



PROPOSED HIV PREVENTION DOCUMENTARY

About Mazzarella Bros. Productions

For almost 20 years, Mazzarella Bros. Productions has been producing the highest quality guidance and health programs. Our productions enhance learning and help teachers get students thinking and talking about the difficult issues they face every day. Mazzarella's reputation as the recognized leader in the production of guidance and health, is built on its ability to present tough-to-teach topics in a realistic, non-judgmental, and captivating manner. Mazzarella prides itself on consistently providing educators with award-winning programs.

About the Production

Adolescents are one of the fastest-growing populations of HIV-positive people. Yet many teens--due to their inexperience, their lack of assertiveness skills, and their feelings of invincibility--are not making wise choices. In this production, viewers are introduced to several youths who have tested positive for HIV. In their own words we learn how they got infected, and how it could have been avoided. The program then details how HIV is transmitted and the behaviors associated with infection. They emphasize that you can't trust that someone is HIV negative simply because they tell you so. The program is geared towards youths who are already at risk. It concludes with urgent advice for today's uninfected teens: although condoms and using clean needles can decrease risk, nothing but abstinence and never sharing needles is 100 percent safe.

Adolescent Participation

Mazzarella is looking for adolescents who have tested positive for HIV to participate in a new HIV-Prevention Documentary. Participants must be willing to share their story of how they became infected and their thoughts about living with HIV. Adolescents will be interviewed in a relaxed setting with a small 4- person production crew. Mazzarella would then like to record a day in the life of the participant to use as B-Roll in the production. The adolescents will be compensated with a small stipend for their participation.