

YEP!

Youth Empowerment Program



The Friends of AIDS Foundation

Together We Remain Strong!

Today's youth are tomorrow's future and as a society we have a moral obligation to educate them. The choices they make today create their future. Every hour of the day in the United States one person between the ages of 13 and 24 is infected with HIV. This age group is the fastest growing group at risk for HIV.



The goal of **YEP!** is to provide today's youth with HIV education and harm reduction

strategies so that they will be empowered to make healthy choices and prevent the spread of the HIV virus. According to Centers for Disease Control and Prevention many young people begin having sexual intercourse at early ages. And, only 50% of those who are sexually active report consistent condom use. Research indicates that individuals who receive comprehensive sexual education, including information about abstinence and condom usage, are more likely to delay sexual activity, have fewer partners, and use protection when they become sexually active.

Our **Youth Empowerment Program (YEP!)** offers an innovative approach that educates, motivates, and empowers young individuals to make healthy choices and prevent the transmission of HIV. Our program is highly effective in engaging youth, helping to shape their decision making process and making it a more comfortable experience for them to have dialog amongst their peers. We believe that every young person should be provided with the appropriate education before they engage in behaviors that may place them at risk for HIV.

"The YEP! program taught me about this disease and the importance of responsibility and communication."

Samantha – 16 year old student

THERE IS NO CHARGE FOR THIS PROGRAM.

For more information on **YEP!** or to schedule a presentation,
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