

## “Early Intervention Services” for newly diagnosed HIV+ persons

- ◇ You are not alone. There are several thousand people on LI who are living with HIV.
- ◇ You can live a long, normal, and healthy life. It will require taking care of yourself, but this is manageable.
- ◇ You can access the resources that you need in order to stay healthy. We can help you connect to services.



We can help you learn to navigate the regional system of HIV medical and supportive services.

- ◇ Your confidentiality is guaranteed. We offer you a safe place to talk.
- ◇ You are a person, not a diagnosis. We understand!

## “Thursday’s Child has far to go...”

Our Early Intervention Service is made possible thanks to “Ryan White Part A” funding from HRSA, United Way of Long Island, and Suffolk County Government.

Founded in 1989, the mission of Thursday’s Child is:

*To develop, to coordinate, and to provide services to People Living with and affected by HIV/AIDS on Long Island.*



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HIV/AIDS Supportive Services and Linkage to Care

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## Free & Confidential Services for Newly Diagnosed HIV+

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*Monday’s Child is  
fare of face*

*Tuesday’s Child is full  
of grace*

*Wednesday’s Child is  
full of woe*

*Thursday’s Child has  
far to go...*

*~(Anonymous)*

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**People Living with HIV or AIDS have far to go...  
Let us help you get there...**

*Thursday's Child HIV/AIDS Supportive Services for Linkage to Care, Coordination of Resources, and Individualized Guidance*

*All Thursday's Child Services are Free and Confidential.*

## Living with HIV or AIDS

There can be a lot of different emotions people feel when they are diagnosed. Whatever you are feeling, it is normal to feel that way.

You can live with HIV. This is often the first thing we reassure people.



There was once a time when HIV was a "death sentence." Today, there are many effective treatments. Most people now take a once-a-day pill to suppress their HIV. It is very rare to have to take more than 2 or 3 pills more than once or twice a day. You can live with HIV and never develop AIDS. Treatment suppresses the virus so that your immune system stays healthy.

Its okay if this doesn't make sense to you yet. It is common that many people do not know the difference between HIV and AIDS, for example. This brochure is not a substitute for an individual face-to-face discussion so we hope you call us!

## Accessing Medical Care

Some people see a primary care doctor who is able to also provide HIV specialty care. It is more common for people to be referred to an HIV specialist, simply because these doctors have the best background and experience for this particular issue. We can help refer you to an HIV specialist. If you like, we can also go with you to your first appointments.



## Accessing Supportive Services

Some people do not have insurance coverage, transportation, stable housing, or other things they need. If you do not have insurance, we can help you get coverage. There is a program offered through New York State that provides HIV-related medical coverage to anyone who needs it. We are here to help you become familiar with resources available to you, and can help you with completing the paperwork. When we meet with you, we like to get a sense of how we can help you. Everyone is different. Sometimes there are other things to help with before getting to a doctor's appointment.



Thursday's Child was founded in 1989 as an advocacy group for People Living with HIV/AIDS. The name was chosen from a poem which seemed to offer hope for a better future. Things have improved over the years. Sometimes we still have to educate to combat fear and shame. In 1995, the agency began a small independent housing program. Other current programs include "Safety Net" which provides emergency financial assistance. The "Early Intervention Services" provides linkage to care for individuals newly diagnosed with HIV or to re-connect individuals who have fallen out of care.



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