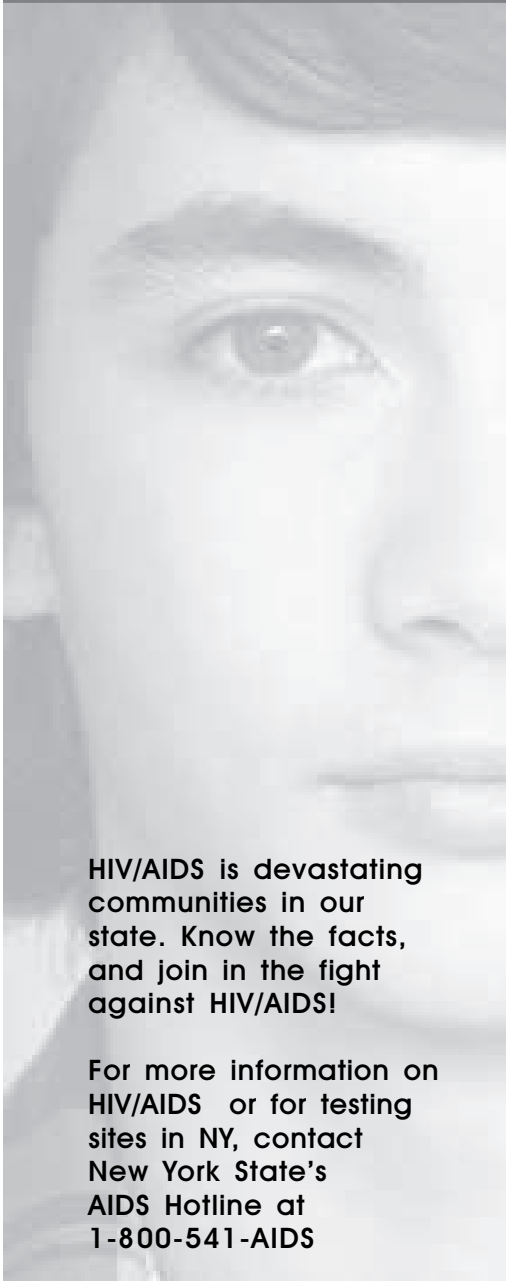




HIV/AIDS

AND

ADOLESCENTS YOUNG ADULTS



HIV/AIDS is devastating communities in our state. Know the facts, and join in the fight against HIV/AIDS!

For more information on HIV/AIDS or for testing sites in NY, contact New York State's AIDS Hotline at 1-800-541-AIDS

In Western New York

- Adolescents/young adults (ages 13-24) represent 5% of the 2007 reported living HIV/AIDS cases in Western New York.¹
- Adolescents/young adults (ages 13-24) represent 5% of the 2007 newly diagnosed HIV/AIDS cases.¹
- The Western New York region has one of the highest teen (ages 15-19) pregnancy rate in all of New York.²
- The Western New York and Finger Lakes regions have the highest teen (ages 15-19) STD rates for Chlamydia and Gonorrhea in all of upstate New York.²

In the United States

- Half of all HIV infections in the United States occur in people under age 25; one-fourth in people under age 21.³
- In 2004, a total an estimated 7,761 young people were living with AIDS, a 42% increase since 2000.⁴
- African American adolescents/young adults are disproportionately affected by HIV infection, accounting for 55% of all HIV infections among persons aged 13-24.⁵
- 94% of all HIV-infected young men who have sex with men ages 13-24 were unaware of their HIV status, a finding more common among African Americans (91%) than among whites (60%).⁶
- By the end of 2004, an estimated 10,129 adolescents/young adults with AIDS had died in the United States.⁷

Critical Issues / Barriers to Service

- 47% of 9-12th grade students report having sexual intercourse. One in three admit they did not use condoms "all of the time".⁸
- Adolescents/young adults may be more vulnerable to HIV/AIDS than older people. Their social, emotional and psychological development is not complete resulting in a tendency to experiment with risky behavior.⁹
- More than half of adolescents/young adults (56%) say that AIDS is a serious problem for people their age. Slightly more than half say they are personally concerned about becoming infected.¹⁰
- One in five adolescents/young adults believe a cure exists for AIDS or are simply unsure.¹⁰
- Many adolescents/young adults who contracted HIV through perinatal transmission are facing decisions about becoming sexually active.⁷
- Because many sexually experienced adolescents/young adults have not been tested for HIV, the actual number of teens living with HIV is estimated to be much higher than the reported number.¹¹



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¹¹ National Institute of Allergies and Infectious Disease, NIH - 2002