

Youth' Sexual Behavior : Changing Thoughts and Beliefs

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Abstract

This study was to examine the levels and models of risky sexual behaviors of youth in educational institutions and classify the factors involved.

The data were collected from "The Mid-Term Review of the National AIDS Program on Prevention and Care in Youth Group (2002-2005)" funded by Ministry of Public Health and "The AIDS Research Project on Prevention in Youth Group in Educational Institution" funded by Commission on Higher Education.

This study found that 24.8% of Youth in educational institutions who had gone out to entertaining places and activities for instant going to the parties, pubs, bars and discotheques accepted that they had sexual experience. The mean value of their first sex was at the ages of 16.09. The least age was at 9, while 15.65 for males and 16.69 for females at average. Their first sexes from (78.7%) were the relationship between fan-fan / lover-lover, it was also shown that their average of condom awareness classified in three groups; having sex with condoms, without ones and could not remember were at 34.4 %, 52.3 %and 13.3 % respectively.

They thought that having sexes were ordinary and natural human behavior. Both experienced in having sex and inexperienced ones had knowledge about AIDS at the same levels. There was 17.2% of fan-fan sexual behavior always wore condoms while 40.5% of close -related persons and 47.6 %of temporary related-persons did. It was obviously seen that 50% of youth ignored AIDS prevention from wearing condoms while having sexes when they encountered risky situations such as drunken, extremely joyful, attracted the sex appeal emotion.