HIV Among Young Men who have Sex with Men (MSM), Michigan

Number of Cases and Recent Trends:
- Nationally and in Michigan, young black males are the fastest growing population of HIV-infected individuals.
- 76 percent of male HIV-infected individuals, between the ages of 13 and 19, had infections attributed to men who have sex with men (MSM).
- Michigan has noted a significant increase in rates of HIV infections in 13-19 year olds, the majority of whom are black MSM.

Demographics:
- MSM between the ages of 13 and 19 are more likely to be black than those 20 years and older (62 percent vs. 23 percent).
- Between 2004 and 2008, of all teens diagnosed with HIV 85 percent are black compared to 60 percent of persons at older ages.

Other Facts:
- Data from a behavioral study in Detroit revealed that the majority (88 percent) of 13 to 17 year old males that engaged in receptive only anal sex did so with partners who were older.
- The behavioral study in Detroit, also revealed, that of those who had anal sex about two-thirds used a condom most of the time, compared to 5 percent part of the time and 26 percent not using a condom at all.

Race/Ethnicity by Age at HIV Diagnosis, All Persons Living with HIV, 2004-2008

Program Efforts:
- The MDCH supports three interventions designed to mobilize young gay, bisexual, and other MSM to build positive social connections and support safer sex. MDCH provides funding to the AIDS Partnership Michigan which operates the Youth Link Program designed to link HIV-positive MSM between the ages of 13-24 into needed medical care using a Peer-Based model.

For more information:
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HIV/AIDS Surveillance Program
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(www.michigan.gov/hivstd → HIV/AIDS → Statistics and Reports)
State of Michigan HIV/AIDS Statistics and Reports

Michigan Counseling, Testing, & Referral Sites
www.inspot.org/michigan —click "get checked"

Michigan AIDS Hotline 1-800-872-2437

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