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**Long Island Association for AIDS Care (LIAAC) recognizes National Women and Girls HIV/AIDS Awareness Day.**

March 10, 2018 is the 13<sup>th</sup> Annual National Women and Girls HIV/AIDS Awareness Day, a nationwide awareness event aimed at raising awareness about the impact of HIV and AIDS in women and girls, this years theme is “*HIV Prevention Starts with Me*”.

According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, 1 out of 4 people living with HIV in the United States were women, as reported at the end of 2015. Of these reported cases, only 45% were engaged in care and only 32% had reached viral suppression as of 2011. According to the New York State Department of Health, 34.3% of people living with HIV in Nassau County and 32.9% of people living with HIV in Suffolk County were women, as reported in 2013.

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