

AIDS and Health Promotion

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WHEREAS the Report of AIDSIDA Consensus Forum, Voices of Experience, identified a number of important concepts which have strategic implications for the direction of HIV/AIDS Prevention Education:

- HIV/AIDS prevention education would be improved by the adoption and consistent use of a health promotion approach.
- It is essential to promote the health of persons living with HIV/AIDS.
- Partnerships must be strengthened and expanded.
- Reducing inequities and increasing access are primary tasks for HIV/AIDS prevention and education.
- Effective prevention education involves more than simply providing information.
- The majority of effective initiatives adopt a community development approach.
- The affected communities must be involved at all stages of the process.
- The members of the intended audience have differing characteristics and needs.
- HIV/AIDS prevention education strategies are all interconnected.
- There must be respect for, and attention to, diversity in the planning and implementation of HIV/AIDS prevention education programs.
- Program priorities should be established locally/regionally.
- It is necessary to build on existing resources (including experience).
- Training is an important aspect of HIV/AIDS prevention education.
- Language is a powerful and important tool in HIV/AIDS prevention education.
- HIV/AIDS prevention education is a shared responsibility between individuals and society.
- Accountability involves everyone.
- Research is a vital element of HIV/AIDS prevention education.

These concepts fit into an overall Health Promotion Model.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT OPHA promote discussion of the concepts which emerged from the AIDSIDA Consensus Forum on HIV/AIDS Prevention Education and detailed in the Forum Report Voices of Experience; OPHA encourage discussion throughout the community and public health sector working in HIV/AIDS Prevention Education in Ontario.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT OPHA advocate the Ministry of Health to develop its plans for follow-up to the Forum.

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