

Finding People to Help: Write HIV/AIDS Help-Wanted Ads

Directions

Have students brainstorm types of jobs in the HIV prevention and treatment fields. Write the list on the board. Individually or in small groups, have students write “help-wanted ads” that name the position, the job description, and the qualifications needed.

Example

The list may include:

- HIV counselor/tester.
- Drug counselor.
- Condom manufacturer.
- Doctor.
- Health educator.
- Activist.

The “help-wanted ad” may read as follows:

Needed: HIV counselor/tester in large city hospital in NYC. Offer HIV antibody testing to all eligible people who are seen in the emergency department. Inform them about HIV before testing, answer any questions, and obtain informed consent. Draw blood or administer rapid (saliva) test and give test results. Refer HIV-positive people to medical and supportive services so that they can begin antiretroviral therapy (ART), and discuss the importance of avoiding behaviors that can infect others. Guide HIV-negative people in thinking about ways they can avoid contracting HIV in the future or refer them for prevention services. Qualifications: Must be well-informed, compassionate, supportive, and a good listener; must respect confidentiality.