



# Positive Reaction

November—2013

## WE'RE BACK!!!!

After taking a little break, we are back to give you news updates as well as any upcoming events! Although we will no longer be mailing out the newsletters, you can always swing by our office at 30 Danforth Street in Portland, ask any of our case managers for one or go check out our Facebook page. Also, do you have something you would like to contribute or a topic you would like to have included in FPC's client newsletter? Please call us with your ideas at 774-6877 ext. 8013 or email [krutherford@peabodycenter.org](mailto:krutherford@peabodycenter.org)

Frannie Peabody Center wishes you a fantastic Fall!

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### Feel Like Saving A Life?

Getting tested for HIV on a regular basis can help save your life, and the lives of your loved ones.

**And it's never been easier.**

Free Rapid HIV Testing

#### PORTLAND

1 Spring Street  
Wednesdays,  
Noon-6pm  
749-6818



#### OGUNQUIT

718 Main Street  
1st & 3rd Tuesdays,  
1pm-6pm  
251-4930

### The Ryan White Part B Program

The Ryan White Part B Program provides medical case management services to people living with HIV/AIDS throughout Maine. Medical case management services link clients with health care, psychosocial and other services. Each month, the Ryan White Advisory Committee meets in Augusta to review and discuss issues pertaining to Ryan White case management services in Maine. Meetings are the 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of every month, from 1pm-3pm. If you would like to attend, Frannie Peabody Center can sometimes assist with mileage reimbursement. FPC can only assist one case management client at a time. Please email [jputnam@peabodycenter.org](mailto:jputnam@peabodycenter.org) for further information.

### Holiday Party

That time of year again for Frannie Peabody Center's Annual Client Holiday Party!!

Thursday, December 5<sup>th</sup>

5:30pm -7pm

St. Luke's Cathedral

143 State St., Portland

### Health Care a challenge for elderly with HIV

Portland Press Herald | By Kevin Miller

**WASHINGTON** – The growing number of Americans who are living longer with HIV and AIDS is creating new health care challenges and could compound existing challenges in rural states with older populations, such as Maine, a Senate committee was told Wednesday.

Once perceived as a young person's disease, HIV is increasingly a problem for the middle-aged and the elderly as advances in treatment help those people live longer and older adults stay sexually active.

Those trends force health care professionals and policymakers to adapt HIV treatment to a graying population with more complicated medical needs.

"While living with HIV is not easy at any age, older individuals face different issues than their younger counterparts," Sen. Susan Collins of Maine, the top Republican on the Senate Special Committee on Aging, said at a hearing on the changing face of HIV across the country. "HIV is still viewed as a young person's disease, and older adults with HIV may encounter ageism and additional stigma."

To read the rest of this article, please call Katie at 774-6877 ext. 8013

#### HIV Supportive Learning Group

Located at: 18½ Crescent Street Biddeford Maine (Christ Episcopal Church)

This group meets from **3-5 PM every other Thursday** and is open to HIV Positive clients of Frannie Peabody Center as well as other participants who can show verification of HIV positive status. This group is closed to HIV negative individuals including partners of members.

The group is free of charge and a great way to learn about HIV health and social topics while connecting with peers in the community.

The group is led by Lisa Manganello, Case Manager at FPC and she can be reached for questions regarding the group at 207-807-4586.

Upcoming Dates: Nov 21st, Dec 5th, Dec19, Jan 2nd.

#### FPC Advisory Committee

The FPC invites clients, non-clients, and interested community partners to submit recommendations or ideas on HIV/AIDS concerns, case management services and issues. FPC will collect feedback and contact interested participants to convene a meeting quarterly to address the needs and priorities of the community.

Advisory Committee minutes will assist the agency with plans to address service gaps. This information will be incorporated into the agency's news and information outlets.

Please call 207.774.6877 ext. 8013 with any questions or concerns.

#### World AIDS Day 2013

Please join us for World AIDS Day – Sunday, Dec. 1, 2013 at 5 pm  
Salt Institute for Documentary Studies – 561 Congress St. Portland, Maine

The event marks the opening of the exhibit "The Lonely Fight: A History of AIDS in Maine"

For more information or to RSVP, please call Katie Rutherford at 207-774-6877 ext. 8013 or email krutherford@peabodycenter.org

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### Global Rate Of HIV Infection, AIDS-Related Deaths Dramatically Reduced: UN

Reuters | By Kate Kelland

LONDON, Sept 23 (Reuters) - The global rate of HIV infection and the number of AIDS-related deaths have been dramatically reduced, thanks to expanding access to treatment, the United Nations said in a report issued on Monday.

In its annual update on HIV, which it said now infects around 35.3 million people worldwide, UNAIDS said deaths from AIDS and HIV infection rates were falling, while the number of people getting treatment is going up.

AIDS-related deaths in 2012 fell to 1.6 million, down from 1.7 million in 2011 and a peak of 2.3 million in 2005. And the number of people newly infected with the disease dropped to 2.3 million in 2012 down from 2.5 million in 2011.

#### TICKET CONNECTION

Frannie Peabody Center's Ticket Connection program is a support service that is available to our clients to help keep them active in the community. Ticket Connection establishes and maintains a partnership between the Frannie Peabody Center and organizations in the community that have a cultural, educational, or recreational component. Laura, the Coordinator of Ticket Connection, reaches out to a variety of venues and organizations throughout the year including seasonally, on an event-by-event basis, and also with specific client requests. Over the past year, FPC has received tickets to such amazing events as Disney on Ice, PortFringe Festival, Maine Red Claws, Dreamgirls, Children's Museum, and much more! From now until the New Year, the Greater Portland area will sure to be offering a wealth of exciting happenings! Laura maintains a Ticket Connection confidential client contact log in order to alert the clients of upcoming events. If you would like to be included in the Ticket Connection confidential client contact log, please call Laura directly at 207-619-8010. Also, feel free to contact Laura with any special requests for events. She will always try her best to get you connected!

#### To our Clients:

We are writing to share with you some new options you have for sharing mental health and HIV related health information with providers using the health information exchange, or HIE, operated by HealthInfoNet.

We've been using the HIE, a secure statewide computer-based system, to share your important health information with other health care professionals caring for you. Having all your medical information in one place can improve the safety and quality of your health care. HealthInfoNet combines information from separate health care sites to create a single electronic patient health record. For more details about this system visit [www.hinfonyet.org](http://www.hinfonyet.org).

Your personal health information and privacy is very important to us. HealthInfoNet takes many precautions to keep your records secure, and your HealthInfoNet record can only be viewed by those involved in your care and wellness.

You don't have to do anything for information from providers like your primary care physician or community hospital to be included. But unless, you are in a medical emergency, you will need to give permission "consent" for the following information to be available in your record.

- Information created by a licensed mental health facility or a licensed mental health provider like your counselor, psychiatrist or psychiatric hospitals

HIV/AIDS diagnoses and results of HIV/AIDS lab tests

Ask us how you can consent to share this information in HealthInfoNet if you want to at your next visit, go to

<http://www.hinfonyet.org/patients/your-choices> or call HealthInfoNet at 207-541-9250.