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Through a sustained effort of cooperation, these organizations support the efforts of Palm Beach County's largest citizens advisory board which has a community voice in the identification of needed services for individuals living with HIV Spectrum Disease and AIDS, and the prioritization and allocation of federal and state funds for these important services.

Funding has been obtained through the Ryan White HIV/AIDS Treatment and Modernization Act 2006, Part A Grant specifically to reach out to individuals who have not been able to locate necessary medical or supportive services. The Ryan White program also funds medical and supportive services for persons diagnosed HIV positive and who have no medical insurance or other way to pay for necessary services.

Our community-based CARE Council has determined its top priority is to ensure that no one seeking HIV/AIDS medical care is turned away. In addition, it is a goal of the CARE Council to collaborate with all available funding sources to ensure important support services are available to those in need. Available funding limits the ability to serve all who require services, but each individual requesting assistance is given consideration based upon medical and financial need.

Editor's Note...

In gathering the information used in this directory of HIV and AIDS services available in Palm Beach County, we attempted to gather the widest list of services and providers as possible.

While inclusion in this directory is not a recommendation of any provider, or guarantee the provision of services will be possible at the time of request, we believe providers listed herein are active in the provision of HIV and AIDS services in Palm Beach County.

The Palm Beach County HIV CARE Council is genuinely interested in the quality of service provided to consumers. If you would like to share your experience concerning a particular provider, especially in regard to a specific incident, please detail the experience in writing to:

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What is the Ryan White CARE Act?

Ryan White, who became a spokesman for people with AIDS in the late 1980's, died of an AIDS-related illness in April 1990. The Indiana resident was only 18 years old, but his efforts to counter discrimination against people with AIDS had caught the attention of the nation.

Within months, Congress passed and President George W. Bush signed into law a formula-funding bill that was the federal government's broadest response yet to the epidemic. The bill was named the Ryan White Comprehensive AIDS Resources Emergency (CARE) Act of 1990.

In Palm Beach County, there are a number of Federal and State programs which fund HIV/AIDS medical care and supportive services for those who cannot afford to pay for such care. ***It is our belief that no one who seeks medical treatment for HIV/AIDS should be denied treatment.*** Through the Palm Beach County HIV CARE Council, needed services are identified for potential funding and a community- based process determines how available funds are spent on the eligible services.

If you are HIV positive, or have AIDS and need medical care or other support to help you maintain the highest level of wellness possible, but have no way to pay for these services, it is quite possible that necessary services can be provided at no or at a very low cost to you.

The easiest way to find out if you qualify for publicly financed HIV/AIDS services is to contact one of the AIDS Case Management Agencies listed in this directory, go to a Palm Beach County Health Department Clinic, or the Palm Beach County Department of Community Services.

Today, there are many successful treatments which have been proven to extend life and to dramatically improve the quality of life for those living with HIV or AIDS. The programs identified in this guide are all intended to prolong life and assist those affected to manage the disease. The agencies and individuals who provide these services are dedicated to providing quality services to as many individuals as possible, and will work with you to determine the latest methods of treatment and identify which services are necessary to maintain health.

While not every provider included in this directory provides services funded through the Ryan White CARE Act, nearly every service is funded by the program. Full time professional Case Managers are a ready resource to help you in determining eligibility, availability and appropriateness of services.

