

June 2007

The Homepage

An Information, Issues, and Events Newsletter
for Clients and Friends of the Foundation

EXPLORE HIV EDUCATION WITH EDWIN!

Edwin Ramos-Soto is a new addition to the HIV Prevention program as a Community Health Educator. He specializes in HIV treatment education to those affected by HIV/AIDS, including individual and group sessions and workshops.

A native to Puerto Rico, Edwin has a keen interest in providing education to gay/bisexual men living with HIV/AIDS and their partners. He says he is proud to lead ASF's Positive Life Force program into the future with interesting and relevant HIV/AIDS education workshops. Positive Life Force is aimed at, but not limited to, the gay male community living with HIV/AIDS.

One of Edwin's first outreach efforts will bring a new series of educational workshops to ASF clients. On June 19, 2007 at 6:30pm, Dr. Charles M. Walworth (or Dr. Chuck, as he is called) will speak on "Novel Meds: Emerging Therapies/Medications in the Pipeline." As scientists around the world continue to develop new ways to fight HIV/AIDS, there are



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newer medications on the horizon. This presentation will explore the HIV medication "pipeline," or medications that are the newest to be developed.

This is an event free of charge. Dinner will be provided. RSVP by calling Edwin Ramos-Soto, Health Educator at ERamos-Soto@ocasf.org (949) 809-8774.

Client Survey Takes the Pulse of ASF

Back in November 2006, ASF invited clients to share their experiences of its programs and services. The Client Survey is a powerful tool in that ASF listens very carefully to the feedback received as well as the opinion given. Each survey can provide valuable feedback to the client experience.

Results are now out, and ASF has found that:

- Care Management gets high marks for providing individual service. Over 90% feel that ASF helps clients get connected to important medical services and helps improve client quality of life.

- Health Education and outreach efforts, such as the HomePage newsletter, make the grade for getting HIV/AIDS information to clients in a timely manner.

- ASF will continue to find innovative ways to improve services such as the Food Pantry and Drug Reimbursement.

For more information on the results of the 2006 Client Survey, please contact Anne Judson at (949) 809-5708 or by email: ajudson@ocasf.org.

Noches de Feria!



<http://www.udel.edu/cubillos/familia.html>

Every other month, Volunteer Services holds a social for Spanish speaking clients and their families at the Anaheim United Methodist Church. A nice dinner is prepared by volunteers who also run various activities and games for adults and children.

Theme parties are planned around the various holidays. It's a great way to spend a Friday night at 6:00pm with others from around Orange County. If you are interested in participating, please contact Carmen Foster at (949) 809-5781 or cfoster@ocasf.org.

YOU Can Make a World of Difference!

Would you like to play an active part in shaping the programs that you and others in Orange County who are affected by HIV/AIDS receive? The **Client Advisory Committee** is a friendly group of clients who meet on the first Monday of each month, enjoy a catered lunch, and discuss the issues that are critical to the programs and services that offered at ASF. For more information, please contact Anne M. Judson at (949) 809-5174.

Positive "U" & Viviendo Positivamente

POSITIVE U
EVERY WEDNESDAY OF THE MONTH

10:30am - 12:00pm

June 6th

Nutrition and HIV

Join a representative from Pioneer Pharmacy along with a clinical nutritionist to learn about proper nutrition when living with HIV.

June 13th

Self Advocacy

Join Cliffor Roth from HICAP along with a representative from the Dayle McIntosh center on a presentation about how to advocate for ourselves when facing medical difficulties.

June 20th

Community Resources

George Smith will be presenting a workshop on how to navigate resources in the community.

June 27th

HIV Update

Join Brian from Bristol Myers Squibb on the presentaion of another interesting topic on HIV.

VIVIENDO POSITIVAMENTE

1st AND 3rd TUESDAY OF THE MONTH

10:30 - 12:00

Beginning in July, will be EVERY Tuesday!

June 5th

Dental Hygiene

Health Educator Sariah Kakishita will be presenting this workshop. Come and learn tips on how to keep you smile nice and clean.

June 19th

Self Esteem

Join Mental Health Counselor Rocio Evans on the presentation of this workshop which will focus on how to boost our self esteem.

