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Casino Night!

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We are hosting our annual Casino Night again. Tickets are 35 dollars and are available from a staff member or one of our Board Members. The event will take place on October 8th 2016 at 7 pm at the Verizon Event Center, located at 8718 Trouble Creek Rd New Port Richey, FL 34655.

We will have exciting games, a DJ, cupcakes and finger foods, a cash bar and amazing prizes. If you would like more information, please contact Brandi at 727-375-8664. We hope to see you there!



Do you need Case management?

If you or someone you know is in need of case management, we are always taking new clients. We do not believe in a wait list. We currently provide case management in Pasco, Hernando, Hillsborough, Citrus, Sumter, Pinellas, Manatee, and Polk Counties.

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What is PAC Waiver?

We hear this a lot that people do not know what PAC Waiver is. Hopefully this will be able to clarify what it really is. PAC stands for Project AIDS Care. It is a Medicaid Waiver program that is for individuals that have had a CD4 count below 200 and an Opportunistic Infection, or a CD4 percentage below 14 and an opportunistic infection, or any of the AIDS defining illnesses that are listed as opportunistic infections on the Physicians Referral form. If you have had any of these, you then need your doctor to send to your case manager a physicians referral. This is a form where they initial and sign and fill out confirming that you have an AIDS diagnosis and qualify for PAC.

If in PAC Waiver you must have at least one home visit per year. You must also have a case manager and they must come to you. They should have monthly contact with you, either by phone or a face to face contact.

Your case manager is there to help you to access things that you might need, such as a ramp, shower grab bars, massage therapy, home delivered meals or other things that help you to stay safely in your home. The program is designed to help keep you safely in your home. It is centered around you and is designed to help you access what it is that you need.

Another requirement is that you have to have Social Security or be in the process of applying for Social Security. They understand that on average it takes up to 2 years to get approved for Social Security. Your case manager can either help you apply for this or refer you to someone that can.

There are income requirements for this program but they are higher than the regular Medicaid requirements because this is a Medicaid Waiver program.

The key component is that you also have to have a case manager for this program. If you do not have a case manager, then you do not have PAC.

They are the coordinator of your services and the gate keeper for you.

They handle the forms and make sure that stuff is not expired. If you have any questions please call your case manager or if you do not have one, you can give us a call.



“It’s not the beard on the outside that counts, it’s the beard on the inside.”

Action Hank

What is Ryan White?

The Ryan White Program is the largest Federally funded program focused exclusively on HIV/AIDS care. The program is for people living with HIV/AIDS who are underinsured, have no insurance, or lack financial resources to get the care they need. The Ryan White Program is designed to fill gaps in care not covered by other funding sources. Ryan White is a payer of last resort. So what that means is, if you qualify for PAC, you need to be case managed by PAC not by Ryan White.

There are many Ryan White programs in this area. Some of them are:

The AIDS Drug Assistance Plan

Dental Care

Medical Case Management

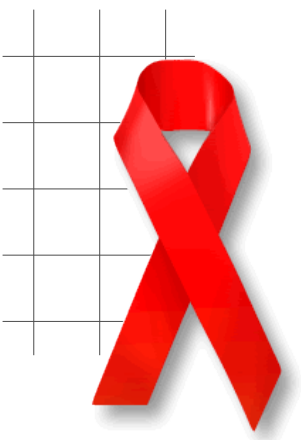
Substance Abuse Counseling

Mental Health Counseling

Outpatient Medical Care

Health Insurance Premiums.

These are just some of the programs that are available to people that do not qualify for PAC and are underinsured or uninsured. To access these you need to do eligibility requirements and have someone at a Ryan White funded agency to help you with accessing it and complete the eligibility paperwork. This paperwork is usually completed every 6 months. If you do not complete this paperwork, you do not qualify.



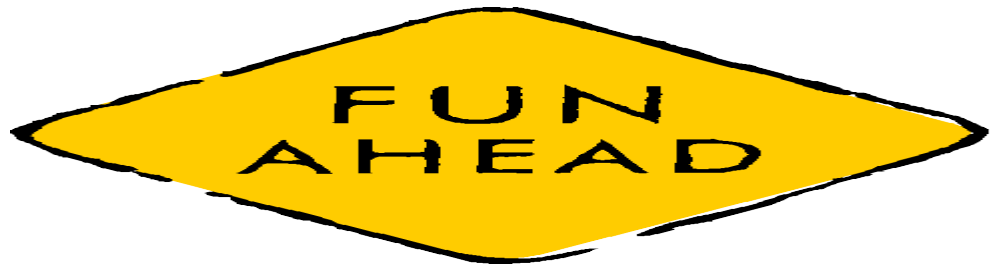
“There is not a monster more dangerous, than a lack of compassion.”

Master Splinter

The West Central Ryan White Care Council!

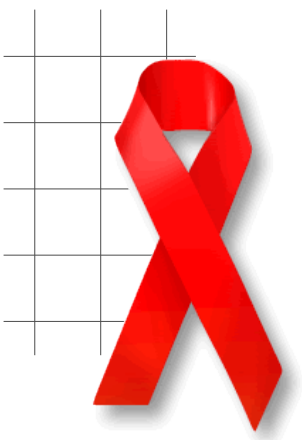
Have you been wanting to get involved? Have you thought hey I can drive to Tampa? Are you in Manatee, Hardee, Highlands, Hillsborough, Polk, Pinellas, or Pasco Counties? Then come and check out the Care Council. If you are a Person Living with HIV/AIDS they will reimburse you for mileage. You have to attend 2 meetings a month and you get to see the process and be involved in the process. If you are interested, then check out their website at:

<http://thecarecouncil.org/>



We have a Facebook page!

Just a reminder that we do have a facebook page. We try to post on there daily and often post if there is an unexpected office closure. We post about upcoming events and interesting articles about what is going on with HIV/AIDS. So please follow us on Facebook!



"People say nothing is impossible, but I do nothing everyday."

Winnie The Pooh

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