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HIV/AIDS and Youth

International Organizations/Projects

Global Youth Coalition on HIV/AIDS (GYCA)

GYCA is a youth-led, UNAIDS and UNFPA supported alliance of over 3000 young leaders and adult allies working on youth and HIV/AIDS in 150 countries world-wide. It was proposed by youth worldwide, including the youth attendees of the XV International AIDS Conference in Bangkok 2004 and XIV International AIDS Conference in Barcelona 2002. GYCA empowers young leaders with the skills, knowledge, resources and opportunities they need to scale up HIV/AIDS interventions amongst their peers. "GYCA operates on two tiers. The first, through information communication technology (ICT) with free capacity-building e-courses, discussion forums, and online resources; and the second, through local gatherings and regional partnerships. GYCA is coordinated by a North Secretariat that acts as a catalyst for a decentralized network, operating through a Task Force of youth and adult allies including people living with HIV/AIDS, 12 Regional Focal Points, a growing number of National Focal Points world-wide, and members, representing an array of organizations, programs, and networks focusing on youth and HIV/AIDS."

To apply for an e-course, membership (free) is required. GYCA members are individuals or representatives of organizations who are subscribed to our information-sharing e-forum and/or who seek to collaborate with GICA members on HIV/AIDS work. Due to the high number of e-course applications, GICA only accept applications during the designated "application week," which they announce on the web-site. Please see the e-course schedule for relevant deadlines. You can apply as soon as the application week begins.

URL: <http://www.youthaidscoalition.org/>

HIV/AIDS Impact on Education Clearinghouse

The HIV/AIDS Impact on Education Clearinghouse was established in February 2003 and is coordinated by the International Institute for Educational Planning/UNESCO supported with funds from UNAIDS. Its aim is to support professionals in educational planning and management in the context of HIV/AIDS by systematically collecting the latest studies and research, and disseminating the information through the web-site, its electronic newsletter and related products, CD-ROMs or hard copies of documents. This is a platform for sharing knowledge and information on the impact of HIV/AIDS on education. This site is designed as a tool for you to disseminate your research and learn from the research of others. If you have experience of what works and why, the Clearinghouse is an ideal forum to share your ideas.

Schools, Teachers and Pupils - this section looks at how the epidemic is affecting education systems in terms of the supply of education. *Children and Young People* – this section is devoted to the impact of HIV and AIDS on children and young people.

URL: http://hivaidsclearinghouse.unesco.org/ev_en.php

HIV InSite - Adolescents and Youth

HIV InSite is developed by the Center for HIV Information (CHI) at the University of California San Francisco (UCSF). Launched in March 1997, HIV InSite's mission is to be a source for comprehensive, in-depth HIV/AIDS information and knowledge. The site has an extensive collection of original material, including the *HIV InSite Knowledge Base*, a complete textbook with extensive references and related links organized by topic. Other types of resources include: FAQs and Expert Advice, Fact Sheets, Reports and Studies, Surveys, Case Studies, and annotated links to related web-based resources.

URL: <http://hivinsite.ucsf.edu/insite?page=pb-youth>

Kaiser Family Foundation - Youth and HIV/STDs

The web-site contains documents, news, information about international assistance for HIV/AIDS the developing world and about other global health priorities.

URL: <http://www.kff.org/youthhivstds/index.cfm>

Youth AIDS

YouthAIDS, an education and prevention program of PSI, uses media, pop culture, music, theatre and sports to stop the spread of HIV/AIDS and reach 600 million young people in more than 60 countries with life-saving messages, products, services and care. **Population Services International (PSI)** is a non-profit organization. The mission of PSI is to measurably improve the health of poor and vulnerable people in the developing world, principally through social marketing of family planning and health products and services, and behavior change communications.

URL: <http://www.youthaids.org/>

YouthNet

A global program of Family Health International (FHI) (2001-2006) to improve reproductive health and prevent the spread of HIV/AIDS among people 10 to 24 years old. Supported by the U.S. Agency for International Development, YouthNet conducted research, disseminated information, improved services, and strengthened policies and programs related to the reproductive health and HIV/AIDS-prevention needs and rights of young people around the world. Formed in 1971, Family Health International (FHI) is among the largest and most established nonprofit organizations active in international public health with a mission to improve lives worldwide through research, education, and services in family health. FHI manages research and field activities in more than 70 countries to meet the public health needs of some of the world's most vulnerable people.

