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**The Long Island Association for AIDS Care recognizes National HIV/AIDS and Aging Awareness Day**

National HIV/AIDS and Aging Awareness Day, which takes place annually on September 16, was launched in 2008 by The AIDS Institute and is recognized by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Office of HIV/AIDS and Infectious Disease Policy, and [www.aids.gov](http://www.aids.gov). The campaign highlights the complex issues related to HIV prevention, care, and treatment for aging populations in the United States. The goal of the campaign is to emphasize the need for prevention, research, and data targeting the older population, medical understanding of the aging process and its impact on HIV/AIDS.

In 2013, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention reported persons aged 50 and older accounted for approximately:

- 18% of new HIV diagnoses
- 26% of persons living with HIV
- 27% of all AIDS diagnoses
- 59% of all deaths of persons with AIDS

According to the New York State HIV/AIDS Surveillance Annual Report: For Cases Diagnosed Through December 2013, persons aged 50 and older accounted for 50% of all people living with HIV and AIDS in Nassau and Suffolk County.

In honor of National HIV/AIDS and Aging Awareness Day, the Long Island Association for AIDS Care will be sharing articles on Facebook about the health disparities affecting those aged 50 and older. For more information on how LIAAC is celebrating National HIV/AIDS and Aging Awareness Day, visit our Facebook events page at <https://www.facebook.com/LIAAC.inc/events> or call our toll free hotline at 1-866-236-3448.

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