R.I. Nonprofit to Launch HIV Post-Exposure Prophylaxis Hotline

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PL-AIDS—an organization founded and run by former and current Brown University students to raise HIV awareness in Providence, Rhode Island, and southern New England—will launch an HIV post-exposure prophylaxis (PEP) hotline, The Brown Daily Herald reports. The hotline will connect callers with an HIV specialist who will determine whether the person is at risk of contracting HIV and if PEP is a viable option. PEP entails taking HIV meds for about a month immediately following possible exposure to the virus, thus lowering the risk that the exposure leads to an infection. In addition, in association with the charity, a for-profit production company will release documentaries focusing on HIV issues. One will highlight post-exposure prophylaxis and include interviews with HIV experts. The other will follow the male sex industry in Providence.

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