



Member Resource Packet

This Shepherd Wellness Community Member Resource Packet includes HIV/AIDS area resource information as of the date at the bottom of each page. This is not meant to be all inclusive; Shepherd Wellness Community does not endorse any services. Please check with your primary physician or case manager for further up-to-date available resources.

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HIV/AIDS Services Directory

NATIONAL HIV/AIDS HOTLINES	
AIDS Clinical Trials Information Service.....	1-800-TRIALS-A
CDC Hearing Impaired AIDS Hotline.....	1-800-243-7889
CDC Labor Responds to AIDS Resource Service.....	1-800-458-5231
CDC National AIDS Clearinghouse.....	1-800-458-5231
CDC National AIDS Hotline.....	1-800-342-AIDS
CDC National AIDS Hotline (Classroom Calls).....	1-800-342-AIDS
CDC National Prevention Information Network.....	1-800-458-5231
CDC Spanish AIDS Hotline.....	1-800-344-SIDA
HIV/AIDS Treatment Information Service.....	1-800-HIV-0440
National Indian AIDS Line.....	1-800-283-2437
Project Inform (HIV Treatment Hotline).....	1-800-822-7422
The Teen AIDS Hotline.....	1-800-440-TEEN
TEENS TAP (Teens Teaching AIDS Prevention).....	1-800-234-TEEN

SUBSTANCE ABUSE / STD HOTLINES	
CDC National STD (Sexually Transmitted Disease) Hotline.....	1-800-227-8922
Center for Substance Abuse Prevention (CSAP).....	1-800-729-6686
Hepatitis Information.....	1-800-223-0179
National Cocaine Hotline, (Chemical Dependency).....	1-800-COCAINE
National Drug & Alcohol Treatment Routing Service.....	1-800-662-HELP
National Herpes Hotline.....	1-919-361-8488
Recorded Information on Herpes.....	1-800-653-4325

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CRISIS / CHILDREN'S HOTLINES	
Children of the Night (help for people of all ages).....	1-800-551-1300
Crisis Intervention Center.....	1-800-999-9999
NAPARE Alcohol, Drug & Pregnancy Hotline.....	1-800-638-BABY
National Child Abuse Hotline.....	1-800-422-4453
National Pediatric HIV Resource Center, (NPHRC).....	1-800-362-0071
National Runaway Switchboard, (adolescent crisis line).....	1-800-621-4000
Rape Abuse and Incest National Network, (RAINN).....	1-800-656-HOPE

RECORDED INFORMATION FROM THE CDC	
AIDS Statistical Information Line.....	1-888-332-4570
Fax Information Service Line.....	1-888-332-4565
General Information Including Information on HIV / AIDS.....	1-888-332-4555

HOTLINES SPECIFIC TO YOUNG PEOPLE	
Boystown National Hotline	1-800-448-3000
Covenant Hse Nineline/Crisis Intervention Cntr.	1-800-999-9999
HIPS Hotline (for adolescent prostitutes)	1-800-676-4477
National Gay & Lesbian Youth Hotline	1-800-676-TEEN
National Pediatric HIV Resource Cntr (NPHRC)	1-800-362-0071
National Runaway Switchboard (adolescent crisis line)	1-800-621-4000
TEENS TAP (Teens Teaching AIDS Prevention)	1-800-234-TEEN
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CRISIS HOTLINES – United Way and Community Action Hotlines	
Allegheny County United Way Helpline	412-255-1155
Armstrong County Community Action Agency	800-468-7771
Beaver County Voluntary Action Center	724-728-3900
Butler County United Way	724-287-3126
Fayette County Community Action Agency	724-437-8888
Greene County Find Out	800-433-1943
Indiana County Community Action	724-465-2657
Information Referral and Crisis Help Line of the United Way	800-233-4357
Washington County Help Line/Find Out	800-237-1555
Westmoreland County Information and Referral Helpline	800-222-8848

