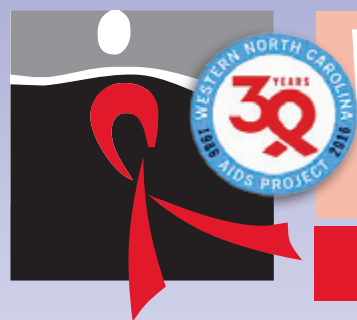




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Western North Carolina AIDS Project

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WNCAP WELCOMES OUR NEWEST STAFF MEMBERS



Norma Acero has joined our staff as a bilingual HIV Medical Case Manager. Norma worked in Colorado and North Carolina for 10 years helping immigrant families from all around the world transition smoothly

into their new communities and get access to care and services they need, as well as assisting with their English language learning process. Throughout the years, she has taken on the mission of building a cultural bridge for immigrant families in the U.S. by coordinating and implementing community projects through the school system which have become an important component of their journey in their new homes.

Acero is looking forward to her new role at WNCAP. It will include assisting people living with HIV/AIDS in accessing the resources needed to stay engaged in care and healthy. Her previous experience, and her commitment and passion for what she does, will allow her to provide her clients with the necessary support and connect them to services to stay in care and healthy. She is deeply honored to have the opportunity to be an advocate for our clients. WNCAP is excited to have another bilingual Medical Case Manager on our staff and is looking forward to offering our services to more Spanish-speaking clients to address their needs in the best possible way.

Iosvany Gispert - Medical Case Manager

Iosvany Gispert comes to WNCAP with years of experience in public health including work in primary care, mental health & substance abuse, developmental disabilities and HIV/AIDS care and prevention. Iosvany is looking forward to working with individuals and families living with HIV/AIDS to help them achieve their goals. He hopes to see more Spanish-speaking people living with HIV/AIDS reach out to WNCAP for services. He believes all human beings are made equally and says: "Regardless of age, gender, skin color, religious beliefs, national origin, sexual preferences or economic situation, we all should be treated with dignity and respect. En WNCAP hablamos español y nos encantaría servir a la comunidad latina."



START THE NEW YEAR OFF By Knowing Your Status



WNCAP offers both HIV and Hepatitis tests for FREE with results in 20 minutes. Call for an appointment.

PSA: "Please dispose of used syringes and needles correctly by securing them in an empty laundry detergent, or similar container. Then take the container to the

Buncombe County Transfer Station at 190 Hominy Creek Road, to be disposed of for free, or contact your county waste disposal service provider for other options. No needles in our parks, or on our streets and playgrounds...PLEASE."

Peace,
Michael Harney



After The Election: Moving Forward

In WNCAP's 30 year history, we have seen five transitions of power from one administration to the next. What we've learned from our own personal history, and from that of our friends and allies in the struggle of HIV/AIDS activism, is that no matter the POTUS, we have always advocated for the rights of our most marginalized community members. And we will continue to do so, no matter what, until we end AIDS. We will continue our vigilance in this struggle as we promote healthcare and social issues for our immediate and intersectional circles, and we support and celebrate our partners who do the same, not only locally to Western North Carolina, but nationally and across the world.

AFRICAN AMERICANS AT HIGHER RISK FOR HIV ARE THOSE:

- Who are unaware of their partner's risk factors.
- With other STDs (which affect more blacks than any other racial or ethnic group).
- Who live in poverty (which is about one quarter [25%] of all blacks).



KNOWLEDGE IS POWER

FREE RAPID HIV TESTING at WNCAP



STEP 1

Call WNCAP, 828-252-7489, to make an appointment at our Asheville or Cleveland County office. WNCAP is open Monday through Friday 9:00 am until 5:00 pm.



STEP 2

Arrive at WNCAP at your appointment time to meet with our HIV test counselors. The testing process will take around 30 minutes and will include paperwork, the rapid HIV test, and receiving your test result. All tests are free and confidential.



STEP 3

Take the test. Rapid HIV tests look for antibodies to HIV using a sample of your blood, drawn from a finger stick, or fluids collected by an oral swab of the gums.



STEP 4

Learning your HIV status. There are three possible results: preliminary negative, preliminary positive, and inconclusive. If your test is negative it is important to consider additional prevention strategies such as using condoms to remain HIV negative. A preliminary positive result should always be followed by a confirmatory test. If the confirmatory test is positive it is important to get connected with care and treatment sooner rather than later. With an invalid result, a second test should be administered and controls should be run.



THE ONLY WAY TO KNOW IF YOU HAVE HIV IS TO GET TESTED



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