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support system*

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about us

In 1986, when the first cases of HIV infection were detected in Northeast Iowa, a group of concerned citizens, began meeting in Waterloo and The AIDS Coalition of Northeast Iowa was formed. In January of 1988, founding members realized the coalition's growth required the resources and infrastructure that could only be provided by an established institution. By March of 1988, the newly renamed, Cedar AIDS Support System (CASS) became part of Cedar Valley Hospice.

Our mission is to provide medical case management and care from diagnosis through bereavement for persons living with HIV and AIDS, their significant others, families, and friends.

case management

CASS is staffed by two full-time case managers who ensure the delivery of comprehensive medical case management services. CASS case managers tailor individualized service plans for each client helping them to identify their medical and physical needs, define their goals, and link them to appropriate on-site or off-site services.

Additionally, case managers provide counseling to meet the psychosocial needs of clients and their families. This includes emotional support, health education, risk reduction education, and treatment adherence counseling to ensure readiness for complex HIV or AIDS treatments.

confidentiality

CASS understands the confidentiality concerns of many people with HIV and are familiar with the laws protecting HIV-related information. You will be asked at your first visit about your wishes relating to sharing information with associated agencies and providers, and your wishes will be respected.

information & referral

CASS has access to a variety of HIV and AIDS information and resources and works with local health care providers and community service organizations. The goal is to assist clients and caregivers in finding medical and emotional care, and to increase the quality and consistency of financial and support services. Anyone interested in obtaining information or making a referral can call 319.272.2437. Calls are confidential and welcome from persons living with HIV or AIDS, family members, significant others, students, and other interested persons.

financial assistance

In times of crisis or emergency, CASS clients can apply for financial assistance through the Ryan White CARE Act and the CASS Emergency Fund. CASS case managers also work closely with local agencies and programs to find other available resources. Financial assistance can be applied to help with dental care, drug reimbursement, home health and respite care, housing assistance, medical care, rehabilitation services, and transportation to and from medical appointments.

community support

CASS works with schools, community service organizations, churches, and health care providers to assist, support, and educate HIV-positive individuals, those participating in high-risk behavior, and anyone who is interested in HIV and AIDS issues.

substance abuse outreach

CASS has established relationships with local substance abuse treatment centers and counselors. CASS case managers work closely with the counselors, and all persons living with HIV or AIDS, or those participating in high-risk behavior in the treatment and recovery process to prevent HIV transmission. Education takes place through individual and panel presentations.

“face to face” education

CASS provides HIV and AIDS education through panel presentations. Panels are facilitated by CASS staff and consist of persons infected and affected by HIV or AIDS. The purpose of this educational forum is to increase awareness and understanding of the psychosocial issues related to HIV and AIDS.

Face to Face travels throughout Northeast Iowa to educate groups of various ages. Presentations reservations should be made in advance by calling 319.272.2437.

CASS serves 12 counties in Northeast Iowa; Allamakee, Black Hawk, Bremer, Buchanan, Butler, Chickasaw, Fayette, Floyd, Grundy, Howard, Mitchell, and Winneshiek. Cass services are offered completely free of charge.

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