

### Know the facts

HIV (Human Immunodeficiency Virus) is the virus that causes AIDS (Acquired Immunodeficiency Syndrome). People infected with HIV/AIDS can remain healthy for years with proper medical care and treatment.

#### **Ways HIV is transmitted:**

- By exchange of semen, vaginal fluid, and/or blood during vaginal, anal, or oral sex with someone who has HIV
- By sharing needles for any reason, including to inject drugs
- By contact with infected blood
- From an HIV-infected mother to her baby in the womb, during delivery, or while breastfeeding

#### **Ways to protect yourself and your partner(s):**

- Use a latex or polyurethane (plastic) condom every time you have vaginal, anal, and oral sex.
- Do not share needles or other drug equipment (cotton, rinse water, cookers, etc.). Use a new, sterile needle and syringe for each use. Syringes/needles are available over the counter at pharmacies without a prescription. If you are unable to purchase new syringes/needles, clean them with bleach and water.
- Get tested for HIV and encourage your partner(s) to get tested.
- Seek and maintain medical supportive care.

### A part of BAMSI

Brockton Area Multi-Services, Inc. is a statewide human services organization dedicated to “bringing people and services together.” Incorporated in 1975, BAMSI is one of the largest minority non-profit organizations in Massachusetts and delivers a broad spectrum of high-quality services to individuals and families. Program services include day and residential programs; counseling and outreach; school-based services; child and family support services; and information, referral, and advocacy.

BAMSI’s dedicated staff and collaborative partnerships ensure that real service solutions are consistently there for people throughout the Commonwealth.



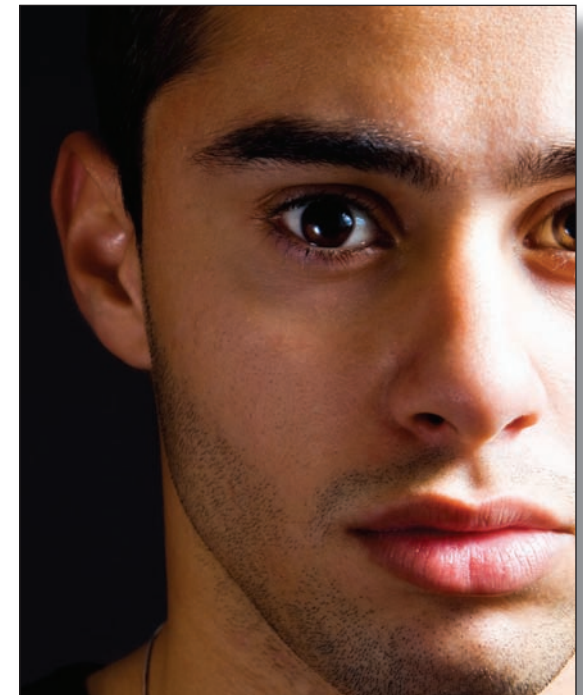
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### **BAMSI services have a caring heart**



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## How Case Management works

The Case Management Program serves HIV-infected adults, children, and adolescents, and their families. We provide access to medical, social, and support services to help individuals better manage their health and well-being and improve their overall quality of life. Today, HIV is no longer considered a terminal illness, but rather a manageable chronic health condition.

With essential supports and encouragement, people with HIV can continue to live full lives. Case Management provides a welcoming and affirming environment for individuals of all ages and diverse backgrounds.

Case Management also works closely with the Brockton Neighborhood Health Center and area physicians to coordinate health care and other services. Case Management serves approximately 300 individuals and family members annually.

Case Management's bilingual and bicultural staff is educated about and sensitive to the special issues and needs that arise when living with HIV. Our staff is also aware of the many challenges that people living with HIV face on a daily basis, such as language barriers, lack of financial resources, lack of information, fear, prejudice, and discrimination.

## Services available

The staff of the Case Management Program assists clients by advocating on their behalf for financial, medical, and support services. Examples of services include but are not limited to:

- Individual needs assessments
- Case management (including coordination of care plan)
- Education about HIV
- Advocacy for medical, financial, and legal needs
- Access to medications and clinical trials
- Nutrition assistance
- Home health services
- Referrals for home health care, mental health counseling, support groups, and HIV antibody counseling and testing
- Social events and activities

**For more information or  
to make an appointment,  
call 508-580-0219.**

**All services are strictly confidential.**



## Reaching us

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Monday – Thursday, 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Friday, 8:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.