



# National Youth HIV & AIDS Awareness Day 2024

Nearly half of young people living with HIV don't know their status. On Wednesday, April 10, raise awareness of #NYHAAD.

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Wednesday, April 10, marks National Youth HIV & AIDS Awareness Day (#NYHAAD) 2024.

“Addressing the impact of HIV on young people requires they have access to affirming, culturally competent and medically accurate resources and tools,” [according to Advocates for Youth](#), the national nonprofit that leads NYHAAD and works to empower young people to protect themselves against [HIV](#), [sexually transmitted infections](#) (STIs) and unintended pregnancy.

What is National Youth HIV & AIDS Awareness Day? Only a day highlighting the amazing work young folks are doing in the HIV advocacy space. Learn more about NYHAAD and get involved @ the link in our bio

Posted by [Advocates for Youth](#) on [Monday, April 8, 2024](#)

NYHAAD aims to educate about HIV, raise awareness and fight stigma. The day is part of the NYHAAD 2024 Week of Action, which also includes a congressional briefing hosted by Representative Barbara Lee (D-Calif.)\_and a program promoting HIV prevention pre-exposure prophylaxis (PrEP) among adolescents.

Advocates for Youth created [a tool kit including downloadable graphics](#) that can be shared on social media. NYHAAD facts include:

- The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention reports that nearly half of young people living

with HIV are unaware of their status.

- In many cases, young people are unable to access PrEP without parental or guardian consent.
- More than half of the nearly 20 million new STIs reported in 2020 were among young people ages 15 to 24.
- In 2021, only 6% of high school students were ever tested for HIV.

Search #NYHAAD on social media to find events and graphics, like those embedded in this article.

National Youth HIV & AIDS Awareness Day ([#NYHAAD](#)) is Wednesday, April 10th! NYHAAD is a day to educate ourselves and our communities about the impact of HIV/AIDS on our young people and how they can learn about HIV prevention and care. Go to the [#CDC](#) for details at... [pic.twitter.com/TM51uV60XZ](https://pic.twitter.com/TM51uV60XZ)

— North Georgia Health (@NGAHealthDist) [April 9, 2024](#)

According to federal [statistics compiled by AIDSvu.org](#), youth ages 13 to 24 accounted for 19% of new HIV transmissions in 2021, and 53% of those cases were among Black youth. What's more, young people living with HIV are less likely to be in care and taking meds—only 81% were linked to care in 2021.

In honor of [#NYHAAD](#) on April 10, AIDSvu is sharing our 2023 conversation with Dr. Samantha Hill on improving youth education around [#HIV](#) and PrEP:

<https://t.co/AXrOb5380Z>

— AIDSvu (@AIDSvu) [April 5, 2024](#)

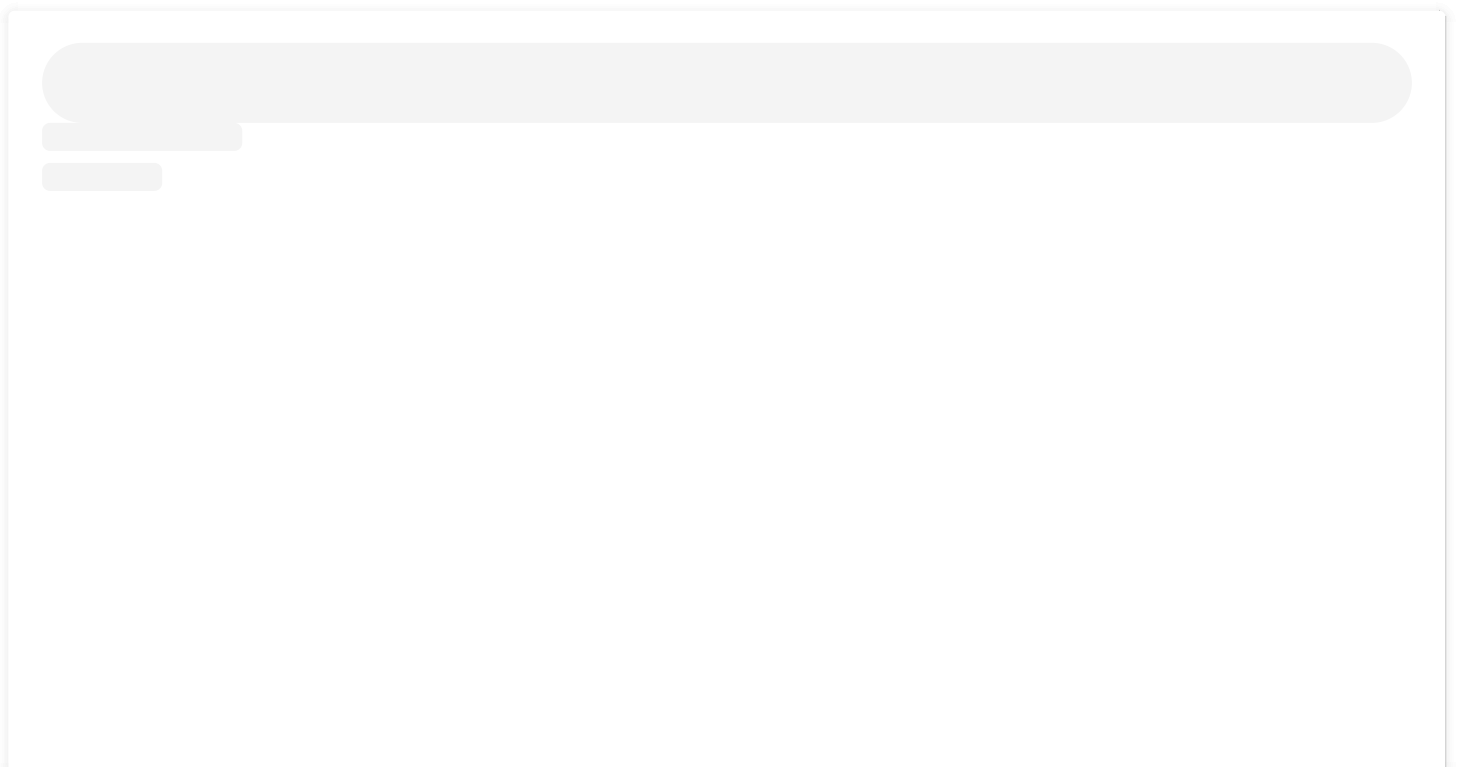
On #NYHAAD, Advocates for Youth also promotes a Bill of Rights declaring that youth have the following key rights:

1. The Right to live free from oppression;
2. The right to inclusive and honest education;
3. The right to prevention;
4. The right to quality and accessible treatment and care;
5. The right to live without criminalization, discrimination and stigma.

Here's our ask: fund HIV advocacy. Young people are ready to [#StopHIVTogether](#) and we need your support

to do so. <pic.twitter.com/JJM6uCFkX6>

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For related news, see the HIV.gov blog post “[Resources for National Youth HIV & AIDS Awareness Day 2024](#),” and check out the POZ feature “[2024 HIV and AIDS Awareness Days](#)” to download a poster and learn about upcoming awareness days.

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