Service / Organization	Purpose/Need	Phone
PENNSYLVANIA		
Consumer Advisory Board of South Western Pennsylvania AIDS Planning Coalition (SWPAPC)	Provides consumers with a voice in developing AIDS policies in South Western Pennsylvania.	412-242-2441
Fayette County AIDS Task Force Uniontown, PA 15401	HIV/AIDS Services	724-439-5515
Greene County AIDS Task Force Greene County Memorial Hospital Waynesburg, PA 15370	HIV/AIDS Services	724-627-3101
Indiana County HIV Network 1200 Oakland Avenue Indiana, PA 15701	HIV/AIDS Information	724-463-2277
Mon Valley AIDS Task Force P.O. Box 416 Monessen, PA 15062	HIV/AIDS Services	724-258-1270
PA State Hotline	HIV/AIDS Information	800-662-6080
Social Security Administration	State Assistance	800-772-1213

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Washington County AIDS Task Force Washington Hospital Washington, PA 15301	HIV/AIDS Services	724-223-3291
Westmoreland AIDS Service Organization 120 Harrison Avenue Greensburg, PA 15601	HIV/AIDS Services	724-832-5312
PENNSYLVANIA – Allegheny County (Pittsburgh Area)		
Allegheny County Health Department 3333 Forbes Ave. Pittsburgh, PA	HIV/AIDS Info & Testing	412-687-2243
Alma Illery Medical Center (call for locations)	Primary Care Practice	412-244-4700
Anderson Medical Group 6325 Penn Avenue, 2 nd Floor Pittsburgh, PA 15206	Primary Care Practice	412-661-1763
Aspinwall Family Chiropractic 101 Emerson Ave. Aspinwall, PA 15215	Chiropractic Care (Fee-based) Dr. John Tramontina	412-784-1828
Center for Victims of Violent Crimes 1520 Penn Avenue Pittsburgh, PA 15222	Abuse Services	412-392-8582 or 412-350-1975
Children & Families HIV Network	HIV/AIDS Family Services	412-692-6073
Good Grief Center for Bereavement Support 510 Tenth Avenue Munhall, PA 15120	A resource center and safe place where all who have experienced the pain of death may come to work through loss and learn to manage grief.	412-461-1776 or 800-923-9360
East Liberty Family Health 6023 Harvard Street Pittsburgh, PA 15206	Primary Care Practice	412-661-2802
Jews with AIDS in the Family 5743 Bartlett Street Pittsburgh, PA 15217	Support groups for persons living with HIV/AIDS, families and significant others.	412-422-7200
Key Stone Reiki	Reiki Therapy Ms. Nancy Murray	412-243-9145

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MCC Food Bank 4836 Ellsworth Avenue Pittsburgh, PA 15233	Area Food Bank (Pastor Roberta Dunn)	412-624-1895
Metro Family Practice, Inc. 901 West Street Pittsburgh, PA 15221	Primary Care Practice	412-247-2310
Narcotics Anonymous	Substance Abuse Support	412-391-5247
PA AIDS Mid-Atlantic Education & Training University of Pittsburgh, G15 Parran Hall 130 DeSoto Pittsburgh, PA 15261	HIV/AIDS Education	412-441-9786
Persad Center 5150 Penn Avenue Pittsburgh, PA 15224	HIV/AIDS and Alternative Mental Health	412-441-9786
Pitt Men's Study P.O. Box 7319 Pittsburgh, PA 15213	HIV/AIDS Clinical Study HIV Prevention, Education, Testing (Longest HIV study group)	412-624-2008 or 800-987-1963 www.stophiv.com/pms
Pitt Treatment Evaluation Unit (PTEU) 200 Lothrop Street, 7 th Floor (Oakland) P.O. Box 7256 Pittsburgh, PA 15213	HIV/AIDS Clinical Trials (with PACT Offices)	412-647-8125
Pittsburgh AIDS Center for Treatment (PACT) 200 Lothrop Street, 7 th Floor (Oakland) Pittsburgh, PA 15213	HIV/AIDS Clinical Office Physicians, Case Mgmt, Mental Health, Welfare, etc. Falk Pharmacy-2601 Fifth Ave.	412-647-7228 or 877-788-7228
Pittsburgh AIDS Task Force 905 West Street, 4 th Floor Pittsburgh, PA 15221	HIV/AIDS Case Management, Food Bank, Education, Legal Issues, Resources, etc.	412-242-2500
Positive Health Clinic West Penn Allegheny Health System 2 nd Floor, Allegheny General Hospital 320 East North Avenue (North Side) Pittsburgh, PA 15212	HIV/AIDS Clinical Office Physicians Primary Care, Specialists and Case Management	412-359-4973
Prevention Point Pittsburgh	Substance Abuse Counseling	412-491-0916

