

What, Where, Who & How?

What do Toronto Newcomer Youth Have to Say about Sexual Health Education?



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Putting the numbers in a context



- Newcomers are immigrant or refugee or 'undocumented' youth who have been living in Canada for 3 or less years.
- One in **6** youth aged 15-24 in Toronto is a newcomer (Statistics Canada, 2008)
- Unique
- Diverse

WHAT?



| Canadian Born | TOPIC | Newcomers |
|---------------|-----------------------|-----------|
| 81% | HIV | 63% |
| 76% | STI | 46% |
| 66% | Healthy Relationships | 42% |

KEY MESSAGE on any given topic, the % of newcomer youth that have reported learning about that topic is less than the % of Canadian-born youth

WHAT?



1. Healthy Relationships

2. HIV/AIDS

3. Pregnancy and Birth Control

WHERE?

| | Canadian Born | Newcomers <3Yrs |
|-------------------|----------------------|---------------------------|
| Elementary School | 67% | 32% |
| High School | 61% | 55% |
| Youth Groups | 39% | 24.6% |
| Faith Groups | 6% | 6.5% |
| Nowhere | 6.2% | 18.8% |

WHERE?



SCHOOL!!! ESL Classes

“ everybody knows where school is”

“ if the workshops are outside of school I have to answer a million questions, where is it, when is it, what is the topic.....”

WHO?



1

Friends

2

Mass Media

3

Professionals

4

Parents

5

Info lines,

Want....

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Professionals



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