

Maine HIV Prevention Education Program

Maine Department of Education – 2012



MAINE DATA*

- ❑ 55% of high school students are abstinent
- ❑ 66% of sexually active students used a condom at last intercourse
- ❑ Fewer students report being taught about HIV in school
- ❑ 48% of high school students spoke with a parent or guardian about sex in the past six months
- ❑ Adolescent Chlamydia cases continue to increase
*Youth Risk Behavior Survey (YRBS), 2011

FUNDING SOURCES

- ❑ Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, Division of Adolescent School Health
- ❑ Maine General Fund

TOTAL BUDGET \$246,245

- ❑ \$145,668 (HIV Prevention)
- ❑ \$ 44,877 (YRBS)
- ❑ \$ 55,700 (state)

PARTNERS

- ❑ New Beginnings (multi-service youth agency)

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The goal of the HIV Prevention Education Program is to decrease the incidence of risk behaviors associated with HIV, STDs, and unplanned pregnancy among school age youth. This is achieved through evidence-based curricular trainings for educators in health, special education and alternative education, as well as through leadership training for student peer leaders.

Program Strategies:

- ❑ Increase communication on the need for a renewed focus on adolescent HIV, STDs, and unplanned pregnancy prevention
- ❑ Provide professional development and technical assistance
- ❑ Engage youth HIV teams in an HIV prevention process
- ❑ Strengthen partnerships with departments and youth-serving agencies
- ❑ Deliver trainings on how to reach youth at disproportionate risk for HIV, STDs, and unplanned pregnancy

Priority Populations:

- ❑ Youth and young adults (ages 10 to 24)
- ❑ GLBTQ youth, YMSM, Minority populations
- ❑ Tribal youth

Curricular Trainings and Workshops:

- ❑ Be Proud! Be Responsible!*
- ❑ Best Practices (10-12th grades)
- ❑ High Risk Adolescent Project
- ❑ Partners in Prevention* (special education students)
- ❑ Real Talk (6th/7th grades)
- ❑ Reducing the Risk/Safer Choices (8th/9th grades)
- ❑ Safety for GLBTQ Youth*
*priority populations

Other Program Offerings:

- ❑ Yearly Biomedical HIV Update
- ❑ Student Leadership Conferences
- ❑ HIV Prevention online resources