

ACR HEALTH NEWS

Save the Date

Friday, October 11, 2024 6-10PM

Drumlins Country Club

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Host: Jamie Owens



Miss Sparkle Royale



Yuka Liptis



National HIV Testing Day - ACR Health

In recognition of National HIV Testing Day (NHTD), ACR Health hosted two free HIV testing events in Syracuse and Utica, NY, on June 27 and 28, respectively.

In partnership with Planned Parenthood, the Syracuse National HIV Testing Day (SNHTD) event was held on June 27 from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. at White Branch Library on Butternut Street.

There were several community partners there to promote their services and encourage people to get tested for HIV and sexually transmitted infections (STIs), including Nascentia Health, Onondaga County Prevention Staff, and Access CNY. Staff from the ACR Health clinic and Utica Prevention department were also on site to lend a hand.

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ACR Health Honors Juneteenth



Mens' High Impact Prevention Specialist, Ronald Flanagan, and Womens' Intervention Specialist, Nicole Woolridge distributed informational brochures about sexually transmitted infections (STIs), including HIV, and how to prevent them.

Visitors to the ACR Health table received free gifts, business cards, and service guides to help them stay connected to the agency should they ever require ACR Health services.

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Farewell, Chef Shawn & Welcome, Chef Sandy - ACR Health

Longtime ACR Health volunteer chef, Shawn Piscopo, served his final No Hitch Luncheon (No Hitch) on Thursday, June 13, at the University United Methodist Church (UUMC) on East Genesee Street, Syracuse, NY.

Piscopo runs the No Hitch kitchen like a well-oiled machine. Watching him in action has been an incredible lesson in the value of hard work and focus.

When he isn't serving his community, Piscopo works in the kitchen at Cheesecake Factory in Destiny USA. A recent promotion and resultant schedule change means a bittersweet ending to his time with ACR Health.

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Staff Appreciation Day

On Thursday, June 20, ACR Health staff celebrated their annual Staff Appreciation Day at Willow Bay Park in Liverpool, NY.

Despite heat advisories; with temperatures peaking at 93 F, according to AccuWeather; the agency was able to move forward with a successful teambuilding program and barbecue lunch. The cover of the pavilion and occasional breeze from the cool waters of Onondaga Lake were a boon in the otherwise stifling heat.

Upon arrival, staff were divided into two groups to delineate the order in which they would participate in the day's activities. The first of these was a mock "Family Feud" game featuring questions about the agency, its programs and services, and general sexual health knowledge.

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
28	29	30	31 ▲ Lodi Triangle Events	1	2	3
4	5	6	7 ▲ Lodi Triangle Events	8 🌱 No Hitch Luncheon 🎷 Jazz in the City	9	10 🌱 B.L.A.A.C. Soul Food Festival
11	12	13 🍎 Eastside Family Resource Center Wellness Fair	14	15 🎷 Jazz in the City	16	17
18	19	20	21	22	23 🏳️‍🌈 Pride Day at NYS Fair	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	31 📄 International Overdose Awareness Day



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FREE ADMISSION

OVERDOSE
AWARENESS
DAY
AUGUST 31

10 AM - 2 PM
LEAVENWORTH PARK
212 BARKER AVE
SYRACUSE, NY

FREE BOXED LUNCHES

1 PM - 3 PM
PUBLIC SQUARE
WATERTOWN, NY

FREE MEAL VOUCHERS
FOR THE EATERY

1 PM - 4 PM
KOPERNIK PARK
317 GENESEE ST
UTICA, NY

LIMITED FREE MEAL
VOUCHERS

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12 No Hitch Luncheon	13	14 PPCWNY Disability Summit
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28 Gaskin Community Walk
29	30	31	1	2	3	4

Featured Mission Moment



"... the opportunity to save a life."

Central New York (CNY) Q Center Coordinator, Charlye Rosamilia applauded Expanded Syringe Exchange Program (SEPEX) Outreach Coordinator, Steven Spendle for his expertly administered Narcan training. Rosamilia described an experience wherein they encountered an individual on South Geddes Street in Syracuse, NY who had overdosed. Because of Spendle's guidance, they remained calm, applied sternum rubs, administered two doses of Narcan, gave chest compressions, and communicated effectively with the 911 operator. "I was able to bring the man back and watch him walk away," said Rosamilia. "... thank you [Spendle] for allowing me the opportunity to save a life."

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