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The Seven Project, Inc. 439 Fourth Ave., Suite 1802 Pittsburgh, PA 15219	HIV/AIDS Prevention (African-American focus)	412-325-1350
Shepherd Wellness Community 4800 Sciota Street (Bloomfield) Pittsburgh, PA 15224	HIV/AIDS Social Support: in the service of those affected by AIDS (confidential)	412-683-4477
Special Care Suite 1-BF, 138 Freeport Rd. Pittsburgh, PA 15238	Supportive Personal Care (Fee-based)	412-967-1112 or 724-339-1117 www.home-care.net
VA Medical Center Pittsburgh, PA	Veterans Medical Services	412-688-6000
PENNSYLVANIA – Beaver County		
Beaver County AIDS Service Organization	Committed to the well being, service, caring and preservation of dignity to those living with HIV/AIDS	724-378-3030 or 888-547-3708 www.bcaso.org
PENNSYLVANIA – Butler and Armstrong Counties		
Armstrong County Department of Health	HIV/AIDS Info & Testing	724-543-2700
Butler-Armstrong AIDS Alliance	AIDS Support and Information	724-283-3636 or 800-531-1793
Butler County Department of Health Community Health Network	HIV/AIDS Info & Testing	724-283-0322 or 888-264-2212
OHIO (Cleveland, Akron/Canton, Youngstown)		
OHIO State Hotline	HIV/AIDS Information TTY/TTD	800-332-2437 800-332-3889
Akron Health Department 177 S. Broadway Akron, OH		330-375-2510
Community AIDS Network 667 N. Main St. Akron, OH		330-375-2000

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Canton Health Department 420 N. Market St. Canton, OH		330-489-3243
St. Hope – Start County Housing for PWA		330-452-9812 or 330-455-6166
NAMES Project of Upper Ohio Valley AIDS Take Force	HIV/AIDS for Upper Ohio	304-242-9443
The Living Room HIV Program Cleveland, OH	Hotline Support 12 – 10 pm Mon- Fri 7 – 9 pm Sunday	216-651-5428
AIDS Taskforce of Greater Cleveland 2728 Euclid Ave. Cleveland, OH		216-621-6466
Mahoning County AIDS Taskforce Box 1143 Youngstown, OH		330-742-8811
Trumbull County AIDS Taskforce Box 1638 Warren, OH		330-399-2437
WEST VIRGINIA – Wheeling		
WEST VIRGINIA State Hotline	HIV/AIDS Information	800-642-8244
HIV Care Consortium P.O. Box 6360 Wheeling, WV 26003	HIV/AIDS for Wheeling Community	

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The following information is provided as possible resources to meet life's challenges.

Assistance	Resource	Phone
Car Expenses	Medical Assistance Transportation Program (MATP)	412-350-4484
Clothing	Goodwill Industries	412-481-9005
	KDKA Project Bundle-Up	412-333-9370
	St. Vincent de Paul	412-441-7121
	Salvation Army	412-481-7900
Food / Supplements	MCC Food Bank	412-683-2994
	Northside Food Pantry	412-321-1606
	Pittsburgh AIDS Task Force (PATF)	412-242-2500
Health Insurance & Prescription Drugs	PACT (State Assistance)	412-647-7228
	Pittsburgh AIDS Task Force (PATF)	412-242-2500
	Special Pharmaceutical Benefits Program (SPBP – Ryan White)	800-922-9384
Quality of Life	PAWS Program (Pets Are Wonderful Support)	412-566-2103
	Shepherd Wellness Community (Trips, Recreational Outings, Cultural Events)	412-683-4477
Rent / Security Deposit (Assistance can be given only one month a year, unless there are extenuating circumstances)	Allegheny County Welfare	412-565-2146
	Pittsburgh AIDS Task Force (PATF)	412-242-2500
	Senior Care Management Program	412-362-2193
	Subsidized Housing	412-456-5000 or 412-765-0548
	Urban League	412-361-1008
Transportation	Access (disabled)	412-562-5353
	Checker Cab	412-664-5600
	Port Authority of Allegheny County (Bus)	412-442-2000
	Yellow Cab	412-321-8100

