An Innovative Approach to HIV/AIDS Education in Cape Town, South Africa

Educate children in Cape Town, South Africa about the dangers of contracting HIV/AIDS.

What is HIV?

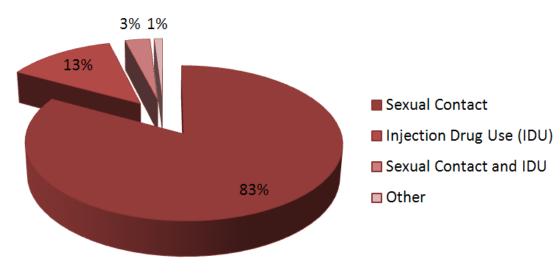
 A virus that gradually attacks immune system cells.

What is AIDS?

- Caused by the HIV virus.
- Diagnosed when an infected person develops an opportunistic infection or when the number of immune system cells drops below a certain level.

How is HIV transmitted?

- The virus is in the blood and semen/vaginal fluid of infected people.
- The virus is passed through sexual transmission, transmission through the blood and mother-to-child transmission.

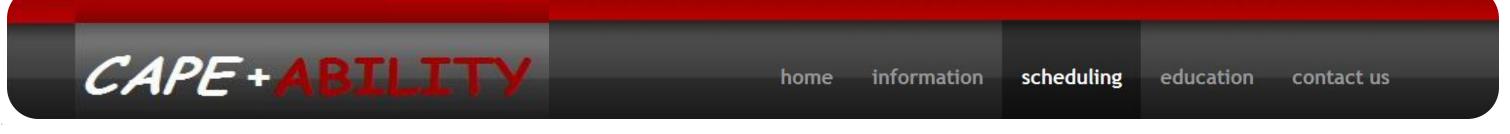






- Aimed towards middle-school children (13-15)
- Annual
- Lesson plan to teach children about HIV/AIDS.
 - Use the lesson plan we have established
 - Educate about HIV/AIDS transmission
- Have a volunteer guest speaker who has HIV/AIDS come into the school to talk to the children.
 - The volunteer will discuss impact of HIV/AIDS on their life





The core of our plan is centered around a website called CAPE+ABILITY which would:

- Allow schools to select dates desired for a presentation.
- Enable HIV patients to be "linked" with a school for a presentation based on their availability.
- Serve as a means for distribution of educational materials to the general public.
- We would like for this program to take expand to surrounding areas around Cape Town otherwise known as the Bush.
 - The Bush has a higher rate of HIV than Cape Town.
- If this project were to be successful this program could be implemented into many different school systems.

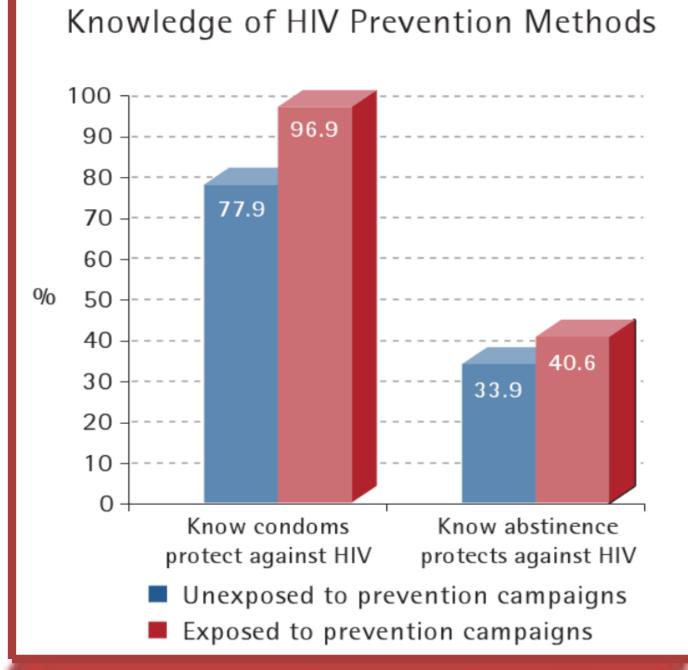
Period where HIV contraction rates are the highest

16% OF

Cape Town residents have AIDS



The effectiveness of HIV education in Burkina Faso



% increase in internet users since 2000



