

WAIT

Washington AIDS International Teens

A new approach in HIV/AIDS prevention



WAIT (Washington AIDS International Teens) fights HIV/AIDS through the performing arts. With song, dance, skits and game shows, they teach the facts and encourage young people to focus on their talents and dreams rather than make risky choices. Abstinence and lifetime partnership are the best ways to protect from infection, and the WAIT team members live the message, as well as giving the message.

WAIT has performed more than 120 presentations just in 2003 in schools in Washington, D.C., Maryland, Michigan, California, North Carolina and in conferences in New York and New Jersey. Here's what people have said about their performances:



"They focused on positive themes, like respect, avoiding peer pressure and waiting for love. I can recommend them as a peer education program to convey the message of sexual health and good choice-making to student audiences."

Debbie Gold, Public Health teacher, Montgomery County Dept. of Health & Human Services, MD



"Teens were captivated by the performance."

Maurice Shorter, Dept. of Health, HIV/AIDS Administration, Wash.D.C.

"The Washington AIDS International Teens (WAIT) is a quality program targeted at preventing HIV/AIDS from an abstinence perspective." Christine Cralley Fogle, Abstinence Education Coordinator, MD Dept. Health and Mental Hygiene

"It was uplifting while serving as refreshing entertainment and as an example of the creative expanse open to peer education on HIV-prevention." Lindsay Dart, American Red Cross, National Capital Area

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