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Assistance	Resource	Phone
Utilities (Gas, Electric, Phone)	Dollar Energy Fund	412-350-5869
	Lifeline Service (phone)	800-640-4155
	LIHEAP I & II	412-562-0330 or 412-244-4700
	Pittsburgh AIDS Task Force	412-242-2500
	S.C.M. Program	412-362-2193
	Subsidized Housing	412-456-5000 or 412-765-0548

WHERE TO GO FOR A HOT MEAL		
Location	Times	Phone
East End Cooperative Ministries 250 North Highland Avenue Pittsburgh, PA 15206	Lunch 10:00 am – 12:30 pm Monday – Friday	412-362-6854
The Intersection 115 Seventh Avenue McKeesport, PA 15132	Lunch 11:00 am – 12:00 pm Tuesday – Thursday Dinner on holidays only.	
Jubilee Association 2005 Wyandotte Street Pittsburgh, PA 15219	Lunch 11:00 am – 1:00 pm Monday – Sunday	412-261-5417
Light of Life Ministries 10-112 East North Avenue Pittsburgh, PA 15212	Dinner 5:00 pm – 6:00 pm Monday – Saturday	412-321-4716
Rainbow Kitchen 114 East 8 th Avenue Homestead, PA 15120	Breakfast 9:30 am – 10:30 pm Monday – Sunday	412-464-1892
St. Mary of Mercy Church-Red Door 202 Stanwix Street Pittsburgh, PA 15221	Lunch bag 10:30 am – 11:30 am Daily	412-261-0110
Shepherd Wellness Community 4800 Sciota Street Pittsburgh, PA 15224	1 st & 3 rd Fridays, 7:30 pm (1 st UMC) 2 nd & 4 th Fridays, 7:30 pm (SWC Center) Wednesdays, Thursdays, 5:15pm (SWC Center)	412-683-4477

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EMERGENCY SHELTER SITES		
Location	Population	Phone
Bethlehem Haven 905 Watson Street Pittsburgh, PA 15219	Women 7:30 pm – 8:30 am	412-391-1348
Light of Life Rescue Mission 100 East North Avenue Pittsburgh, PA 15212	Men 5:30 pm – 8:00 am	412-258-6100
Pleasant Valley Shelter 1601 Brighton Road Pittsburgh, PA 15212	Men	412-321-4272
Salvation Army 424 Third Avenue Pittsburgh, PA 15219	Women and Children 24 hours	412-394-4817
Woman Space East P.O. Box 3826 Pittsburgh, PA 15230	Women	412-765-2661
Womansplace, Inc. P.O. Box 216 McKeesport, PA 15134	Women	412-678-4616
Women's Center and Shelter 616 North Highland Avenue Pittsburgh, PA 15206	Women and Children 24 hours	412-687-8005
Wood Street Commons 301 Third Avenue Pittsburgh, PA 15222	Over 16 yrs. 24 hours	412-765-2532
YMCA (call for locations)	Men	412-621-1762

The following section outlines services provided by specific organizations.

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Pittsburgh AIDS Task Force

905 West Street, 4th Floor
Pittsburgh, PA 15221
412-242-2500

The Client Services Program offers many services (all are free) to individuals living with HIV-infection. A written list is provided to a case manager and to anyone who requests it. Since it is easy to lose a pamphlet or to forget all that we offer, below is the list. In some cases, eligibility is based on financial need or health status.

- Buddy Program, including MedPals
- Case Management
- Emergency Funds*
- Food Pantry
- Legal help
- Nutritional Supplements and multi-vitamins
- Pet care
- Publications and self-help manuals
- Support groups
- Therapeutic massage
- Transportation assistance (e.g., bus passes)

* About Emergency Funds

PATF has an Emergency Fund that can help clients in emergency situations when no other help is available. Because funding is limited, there are restrictions on how Emergency Funds (EFs) can be used.

