

How to Plan World AIDS Day Activities

TIP SHEET FOR SCHOOLS

2015 World AIDS Day Theme:

Getting to Zero - reducing new HIV infections, discrimination, and AIDS related deaths to zero

Suggested Activities

- Set aside class time for a special lesson or speaker on HIV/AIDS or start a peer education program
- Plan a special session for parents to learn about talking with children and teenagers about HIV/AIDS
- Obtain or create a website, brochure or DVD for teaching students and parents the facts about HIV/AIDS
- Invite a person living with AIDS or health care worker to come and talk to students about HIV/AIDS
- Sponsor a poster, T-shirt, exhibit, rap, song, ad, bumper sticker or text message design contest for the 2015 theme
- Create a special HIV/AIDS writing assignment for December 1 (or any day): blog, essay, poem, book report, brochure, poster, or research report
- Obtain public service announcements about HIV/AIDS and air over the school's public address system or cable TV program: <http://www.actagainstaids.org/>
- Distribute red ribbons and information about HIV/AIDS at an exhibit set up in the school. Send electronic ribbon through social media outlets
- Make a long-term commitment to develop and support HIV prevention education in the context of comprehensive school health education
- Decorate trees, school buildings, classrooms, lamp posts, walls, bulletin boards or fences with red ribbons
- Form a youth rap, dancing, singing, band or theater group that dedicates performances to those affected by HIV/AIDS
- Have older students from the local high school, trained in HIV/AIDS, talk to junior high or elementary school students
- Prepare a current events bulletin board for students to fill with newspaper articles about HIV/AIDS

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- Bring AIDS Memorial Quilt to your school. Contact the National High School Quilt Program, NAMES Project Foundation, (404) 688-5500; <http://www.aidsquilt.org>
- Role play to make students aware of instances of discrimination associated with HIV/AIDS
- Create a board game, quiz or game show on HIV/AIDS facts that can be used in the classroom
- Develop a text messaging exchange between students and persons affected in different cities and countries
- Write a letter, article or ad for the school newspaper, newsletter or website about HIV/AIDS
- Host a health fair in the school auditorium; invite community agencies to set-up and staff exhibits and displays on AIDS programs and services
- Host a film festival and show DVDs or webinar recordings in which other teens talk about their personal experiences with HIV/AIDS
- Get permission from your school to set-up and staff a display at a public mall or venue; distribute red ribbons and educational brochures
- Post information about your World AIDS Day activities on your blogs, Facebook and Twitter accounts, and other social media outlets

WORLD AIDS DAY RESOURCES

Minnesota Department of Health

- Minnesota World AIDS Day: <http://www.health.state.mn.us/divs/idepc/diseases/hiv/worldaidsday/index.html>
- No Mas HIV: <http://www.NoMasHIV.com>

National Institute of Health AIDSInfo: <http://www.aids.gov/awareness-days/>

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

- Act Against AIDS Campaign Materials: <http://www.actagainstaids.org/>
- HIV Testing Locator: <http://www.hivtest.org/>

Greater Than AIDS Campaign Materials: <http://www.greaterthan.org>

World AIDS Campaign: <http://www.worldaidsday.org/campaign.php>

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