National Youth HIV & AIDS Awareness Day 2018

Only 23 percent of sexually active high school students have been tested for HIV.

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Tuesday, April 10, marks National Youth HIV & AIDS Awareness Day (NYHAAD) 2018. Organized by Advocates for Youth, which promotes sexual health among adolescents, the event offers a chance to educate the public about HIV issues as they pertain to youth.

In the United States, one in five new HIV diagnoses are among young people ages 13 to 24 years old, and yet only 10 percent of high school students have ever been tested for the virus, according to data from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC).

Advocates for Youth launched NYHAAD in 2013. On YouthAIDSDay.org, the organization offers tool kits, fast-fact printouts, a collection of youth-related HIV videos and images that can be shared on social media. Several AIDS service organizations and health groups are already getting the word out.

Save the Date! Tomorrow is National Youth HIV/AIDS Awareness Day. According to the CDC, youth aged 13 to 24 accounted for more than 1 in 5 new HIV diagnoses in 2015. Do you know your status? Don’t let the stigma stop you from getting tested! Click the link in our bio to Find HIV Testing Sites & Care Services near you. #NYHAAD #GetTested #HivPrevention #STDPrevention #AIDS #HIV - Photo by: @adameliophotography

A post shared by The Grassroot Project (@thegrassrootproject) on Apr 9, 2018 at 7:41am PDT

Did you know that only 23 percent of sexually active high school students have been tested for HIV or that 50 percent of millennials say they want more information about HIV? Now, with the information on the CDC site and YouthAIDSDay.org, you can inform yourself, your friends and readers of your social media.

Because of stigma, youth aged 15-24 may not be comfortable discussing their status with others, and talking

with their partners about way to protect themselves from HIV and other STDs. #NYHAAD #AAA

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YouthAIDSDay.org is also home to the NYHAAD Bill of Rights, which you can read below:

Courtesy of NYHAAD

In related news, the current issue of POZ features several stories about youth, including "Vote of Confidence: Supporting youth leaders to address HIV among Latinos" and "Generation PrEP? Pre-exposure prophylaxis has an uncertain future among youth under 25." You can read the entire issue here.

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