What can PATF Emergency Funds pay for? EFs can pay for a number of urgent needs such as:

- Rent or security deposit
- Utility bills
- Food
- Nutritional supplements
- A limited supply of medication
- Other needs on a case-by-case basis, if funding is available

Who can get Emergency Funds? You are eligible to apply if you are in one of these groups:

1. Disabled due to an HIV-related condition
2. HIV-positive and disabled due to mental health
3. HIV-positive and pregnant or single parent living with a minor child
4. HIV-positive and homeless or in danger of becoming homeless

A doctor will need to provide proof of your medical conditions. If you get Social Security benefits, sometimes the Social Security Administration can provide proof from medical records that were collected when you applied.

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How can I apply? You can apply with the help of a case manager from PATF or another agency, if you have one. Otherwise, the Intake Coordinator will assist you. You will be asked to provide information about your emergency, including how it happened. If it is for a regular expense like rent or utilities, you will be asked to show how you can handle the expense in the future.

EFs are always last-resort, meaning that you must first look into other possible sources of help and be turned down.

What do I have to do to apply? You will be asked to show proof of your income and expenses, including:

1. Copy of your pay stubs, Social Security printout, Welfare printout or whatever your source of income is
2. Copy of your lease or mortgage
3. Copies of your phone and utility bills as well as other expenses
4. Receipts for your payments; copies of money orders or cancelled checks
5. Verification of the need, such as a shut-off or eviction notice

Who decides if I get help? A committee meets weekly to review requests. Applicants are informed of the decision on that day. If approved, a check is usually sent out within three business days. If not approved, a client may appeal the decision to the Case Management Supervisor and the Executive Director. It is also possible to file a written Grievance or complaint.

Pittsburgh Healing Weekend

In May, a weekend retreat of education, sharing and support is scheduled for individuals with HIV, their partners and caregivers. It is usually held at a rural retreat center some 45 minutes from Pittsburgh. Limited scholarship assistance is available to HIV-positive persons, based on financial need. The weekend is organized and sponsored by the Persad Center and supported by a number of other ASOs (AIDS Services Organizations) such as the Shepherd Wellness Community and PATF.

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Pittsburgh, PA 15224
412-683-4477

Email: shepherdwellness@aol.com

Web: www.swconline.org

Did you know that the Shepherd Wellness Community is the only AIDS Community Center in Western Pennsylvania?

The services of the Shepherd Wellness Community are unique – provided by no other agency in our area but endorsed by all AIDS service organizations. Our services include:

- Over 5,000 SWC meals served each year
- Transportation for medical appointments and supportive services
- Support groups for those with HIV/AIDS and their loved ones
- Special programs for women and children
- HIV treatment education, wellness and nutrition speakers
- Social events and outings to combat isolation and loneliness
- *Words of Wellness* newsletter to 2,400 homes
- Parents support network, hospital visits
- Spiritual life programs
- Advocacy assistance to help HIV positive people access services
- Art for Life therapy groups, individual counseling
- Alternative and holistic therapies (yoga, Reiki, massage therapy)
- Support of Healing Weekend Retreat

How we began

In the summer of 1987, four young men living with AIDS, a caring social worker and a physician met with Father Lynn Edwards to discuss the effects of AIDS and HIV infection in the Pittsburgh area. Then, as today, Pennsylvania ranked amount the top 10 states with the most cases of AIDS. Yet there was no place in Pittsburgh where people with this disease could socialize with their partners, families and friends in a safe and secure setting.

From this meeting grew the Shepherd Wellness Community as a gathering place and resource center for people with HIV/AIDS and their loved ones. The first covered-dish dinner was held October 1987, and the tradition of good nourishing meals and AIDS educational programs and socialization continues to this day.

Now 17 years later, this grass-roots group has grown from a few people sitting around a kitchen table into a broad-based community service organization reflecting the cultural and racial diversity of Pittsburgh and southwestern Pennsylvania.

