School-based programs play an important role in preventing HIV and other STDs.

There are about 20 million new STDs each year. Half are among youth aged 15–24 years. 1 in 5 new HIV infections occur in youth.

Effective HIV/STD Prevention Programs
- DELAY 1st sexual intercourse
- DECREASE number of sex partners
- INCREASE condom and contraceptive use
- DO NOT increase likelihood of having sex
- COST EFFECTIVE!

Characteristics of Effective HIV/STD Prevention Programs
1. Delivered by trained instructors
2. Use materials that are age- and culturally-appropriate and medically accurate
3. Include skill-building lessons
4. Take place in a school environment supportive of healthy behaviors
5. Involve parents, youth-serving organizations, and health organizations

HIV/STD Prevention Programs are COST EFFECTIVE!
$1 invested $2.65 saved

How can you help your school?
ASK school administrators about current programs and services.
VISIT the CDC Healthy Youth web site (www.cdc.gov/HealthyYouth) for additional resources.
CALL 1-800-CDC-INFO (800-232-4636) if you have any further questions.

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