

# Let's Talk About Sex

Even though adolescents and young adults make up almost 1/4 of new HIV diagnoses every year, youth often don't hear about HIV.

**Stigma against sex and LGBTQ+ identities prevents us from talking honestly about all the tools we have to prevent HIV.**

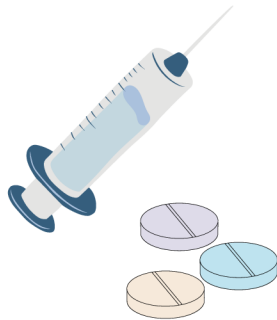
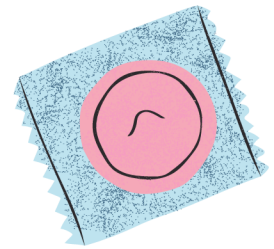
We know many young people have sex, and some young people also inject drugs. Information about preventing HIV is relevant to everyone, including youth.

People can only take HIV treatment to protect their health and their sexual partners' health if they know they're living with HIV. **Over ½ of young people living with HIV are unaware of their status.**



Getting HIV testing is a first step to keep you and your partners safe. Getting tested for HIV is often free. **People in Tennessee ages 14 and over can receive HIV testing without parental involvement.**

**Using condoms every time you have sex** can help you stay HIV-negative (and protect from other sexually transmitted infections and pregnancy).



**PrEP\* (pre-exposure prophylaxis) is a daily medication that nearly eliminates someone's chances of getting HIV**, similarly to how people can take birth control to avoid pregnancy. It is usually possible to get for free, and it's for all ages.

\*PrEP can be pills or shots



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