

C35 - Prevention programmes for youth and adolescents

CDC1565 - AIDS education combined with a display of AIDS memorial quilts to raise awareness among teenagers in Taiwan

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Issues: The age of sexual debut in Taiwan is dropping but young people's access to information that promotes sexual health is limited due to a conservative approach to sex education in local schools. According to statistic analysis of CDC, the number of new infections among the young people still shows an upward trend.

Description: An AIDS education seminar and a display of AIDS memorial quilts and At-risk Babies Crib Quilts will be held in different colleges in Taiwan. During the display period, we want to bring a message of hope, remembrance, and to raise awareness of the disease. The AIDS education seminar provides essential of HIV prevention knowledge which including sex education and substance abuse. A video about people living with HIV or AIDS in Taiwan. Pre-test and post-test questionnaires were collected to evaluate the effectiveness of the program.

Lessons learned: A grant was approved from the Ministry of Education of our country to hold the event in different schools in Taiwan. In 2005, the project has been held in 8 campuses (including professional schools). 50 questionnaires were collected and showed that students' knowledge increased and attitude became more positive toward HIV/AIDS patients.

Recommendations: This project should be expanded and introduced to all the students and people in the community.
