



# WCAF NEWS

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## Audit Time!

Contact us if you have any questions or with any suggestions for the newsletter

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It is that time of year again. We at the West Coast AIDS Foundation are being audited by AHCA. So we will have a representative from AHCA (Agency for Health Care Administration) aka Medicaid, here looking at some of our charts. Why do we tell you this because we know that they will be contacting some of you. So we want you to be prepared if you get a phone call from them. No you are not in trouble, just answer their questions to the best of your abilities. No your case worker is not in trouble, we know about this audit and expect it every year. AHCA is just making sure that we are doing our jobs. So tell them honestly how you feel about things with your case management. We tell our clients to be honest and do not be afraid that they are calling you. They are just doing random audits and no one is in trouble. So please be respectful to them and be honest with your answers.



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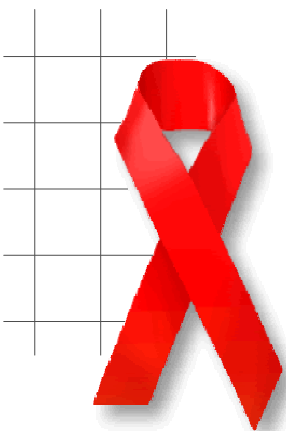
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We at the West Coast AIDS Foundation are taking new clients at this time. We do not have a waiting list as an agency but the state does have a waiting list at this time. We can explain this to our clients as they apply for services and hope that we have an answer as to what we are doing for medications. Thank You

## The WCAF Survey!

So we have received quite a few of your response back to the survey that we sent out. We have been reading the answers and taking into consideration what you are requesting. Based on those surveys we are going to try and find funding for a food pantry at the WCAF and to bring back the gas card program. We have to see about funding and finding grants for that. We are going off of what you put on those surveys about what you want us to offer. We value your opinions and appreciate all of the feedback that we received from you. We have started to receive donations for food and will continue to work on getting food into the pantry here. We are also working on making sure that the socials happen every month in at least one of our counties. We know how important the educational programs are and we are working on making that happen for everyone. We hope to have them up and running here very quickly and we are hoping to have them every month here soon in either Pasco or Pinellas Counties. These were the main things that people suggested that they would like to see. We will be trying to do the survey every year. We look forward to hearing your opinion and appreciate all of your input.

Thank you from the Staff of the WCAF!



Most of the shadows of this  
life are caused by our  
standing in our own  
sunshine.

Ralph Waldo Emerson



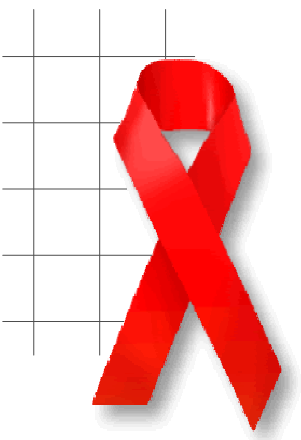
## The Statewide Waiting List for PAC Waiver

At this time we have been informed that all new PAC Waiver cases will be placed on a statewide waiting list. So what this means is that we will now have a waiting list of people to get enrolled in PAC Waiver. We are not sure at this time how this will affect access to medications and access to doctors. We know that Ryan White funding is a payer of last resort and that if you qualify for PAC Waiver you do not qualify for Ryan White. We also know that people who do qualify for PAC Waiver often do not qualify for insurance through Healthcare.gov. We are not sure how this is going to be handled. Since we know that it is a major issue and concern if people cannot get their medications that have HIV/AIDS. We the case managers have just become aware of this issue and are hoping that there will be some resolutions to this issue. We often know that people need to contact their Senators or Representatives in order to get these issues resolved. One of the major concerns is that what will happen to the people on the waiting list? Who will be paying for their medications? Who will be paying for their care? This waiver was different than all the other waivers because it did not have a waiting list because of the nature of this disease.

So you can find out who your Senator and Representative are through the websites listed below. We as an agency are not allowed to be involved with any political issue but we are making you aware of what is going on with your care at this time, what you do with that knowledge is up to you.

**<http://www.myfloridahouse.gov/Sections/Representatives/myrepresentative.aspx>**

**<http://www.flsenate.gov/Senators/Find>**



The difference between a successful person and others is not a lack of strength, not a lack of knowledge, but rather a lack in will.

Vince Lombardi