

Program Highlights

Orange County, Florida

Partnering to Reach Youth at Disproportionate Risk for HIV Transmission

Orange County Public Schools (OCPS) HIV prevention program has established partnerships with a number of community-based organizations to provide HIV prevention education programs for youth who are at disproportionate risk for HIV transmission, either because they engage in risky behaviors or because they live in an area of the county with a high prevalence of disease. As a result of these partnerships and continued OCPS efforts, the district has had great success in reaching at-risk youth with HIV/AIDS prevention information.

Examples of accomplishments include:

- Providing 322 human sexuality education presentations to 9,219 middle and high school students in schools located in areas of the county with disproportionately high rates of HIV/AIDS.
- Implementing the Wise Guys curriculum with 35 African American high school males.
- Training 23 African American female high school students to be peer facilitators using the Street Smart curriculum. Peer facilitators organized multiple HIV testing events, which resulted in more than 120 youth receiving an HIV test.
- Sponsoring an annual Sexual Abstinence Youth Summit for African American middle and high school youth and parents.
- Conducting focus groups with lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, queer, and questioning high school students to receive feedback on human sexuality education needs/wants which will be used to inform future programmatic efforts.