

AIDS VANCOUVER ISLAND

Since 1986, AIDS Vancouver Island has been working to improve the lives of people living with HIV or AIDS and to prevent more individuals from becoming infected with the virus.

Despite medical advances, there is still no cure for AIDS and people continue to be infected with HIV. Consequently, the demand for HIV/AIDS services is growing.

Throughout the Vancouver Island Health Areas, AIDS Vancouver Island is responding to these demands with a wide range of HIV/AIDS and Hepatitis C programs and services.

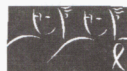
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Guide to Services



EDUCATION SERVICES

Health Promotion & Community Development

- **Infoline** (1-800-665-2437) provides information about HIV/AIDS, safer sex, HIV testing or transmission, STDs, harm reduction, etc. The confidential calls are answered by trained staff.
- **Speakers Bureau** arranges HIV/AIDS and related presentations for schools, workplaces, and community or religious organizations. Speakers address a variety of topics and present to a wide range of audiences, including children as young as five.
- **Information** on HIV/AIDS and related issues is displayed at health fairs and other public forums.
- **AVI's Resource Centres** have an extensive collection of material regarding HIV/AIDS and related issues available to the public.
- **The Men's Wellness Program** offers support, information and outreach to gay, bi, and men who have sex with men (in order to reduce their risk of infection) as well as HIV+ gay or bisexual men.
- **AIDS Vancouver Island** provides education services to all of Vancouver Island, including more remote communities, and some Gulf Islands.
- **Education Information**, resources, presentations and displays can be requested through the Health Promotion & Community Development Department.



DIRECT SERVICES

Positive Wellness Program

- Short-term, solution-focused **counselling** is offered by appointment and on a drop-in basis.
- **Advocacy** assistance regarding income security, housing, legal, and family issues is provided.
- **Referrals** are made to community resources, professionals, agencies and institutions (e.g. Addictions Services, housing registry.)
- **PWP Drop-In** offers a morning drop-in with refreshments and in Victoria, a nutritious lunch for people with HIV/AIDS.
- The **Positive Wellness Program** offers programming for HIV+ clients and their families.

Street Outreach Services (SOS)

- SOS offers **needle exchange**, health promotion/harm reduction information and relevant programming.
- **HIV/AIDS testing/counselling**, Hepatitis testing/counselling, Sexually Transmitted Disease testing/counselling/treatment, and pregnancy testing is provided at some sites. Vaccinations, referrals and other services are also available.
- Street Outreach Services offers **needle exchange** in the Victoria, Courtenay Campbell River and Port Hardy areas.



VOLUNTEER SERVICES

- Extensive **volunteer training** provides information on HIV/AIDS and related psycho-social issues, determinants of health, harm reduction, confidentiality, communication, skills building and values clarification.
- Volunteer Services supports clients who express an interest in "giving back" to the agency, providing them with valuable training and unpaid work experience
- Volunteers are integral to AVI, providing support to the Speakers Bureau; fundraising and special events; and Street Outreach Services. Volunteers also perform office and reception duties, serve on committees, and the AVI Board of Directors.

YOUR SUPPORT COUNTS

AIDS Vancouver Island is a non-profit charitable organization, #13064 2440 RR0001. Some of our funding comes from fundraising events as well as generous donations from the community.

All donations made to AIDS Vancouver Island are tax deductible and greatly appreciated.