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HRA of New Britain, Inc. to host 3rd Annual Community Health and Awareness Day at 336 Arch Street, New Britain, CT

HRA of New Britain's Division of Health and Wellness and Community Services Division will host its third annual Community Health and Awareness Day at its 336 Arch Street, New Britain office location. A broad array of programs of HRA as well as other community partners will be on display from 11:00 a.m - 3:00 p.m. on Friday, June 19th. HIV Prevention Programs will provide free and confidential HIV Counseling and Testing. Come learn your HIV status; "knowledge is a powerful tool in combating HIV and AIDS." HIV Prevention Program, *Safety Counts* will also be on display with information about how to participate.

HRA's Community Services Division will have information about Energy Assistance, Eviction Prevention, the HUD Lead Program, Polish Victims Advocate Program, Polish Outreach Program, Community Services Case Management, and the Perlas Hispanas Elderly Program. Sign up for a Money Matters Budgeting Workshop, get information on CNG and CL&P's Matching Payment Program. Learn more about energy conservation and Northeast Utilities WRAP program.

HRA has invited its vast array of community partners to come and participate. Last year over forty local programs provided information to community residents from voter registration assistance to ways of connecting with their local mental health facilities. Sickle Cell screening information as well as blood pressure screenings will be available on site. There will also be information on the many DSS (Department of Social Services) programs that are available.

HRA of New Britain receives funding through the State Department of Public Health to provide HIV Counseling and Testing, if you are interested in learning more about HIV, and its impact upon health please contact Matthew Kearney, HIV Counseling and Testing Coordinator at 860-826-4482 or come by the Martin Luther King Center located at 88 Prospect Street, New Britain, CT between the hours of 9:00 am and 4:00 pm Monday – Thursday and 9:00 am - 1:00 pm on Fridays.

For additional information on this event please contact Frederick Smith, Director of Health and Wellness Division at 860-826-4482 or via email at fsmith@hranbct.org.

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