

# HIV Fact Sheet



## BASIC HIV EDUCATION

### **What is Basic HIV Education?**

Polling research shows that while most Americans have some knowledge about HIV, misinformation exists about how HIV transmission occurs and how it can be prevented. This misinformation leads to stigma associated with HIV and people living with HIV.

Currently, many HIV education programs are only made available to targeted sub-groups of the population. An increase in basic HIV education would combat stigma associated with HIV and help prevent new HIV infections.

### **Basic HIV Education Prevents HIV Transmission**

#### **TAKE ACTION!**

A bill establishing standards for basic HIV education for the general public in Minnesota will be introduced in the Minnesota State Legislature. This legislation would require that the Minnesota Department of Health ensure that all Minnesotans receive basic information about how HIV is transmitted and how transmission can be prevented. Contact your elected officials and let them know that you support basic HIV education measures to prevent HIV transmission.

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