provide education and training needed to achieve economic and family stability.

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