

## Our Goals

At Positive Living North, we recognize that HIV/HCV touch all of humanity and can affect anyone. Therefore, the goals of the educational services are to:

1. Identify the educational needs of individuals and groups to facilitate their learning
2. Increase public awareness and learning regarding the social issues that impact the HIV/HCV epidemics

*Educational services are provided for free*



## Our Educators

Our Educators are from diverse backgrounds. They have many years' experience facilitating educational events and working in the health care and social service fields.

They live in the North and understand the issues people face in Northern BC.

Our services cover Chetwynd, Hudson's Hope, Tumbler Ridge, Dawson Creek, Fort St. John, Fort Nelson, and surrounding communities.

Additional services are available out of the Prince George and Bulkley Valley (Smithers) offices.

We greatly appreciate the services provided by volunteers and the support of the community. If you are interested in volunteering or have any questions, please call us!

*With thanks to our supporter:*

Northern Health Authority

## *AIDS Walk*

Come and support people living with HIV/AIDS in our annual AIDS Walk!! Walks take place in Prince George, Smithers, and Dawson Creek.

- Form a team
- Collect pledges
- Have an event

**Walk and support**

Find us on Facebook!



Positive Living North:  
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*Outreach HIV  
Educational  
Services*

Monday to Friday  
9:00 am - 4:30 pm

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# Our Services:

## Educational Workshops

- 1) **HIV/AIDS/HCV 101** - learn the basics of keeping yourself safe
- 2) **Healthy Relationships** - learn how having a healthy relationship will reduce HIV transmission
- 3) **Gender and Sexual Identity** - learn about homophobia, heterosexism, gender identity and the stigma surrounding sexuality
- 4) **STIs (Sexually Transmitted Infections)** - learn about STIs and how to stay safe
- 5) **Historical Trauma and HIV/AIDS** - learn how trauma correlates to risk for HIV transmission

## Reducing Barriers by Building Partnerships: Module Training for Service Providers

This workshop was originally designed for healthcare and social service workers, but other frontline workers (e.g. educators) find it beneficial and relevant. The program consists of four modules, in a two day training. Participants receive a certificate upon completion of all of the following modules:

- 1) HIV/AIDS/HCV 101
- 2) The Impact of HIV/AIDS on those Infected and Affected
- 3) Gender and Sexual Identity
- 4) Historical Trauma and HIV/AIDS



## Custom Education Offerings

HIV/AIDS & HCV touch all of humanity and can affect anyone, yet they remain a taboo topic in our Northeastern BC community. Many people are uncomfortable talking about sex, drugs, and other high-risk activities. Those who do engage in these activities sense this stigma, and avoid dialogue for fear of discrimination. Stigma and discrimination is one of the reasons why HIV & HCV are still spreading. The goal of this work is to remove this stigma in our community so that HIV/AIDS & HCV related issues can be discussed openly and honestly without fear. Dialogue leads to awareness; awareness is prevention; and an ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure.

- We will design education presentations or workshops to fit your group
- We can develop the presentations to fit your needs
  - We present to all ages and levels
  - When able, we can travel to your community
- Workshops available on HIV/AIDS, Hepatitis C, Healthy Sexuality, Sexually Transmitted Infections and Healthy Relationships
  - Health fairs and community events
- Support for those wanting to get testing for HIV and Hepatitis C
- Ongoing support to anyone living with or affected by HIV/AIDS and Hepatitis C



## Wear a Red Ribbon Today!

The red ribbon is an international symbol of AIDS Awareness. It is worn by people all over the world, from all walks of life to demonstrate care and concern about HIV/AIDS. A symbol to remind us all of the need for support and prevention. It is worn in memory of those who have lost their lives to AIDS, and in support of those living with or affected by HIV/AIDS.

World AIDS Day is December 1st



## Our Logo:

An Iroquois story tells us that a long time ago people were disrespectful toward animals, the earth and each other. So the Creator took the sun away. For four days the robin sang strongly and clearly, calling for the sun to return. The creator took pity and returned the light. Those same robins are heard before sunrise, calling for the light of a new dawn.

The Positive Living North robin has a heart at its centre representing life, love and compassion. The green symbolizes healing and open communication. The red ribbon is the symbol for the HIV/AIDS movement. The rainbow wings signify inclusion of the full spectrum of humanity and enable the bird to fly with the promise of hope and freedom.