

YouthAware Educational Theatre at the New Conservatory Theatre Center Proudly Presents ...

Get Real!

An HIV Prevention & AIDS Education Play for 4th & 5th Graders

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Performing at NCTC January 27th – February 11th 2010 • Mondays through Thursdays at 10am & 11:30am

HIV prevention has been an integral part of the YouthAware Educational Theatre program since its inception in the late 1980's. *Get Real!* uses fast, funny sketches to educate young people about HIV & AIDS prevention, eliminate the discrimination and stigma attached to the disease, and encourage young people to make positive, healthy choices when they are faced with difficult situations. The script is updated to reflect new trends and prevention information. Each performance includes a Q&A between the cast and student audience after the play.

- ✓ New Conservatory Theatre Center (NCTC) is located at 25 Van Ness Ave. at Market St. in the lower lobby.
- ✓ Please go over proper theatre behavior with your class prior to your visit to NCTC. Also try to keep students quiet while waiting in the lobby as there are working offices nearby.
- ✓ Arrive 15 minutes before your performance to allow extra time for bathrooms & seating. Please be on time! There is no late seating for this play.
- ✓ The program runs approximately 1 hour, including the Q&A.
- ✓ No food or drinks are allowed in the theatre.
- ✓ Snacks are permitted in the lobby if you arrive early, but we cannot accommodate groups for lunch.



HIV Prevention Information for Elementary School Students ...

- HIV is a virus that lives in the blood and can cause a person to get sick with a disease called AIDS.
- The virus that causes AIDS is called the *Human Immunodeficiency Virus*, or HIV.
- AIDS stands for *Acquired ImmunoDeficiency Syndrome*.
- You cannot always tell by looking at someone whether they are infected with HIV because HIV lives in the blood, and it attacks the immune system or the white blood cells in the body that protect you from getting sick.
- You CANNOT get HIV or AIDS by hanging out with someone with HIV, hugging them, kissing them, using a toilet after them, or even drinking from a glass that was used by someone who has it.
- You CANNOT get HIV or AIDS from a mosquito bite or from any other bug or animal.
- You COULD get HIV by mixing your blood from an open cut with someone else's blood *who already has HIV*.
- You COULD get HIV by getting poked by a needle you find on the ground *that has HIV infected blood in it*.
- To be safe, you shouldn't touch needles you find on the ground mix or your blood with anyone else's.
- It's ok to give or receive blood or to get a shot at the doctor's office, because those needles are only used one time before they're thrown away properly, and all the blood in hospitals is tested to make sure it's safe.
- Mothers infected with HIV *can* pass the virus to their babies during pregnancy, during birth, or through breast-feeding, but new medications have made this much less likely.
- There is still NO cure for HIV or AIDS, but new medications are helping HIV patients live much longer lives.



It's important to know the **REAL** facts about HIV. Bring a question that you have about HIV or AIDS, and you might have time to ask the actors after the play.

Email sara@nctcsf.org or call (415) 694-6149 with any questions about this program.

You may also download a preview copy of the script at

http://www.nctcsf.org/get_real.html



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