The original founding members with AIDS are no more. However, their vision of a “gathering place” run by and for people with AIDS and HIV lives on, empowering all who participate in the Shepherd Wellness Community family.

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HIV Informational Web Sites

All addresses start with: <http://www>.

[aclu.org](http://www.aclu.org)

The **ACLU** (American Civil Liberties Union) website allows the user to search archival material on health care and policy. It also provides information on obtaining legal help for PWAs.

[aegis.com](http://www.aegis.com)

The **AIDS Education Global Information System** (AEGIS) is the largest web site providing HIV news from around the world. Updated hourly.

[aidsinfo.nih.gov](http://www.aidsinfo.nih.gov)

AIDSinfo is a U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) project providing information on HIV/AIDS clinical trials and treatment.

[aidsquilt.org](http://www.aidsquilt.org)

The **AIDS Quilt** is a reminder to us all of the ones we've loved and lost to AIDS.

[critpath.org/aric](http://www.critpath.org/aric)

The **AIDS Research Information Center** site provides a comprehensive look and access to libraries, databases and even local services offered to the HIV/AIDS communities. It is very informative and very exhaustive.

[aids.org/index.html](http://www.aids.org/index.html)

AIDS.org discusses treatment news; continuing medical education (for credit); treatment conferences and abstracts; links to other libraries; community forums; DAAIR (Direct AIDS Alternative Information Resources); GARD (Global AIDS Resource Directory) and the AIDS Treatment Data Network.

[aids.about.com/mbody.htm](http://www.aids.about.com/mbody.htm)

About.com provides updates on new drugs and treatments, testing, living with HIV, an events calendar and safer sex guidelines.

[amfar.org](http://www.amfar.org)

The **American Foundation for AIDS Research** (AmFAR) provides a description of how grants are awarded, what research they are doing and public policy statements.

[bcaso.org](http://www.bcaso.org)

The **Beaver County AIDS Service Organization** is committed to the well being, service, caring and preservation of dignity to those living with HIV/AIDS.

[hivnet.ubc.ca.ctn.html](http://www.hivnet.ubc.ca.ctn.html)

Canadian HIV Trials is a Canadian site offering information on current clinical trials in Canada, publications available in Canada and other resources available in Canada.

[critpath.org](http://www.critpath.org)

The **Critical Path AIDS Project** is a collection of links to databases, search engines and resources for AIDS/HIV information. Critical Path also does website and mailing list hosting.

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[os.dhhs.gov](http://www.os.dhhs.gov)

The **Department of Health and Human Services** provides links to sites relating to HIV, including pregnancy.

[medicinenet.com/hiv/focus.htm](http://www.medicinenet.com/hiv/focus.htm)

FocusOnHIV.com is part of MedicineNet Inc., a company which publishes authoritative, easy-to-read, in-depth medical information.

[glma.org](http://www.glma.org)

The **Gay and Lesbian Medical Association** is an excellent site for an organization of over 2000 members representing equality in healthcare for lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender individuals.

[gayhealth.com](http://www.gayhealth.com) (some explicit)

Gayhealth.com is a comprehensive resource guide for gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgender health issues. There are sections on drugs, HIV treatments, fitness, body image, and more. It also has a news and discussion area for healthcare providers as well as a store to purchase books, home health tests, and tools for safer sex.

[hab.hrsa.gov](http://www.hab.hrsa.gov)

The **HIV/AIDS Bureau (HAB)** of Health Resources and Services Administration is an organization of all the programs of the Ryan White Comprehensive AIDS Resources Emergency (CARE) Act as well as other Federal and private groups involved in HIV/AIDS care and research.

[hivandhepatitis.com](http://www.hivandhepatitis.com)

HIVandHepatitis.com exists to create a quality online publication that provides practical, reliable information about treatment and experimental vaccine options for these chronic conditions. The goals of HIVandHepatitis.com are to improve quality of life, slow disease progression, and to increase survival time among the millions of people living with HIV, Hepatitis B, or Hepatitis C.

[hivdent.org](http://www.hivdent.org)

HIV Dent provides funding information on dental related services for PWAs.