URL: <http://www.fhi.org/en/Youth/YouthNet/>

National Organizations/Projects

Advocates for Youth

“Established in 1980 as the Center for Population Options, Advocates for Youth champions efforts to help young people make informed and responsible decisions about their reproductive and sexual health. Advocates for Youth is dedicated to creating programs and advocating for policies that help young people make informed and responsible decisions about their reproductive and sexual health. Advocates provides information, training, and strategic assistance to youth-serving organizations, policy makers, youth activists, and the media in the United States and the developing world, resources for professionals and youth activists.” The web-site contains a wealth of information on a variety of topics and issues related to adolescent sexual and reproductive health, including HIV/STI prevention and treatment, HIV vaccines, etc. Advocates' popular series of two-page fact sheets cover essential statistics, emerging trends, and resources in a concise and easy-to-use format. Advocates for Youth has two online databases, JournalNet and BiblioNet.

URL: <http://www.advocatesforyouth.org/>

HIV/AIDS among Youth – CDC Fact Sheet

“Young people in the United States are at persistent risk for HIV infection. This risk is especially notable for youth of minority races and ethnicities. Continual HIV prevention outreach and education efforts, including programs on abstinence and on delaying the initiation of sex, are required as new generations replace the generations that benefited from earlier prevention strategies. Unless otherwise noted, this fact sheet defines youth, or young people, as persons who are 13–24 years of age.”

URL: <http://www.cdc.gov/hiv/resources/factsheets/youth.htm>

National Pediatric AIDS Network

Information regarding HIV/AIDS in pediatric and youth communities, including medical information, clinical trials, international issues, complementary therapy, and more. NPAN is a non-profit organization, that works collaboratively with other HIV/AIDS organizations, clinics and doctors. National Pediatric AIDS Network is helping children, adolescents and women around the world cope with the effects of HIV/AIDS in their lives.

URL: <http://www.npan.org/>

Belarusian Interactive Web-site on HIV/AIDS for Youth (in Russian)

This web-site is developed within the framework of the Project "HIV/AIDS Prevention and Treatment in the Republic of Belarus" (implemented in collaboration with the Ministry of Health of the Republic of Belarus) of the UN Developmental Program. The site contains news, forum, information resources, and virtual library.

URL: <http://www.aids.by/>

Youth and HIV: Problem and the Ways of its Resolution (in Russian)

Web-site Aids.ru is dedicated to presenting objective information obtained from the domestic and overseas sources. “Here you will learn how to prevent infection’s acquisition and maintain health if you live with HIV. Here you will find data on health and law, psychology and international policies, and more. You will be able to participate in the forum, express your opinion regarding some significant issues and find answers to a question you may be concerned about.” Sites’ section *Youth and HIV* is designed for providing adolescents with

knowledge necessary to make decisions about their health as well as for enabling adults to provide young individuals with needed support in these areas.

URL: <http://www.aids.ru/prevent/teen/>

Related EurasiaHealth Knowledge Network links:

Internet Resources on ARV Drugs. *Health Resources Digest, August 2004*

<http://www.eurasiahealth.org/attaches/98881/Health%20Resources%20Digest%20Aug%2004-eng.pdf>

Sexuality Education in Europe - A Reference Guide to Policies and Practices

<http://www.eurasiahealth.org/eng/health/resources/99288/>

Sexual and Reproductive Health Needs of Women and Adolescent Girls Living with HIV: Research Report on Qualitative Findings from Brazil, Ethiopia and the Ukraine

<http://www.eurasiahealth.org/eng/health/resources/99290/>

Review: Morbidity, Mortality, and Response to Treatment by Children in the United Kingdom and Ireland with Perinatally Acquired HIV Infection during 1996–2006: Planning for Teenage and Adult Care

<http://www.eurasiahealth.org/eng/aids/health/resources/99481/>

Youth Risk Behavior Survey

<http://www.eurasiahealth.org/eng/health/resources/81672/>

Health Resources Digest Forthcoming Topics

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Medical Calculators; Statistical Methods in Clinical Research; Handheld Computers in Healthcare

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