

# Hudson Valley RW HIV CARE Network

## Commonly Used Acronyms

<b>ACRIA</b>	<b>AIDS Community Research Institute of America</b> = Founded as the Community Research Initiative on AIDS (CRIA) in December 1991 by a group of physicians, activists, and people living with HIV who were frustrated by the slow pace of government and academic AIDS research. They have contributed to the development of more than a dozen medications that have received FDA approval, helping countless thousands of HIV-positive people live longer, healthier lives.
<b>ADAP</b>	<b>AIDS Drug Assistance Program</b> = The purpose of the AIDS Drug Assistance Program is to ensure that underserved and uninsured individuals living with HIV/AIDS have access to life-saving medications.
<b>AIDS</b>	<b>Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome</b>
<b>AIRS</b>	<b>AIDS Institute Reporting System</b> = Data collecting program for organizations who service the HIV/AIDS population created by the AIDS Institute.
<b>APG</b>	<b>Ambulatory Patient Groups</b> = A system used to classify patients into 300 pathology groups based on urgency rather than the 14,000 international classification of diseases.
<b>CAEAR</b>	<b>Communities Advocating for Emergency AIDS Relief</b> = A national membership organization which advocates for federal appropriations, legislation, policy and regulations to meet the care, treatment, support service and prevention needs of people living with HIV/AIDS and the organizations that serve them. CAEAR Coalition's proactive national leadership is focused on the Ryan White Program as a central part of the nation's response to HIV/AIDS. CAEAR Coalition's members include Ryan White Program Part A, Part B, and Part C consumers, grantees, and providers.
<b>CARE Act</b>	<b>Comprehensive AIDS Resources Emergency Act</b>
<b>CBO</b>	<b>Community Based Organization</b>
<b>CDC</b>	<b>Centers for Disease Control</b>
<b>CFA</b>	<b>Continued Funding Application</b>
<b>CHAIN</b>	<b>Community Health Advisory &amp; Information Network</b> = The CHAIN study is funded by the HIV Health and Human Services Planning Council of New York to provide information on people living with HIV/AIDS in New York City. The study is contracted out to the Columbia University School of Public Health.
<b>COA</b>	<b>Conditions of Award</b>
<b>CSP</b>	<b>Comprehensive Services Plan</b>
<b>CSP</b>	<b>Community Service Programs</b>
<b>DPHO</b>	<b>District Public Health Office</b>

<b>DSS</b>	<b>Department of Social Services</b>
<b>EIS</b>	<b>Early Intervention Services</b>
<b>EMA</b>	<b>Eligible Metropolitan Area</b> = Grant funding which involves the criteria that your city or county has a cumulative total of more than 2,000 cases of AIDS as measured over the most recent five year period to the Centers for Disease Control as well as a population of 500,000 or more people.
<b>FY</b>	<b>Fiscal Year</b>
<b>HAART</b>	<b>Highly Active Antiretroviral Therapy</b> = Antiretroviral drugs are medications for the treatment of infection by retroviruses, primarily HIV. When several such drugs, typically three or four, are taken in combination, the approach is known as highly active antiretroviral therapy.
<b>HAB</b>	<b>HIV/AIDS Bureau</b>
<b>HASA</b>	<b>HIV/AIDS Services Administration</b> = Part of the Human Resources Administration (HRA). In an effort to expand services to people with HIV/AIDS, the HRA renamed the Division of AIDS Services and Income Support and this is the new name. Any person who has or has ever had AIDS or certain HIV symptoms as defined by the New York State AIDS Institute is eligible for services through HASA which may include benefits such as enhanced nutritional, transportation and rent allowances from Public Assistance. HASA also provides housing assistance to those who are homeless or potentially homeless.
<b>HATMA</b>	<b>HIV/AIDS Treatment Modernization Act</b> = Ryan White was re-authorized in 2006 but with a new name, HIV/AIDS Treatment Modernization Act and also, with some changes. Key changes are: Medical core services are funded, 75%. Core Services include: ADAP, Early Intervention, Mental Health, Medical Case Management and Oral Health. Non-Core services are funded 25% and include: Food bank/Home delivered meals, Housing Services, Legal Services, and Medical Transportation Services.
<b>HIV</b>	<b>Human Immunodeficiency Virus</b>
<b>HOPWA</b>	<b>Housing Opportunities for People with AIDS</b> = The HOPWA Program was established to address the specific needs of persons living with HIV/AIDS and their families. HOPWA makes grants to local communities, States, and nonprofit organizations for projects that benefit low income persons medically diagnosed with HIV/AIDS and their families.
<b>HRSA</b>	<b>Human Resources and Services Administration</b> = An agency of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services; It is the primary Federal agency for improving access to health care services for people who are uninsured, isolated or medically vulnerable.
<b>ID</b>	<b>Infectious Disease</b>
<b>IDU</b>	<b>Intravenous Drug User</b>
<b>LTI</b>	<b>Leadership Training Institute</b> = A statewide initiative that provides training, skills building, motivation, and education to people living with HIV and AIDS (PWHA) to support the development of involved and effective HIV-positive

community leaders. Training topics include community organizing, planning and decision making, advocacy, and policy-making advice.

<b>MAI</b>	<b>Minority AIDS initiative</b>
<b>MCM</b>	<b>Medical Case Management</b>
<b>MSM</b>	<b>Men Who Have Sex with Men</b>
<b>NA</b>	<b>Needs Assessment</b>
<b>NGA</b>	<b>Notice for Grant Award</b>
<b>NYAC</b>	<b>New York City AIDS Coalition</b> = An alliance of community-based service providers and their supporters working for increased funding and fair policies for people living with HIV/AIDS in New York State.
<b>NYCAHN</b>	<b>New York City AIDS Housing Network</b> = An award winning membership organization comprised and led by low-income people living with HIV/AIDS working in a unique coalition with nonprofit housing providers and AIDS service organizations.
<b>OASAS</b>	<b>Office of Alcoholism and Substance Abuse Services</b> = OASAS plans, develops and regulates the state's system of chemical dependence and gambling treatment agencies. This includes the direct operation of 13 Addiction Treatment Centers, which provide inpatient rehabilitation services to 10,000 persons per year. In addition, the Office licenses, funds, and supervises some 1,300 local, community-based programs, chemical dependence treatment programs, which serve about 115,000 persons on any given day in a wide range of comprehensive services. The agency inspects and monitors these programs to guarantee quality of care and to ensure compliance with state and national standards.
<b>P&amp;A</b>	<b>Planning and Allocation Committee</b>
<b>PLWH/A</b>	<b>Persons Living with HIV/AIDS</b>
<b>RFP</b>	<b>Request for Proposals</b>
<b>SNPS</b>	<b>Special Needs Plans</b> = A special health plan for people on Medicaid living with HIV/AIDS and their children up to age 19, whether or not the children have HIV or AIDS. The doctors, nurses, and other care providers who participate in HIV SNPs understand the special needs facing people living with HIV/AIDS.
<b>TGA</b>	<b>Transitional Grant Area</b> = To be eligible as a TGA, an area must have reported at least 1,000 but fewer than 2,000 new AIDS cases in the most recent 5 years.
<b>WCDOH</b>	<b>Westchester County Department of Health</b>
<b>WICY</b>	<b>Women, Infants, Children, Youth</b>