[hivinsite.ucsf.edu](http://www.hivinsite.ucsf.edu)

HIV Insite, a Gateway to AIDS Knowledge, offers direct menu access to the following areas within the site: medical news, prevention, social issues, resources, US/World maps, and today's news. HIV Insite also offers the site in Spanish. A mechanism for feedback has been provided.

[hividssearch.com](http://www.hividssearch.com)

HIV/AIDS Search Engine is a tool for searching the internet for updated news on medications, treatments and vaccines. Sites are listed in categories and further broken down into subcategories. Once a search is performed, you have the choice to further your search instantly on the world's major search engines or NEWS headlines sites. People can log in privately from home and have a counselor to chat with or get answers to questions from the online forum.

[hivpositive.com](http://www.hivpositive.com)

HIVPositive.com is a site with many resources and information for HIV-positive individuals, family members, professionals and others.

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nalgap.org

The **National Association of Lesbian and Gay Addiction Professionals (NALGAP)** is a membership organization concerned with treatment and prevention of substance abuse, alcoholism, and other addictions within the lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender communities. Their website includes articles, conference schedules, membership information and links to other LGBT resources.

nih.gov/od/oar

The **National Institutes of Health Office of AIDS Research** is a federal site responsible for AIDS research domestically as well as internationally. Information is available on minority initiatives, treatments, NIH scheduled meetings, online conferences and more.

nmac.org

The **National Minority AIDS Council (NMAC)**, established in 1987, is the premier national organization dedicated to developing leadership within communities of color to address the challenges of HIV/AIDS.

omhrc.gov

The mission of the **Office of Minority Health Resource Center (OMH)** is to improve the health of racial and ethnic populations through the development of effective health policies and programs that help to eliminate disparities in health.

padohric.org

Pennsylvania Department of Health Research and Information Clearinghouse

In a statewide effort to reduce substance abuse and to promote healthy lifestyles for all Pennsylvanians, The Pennsylvania Department of Health Research and Information Clearinghouse (PADOHRIC)'s mission is to serve as a resource center and provide a wide range of information regarding drug, alcohol, substance abuse and other health-related issues.

patf.org

As the premier, community-based AIDS service organization in Southwestern Pennsylvania, The **Pittsburgh AIDS Task Force** provides free, seamless, integrated services to individuals and families living with HIV/AIDS and delivers targeted outreach and education programs to those at risk of infection.

projinfo.org

Project Inform lists treatment advances and public policies; publications; a National treatment hotline; outreach and education and news files.

swpapc.org

The **Southwestern PA AIDS Planning Coalition** coordinates funding for many HIV/AIDS sources and provides links to many additional resources, including:

swpapc.org/cab

The **Consumer Advisory Board of SWPAPC**

stophiv.com

STopHIV.com is part of the Pennsylvania Prevention Project (PPP). Their mission is to contribute to decreasing HIV infection and morbidity and mortality associated with HIV and AIDS through scientifically based interventions.

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swconline.org

The Shepherd Wellness Community (SWC) is a safe supportive community empowering persons affected by HIV/AIDS to live with dignity in the spirit of wellness.

thebody.com

The Body allows users to tell "The Body" about themselves and access the latest information on HIV/AIDS, get answers to safer sex questions, deal with treatment issues, including diet, nutrition, mental health, financial, legal and spiritual issues.

unaids.org

The United Nations HIV/AIDS Resources lists all of the resources available to PWAs.

fda.gov/oashi/aids/hiv.html

The US Food and Drug Administration site lists the latest breakthroughs in HIV testing, therapies, clinical trials, drug development, barrier products, evaluation of medical therapies, news releases, articles and brochures, speeches and upcoming meetings.

va.gov/Pittsburgh

The Veterans Administration Healthcare System provides resource information for vets serviced in the Pittsburgh area, including HIV/AIDS.

veritasmedicine.com

Veritas Medicine is an online health resource focused on improving patient access to clinical trials and information about therapies in development for serious medical conditions.

growthhouse.org/books/womenhiv.htm

Women and AIDS is a site for books and resources for women affected/infected by HIV/AIDS.