Family

Corner!

With Laurie Barber,
Family Programs
Coordinator



Family Picnic

Bring a blanket and your whole family for fun! Food, Games, Bounce House & More!

- Saturday, June 23rd
- 11am-2pm
- ASF Green Belt (behind ASF)

Please RSVP to Laurie @ 949-809-5710

Summer Youth Programs ~ Scholarship Opportunities

Does your child want to attend a special summer enrichment program?

Family Programs is offering scholarships for children of clients to attend special summer programs.

If you are interested, please contact your case manager or Laurie.

What's Up?!? at OCASF

Support Groups

Choices

Wednesdays 12:30pm—2:00pm

A support group for individuals diagnosed with HIV/AIDS who are experiencing problems with drugs or alcohol. Held at ASF. For more information, call Judy Fluor Runels at (949) 809-5795.

Kids Club

Thursdays 4:00-5:30pm. Tutoring 5:30-7:00pm

A closed 8-week support group for kids 6-14 with a parent or family member with HIV/AIDS. Meets at ASF. Call Laurie Barber at (949) 809-5710 for more information.

Spanish Language Women's Support Groups

► *1st Wednesday & 3rd Tuesday of the month*

Open to HIV+ women & other women affected by HIV/AIDS. Call Juanita Trivino at (949) 809-5799 for more information.

► **First Wednesday** of the month from 6:00 to 7:30pm, at HCA (17th St. Clinic) Room 149B, 1725 W. 17th St., Santa Ana.

► **Third Tuesday** of the month from 10:30 to 12:30 pm, at the Seventh-Day Adventist Church, 12702 Ninth St., Garden Grove.

Spanish HIV+ Support Group

Mondays 5:30-7:30pm

Open to all Spanish-speaking HIV+ people. At the 17th St. Clinic, Methadone Education Rm. (**Room 149-B**), 1725 W. 17th St., Santa Ana. Call Juanita Trivino at (949) 809-5799.

Mindful Living

Fridays 11:30pm—1:00pm

A new support group for people living with HIV. Please contact Scott Beardsley at (949) 809-5794 for more information.

****NEW!!** English HIV+ Women's Support Group**

A new support group for women living with HIV. Please Contact Judy Fluor-Runels for more information at 949-809-5795

Workshops : Life Skills

Group C

Last Wednesday of every month, 6:00—8:00pm

Group C is a support group that provides information and support to those infected and affected by Hepatitis C. At the Orange County Health Care Agency, 1725 W. 17th St, Room 149-B, Santa Ana. Call Anita at (949) 809-8770 for more information.

Positive "U"

Every Wednesday, 10:30—12:00pm

A different topic each session presented in English followed by a free lunch here at the ASF office! No admittance after 10:45. For more information, please contact Carmen at (949) 809-5781.

Viviendo Positivamente

1st & 3rd Tuesday, 10:30—12:00pm

A different topic each session presented in Spanish followed by a free lunch at ASF! No admittance after 10:45. For more information, please contact Carmen at (949) 809-5781.

Wellness Education

Workout Group

Monday, Wednesday, & Fridays 1:00—2:00pm

For more info or to sign up for an initial evaluation, call (949) 809-5771.

Hair Salon

Please call Frank Romero at 949-809-5771 for more information and to set up an appointment.

Social Activities

African-American Living Room

4th Friday of the month, 12:30—2:30pm (no meeting in June)

A social group open to all African-American clients. For more information, or for the group location, please contact Wendy at (949) 809-5732. Contact your case manager for more details.

Positive Life Force

Positive Life Force is an English-speaking social group for positive gay men of all ages. Men come together to meet new people and make new friends. We are currently looking to recruit a few good men for the PLF Core Group. For more information, please call or call Joe at (949) 809-8774 or email at positivelifeforce@ocASF.org.

How to Reach Us

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June 2007 Calendar

Sun	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Sat
<p>ASF Food Pantry Hours:</p> <p>▶ Tuesdays & Thursdays 12:00 noon—4:30pm</p> <p>▶ Wednesdays & Fridays 9:00 am — 1:00 pm</p>						
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