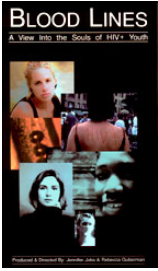




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Blood Lines is a film directed & produced by HIV-positive youth. As artists and activists, they were inspired to document their experiences as they struggle with this overwhelming disease. They traveled across Europe and the United States twice, interviewing HIV-positive

youth like themselves to create a documentary that voices their confusion, grief and hope.

The film empowers those who live with HIV/AIDS, inspires compassion for people living with the virus, and motivates others to avoid getting infected. This film is about fear and confusion, hope and anger, joy, and the remarkable resilience that HIV+ young people share.

Blood Lines illustrates the reality of being young and having HIV. It is an emotionally devastating yet ultimately uplifting view of young, positive people - a view that is completely personal, because it is seen from the inside out.

For more information about Blood Lines, please visit their website at <http://www.blood-lines.org/synopsis.html>.

## The Blood Lines Video Discussion Group

The Blood Lines Video Discussion Group is a two hour session designed to provide information to youth about HIV prevention, transmission and testing. A trained facilitator will follow a step-by-step process for showing and processing the video. Activities to enhance learning after the discussion are also provided. The activities are designed to reinforce important HIV prevention messages. The session is designed for groups of 6-25 teens. The larger the group, the more important it is that the facilitator(s) feel skilled and comfortable in meeting the challenges larger groups can present.

## Objectives of the Blood Lines Video Discussion Group

As a result of participating in the Blood Lines Video Discussion, youth will be able to:

- Identify the different risk factors for HIV;
- Identify the behaviors that prevent the spread of HIV;
- Recognize their own vulnerability to HIV infection; and
- Identify local HIV testing resources.

## Blood Lines Educator Training Overview

The one-day educator training is designed to provide educators with the knowledge and skills to effectively implement the Blood Lines Video Discussion Group with youth in juvenile justice facilities or alternative schools. The training includes: group building activities to create cohesion among participants; an overview of the Blood Lines Video Discussion Group; modeling, practice and reflection of teaching strategies; and an exploration of participant attitudes and beliefs around the content of the video discussion.

Educators who attend the one-day training will:

- Explain basic information about HIV risk behaviors, prevention and testing;
- Explain the rationale for using the Blood Lines Video Discussion Group;
- Identify the objectives, content and activities of the Blood Lines Discussion Guide;
- Use the Blood Lines Discussion Guide to effectively implement a Blood Lines Video Discussion Group;
- Identify local HIV resources and testing sites for youth;
- Identify their own values and the impact of those values on their ability to effectively teach about adolescent sexuality;
- Describe guidelines for answering sensitive questions regarding sexuality, HIV and other sexually transmitted diseases (STDs); and
- Identify potential barriers to implementing the Blood Lines Video Discussion Group and describe strategies for overcoming these barriers.

