

## COMMUNITY PRESENTATIONS

### Speakers Bureau and Public Presentations

The goal of SAAF's Speakers' Bureau is to educate the community about HIV/AIDS through educational presentations and information booths.

SAAF provides training, outreach, and information on HIV/AIDS throughout the community. All speakers are volunteers. Most requests for speakers come directly from agencies, schools, and community organizations that are specifically looking for information about HIV/AIDS, or that have general health-related curricula.

**HIV 101 Presentations** are provided for secondary schools, colleges, universities, and other groups. These sessions include definitions of HIV and AIDS and information on risk reduction, modes of transmission, and how HIV/AIDS affects the immune system. About 20 HIV 101 presentations are made each year, reaching over 500 community members, including 300 young people.

**Living With HIV/AIDS Presentations** are provided for secondary schools, colleges, universities, and other groups. These sessions take a more personal approach to HIV prevention by having a person living with HIV/AIDS tell their story and convey the message of self-protection. Testing information and statistics are updated on a regular basis to most accurately reflect currently available services and trends. About 25 such presentations are made each year, reaching over 1,200 people, including 700 youth.

**Information Booths** staffed by volunteers are provided at health fairs and other community events. Pamphlets are available on myths about HIV, modes of transmission, HIV testing, and SAAF's services. Materials at info booths are tailored for children or young adults, depending on the expected audience. About 50 info booths are held each year, reaching over 3,000 people, including 2,000 youth.

Below are comments from individuals who attended an HIV 101 presentation from one of SAAF's Speaker's Bureau members:

- *"I enjoyed the explanation about how HIV works in the immune system...I learned the most from this aspect of the presentation."*
- *"Amazing – really covered the info well – A great spokesperson."*
- *"Very interesting, learned a lot about HIV and AIDS and how it's transmitted."*
- *"It was the best I'd ever attended."*

**To schedule a presentation or for information** about becoming an AIDS educator, contact the Volunteer Coordinator at (520) 628-7223 or by email.