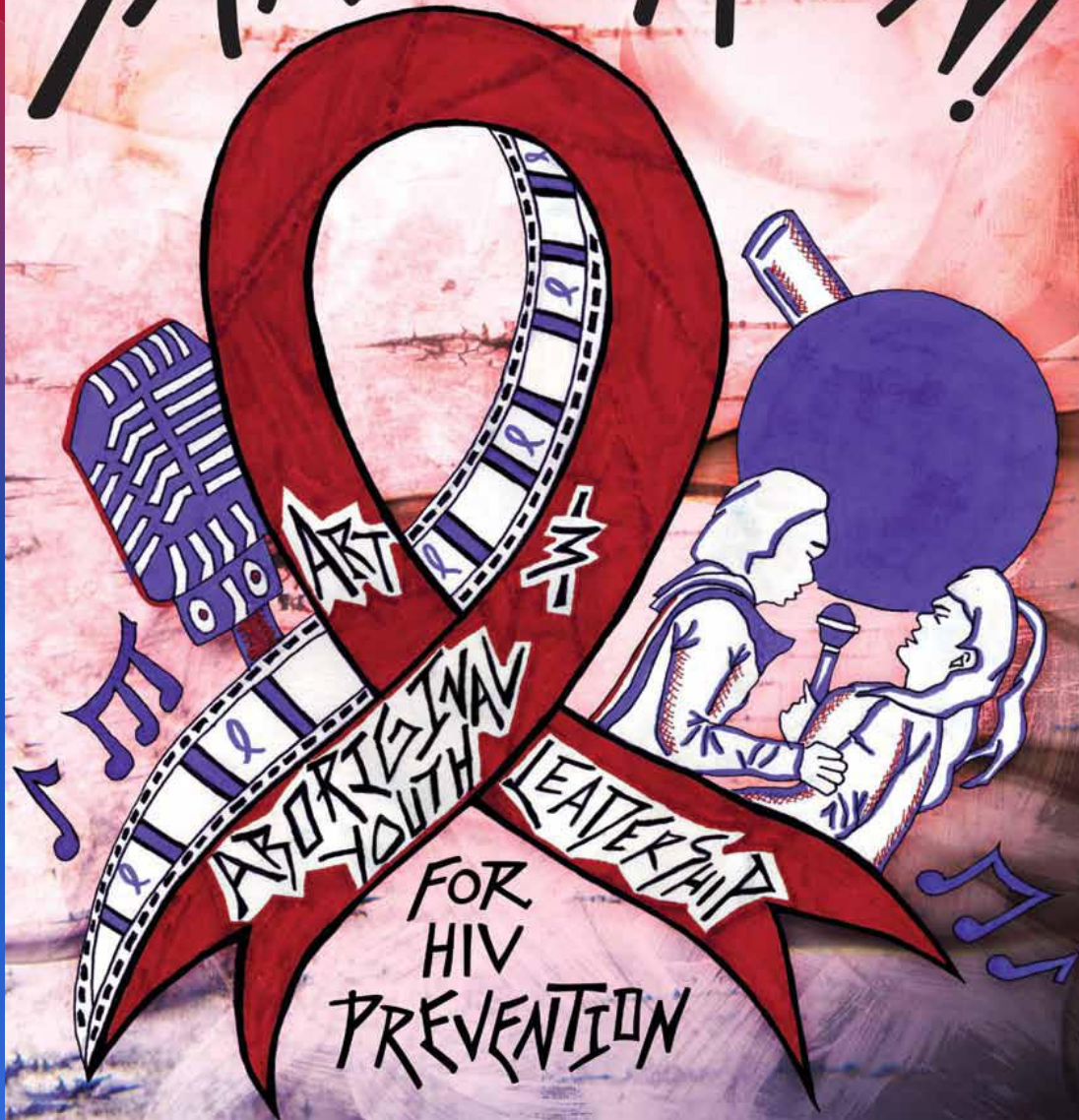


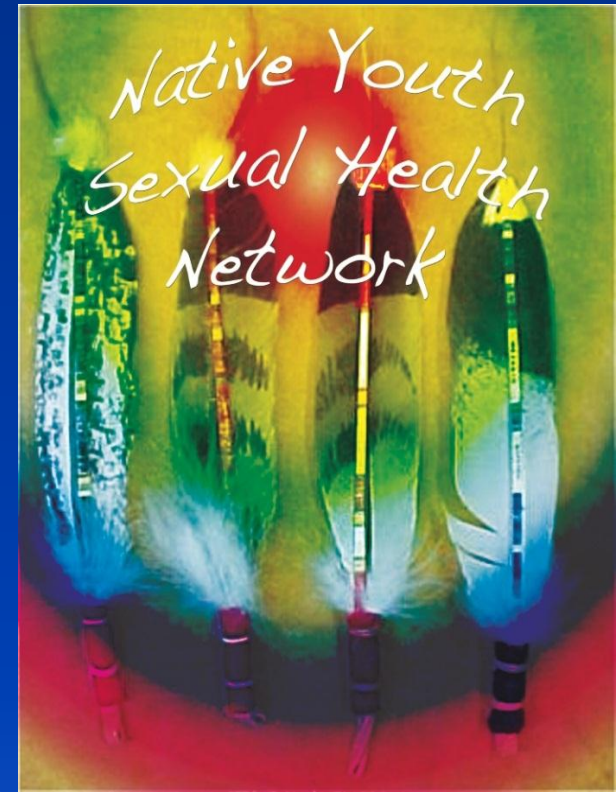
TAKING ACTION!



Who is NYSHN?

The Native Youth Sexual Health Network is an organization by and for Indigenous youth that works across issues of sexual and reproductive health, rights, and justice throughout the United States and Canada (aka our BODIES and our SPACES)

www.nativeyouthsexualhealth.com



CONVENTIONAL PREVENTION



- A – Abstinence
- B – Be faithful
- C – Condomize

Background: community based participatory research

- CBPR is a **collaborative approach** to research that **equitably** involves all partners in the research process and recognizes the **unique strengths** that each brings. CBPR begins with a research topic of importance to the community with the aim of **combining knowledge and action for social change**.

• Israel et al (1998)



A community based participatory action research project **lead by and for Aboriginal youth** that looks at...

1. How Aboriginal youth understand HIV in relation to their communities, cultures and colonization?
2. If art (Taking Action 1) and digital storytelling (Taking Action 2) was a good way to talk about HIV/AIDS with Aboriginal Youth and mobilize action
3. What are some new culturally safe HIV prevention possibilities?

Why Taking Action?

- Aboriginal people in Canada:
 - 3% of population; 9% of new HIV infections
 - On average, contract HIV 10 years younger.
 - 1 in 4 Aboriginal people who test positive in Canada is under 25
- Significant gaps in Aboriginal youth HIV prevention services, capacity and resources.

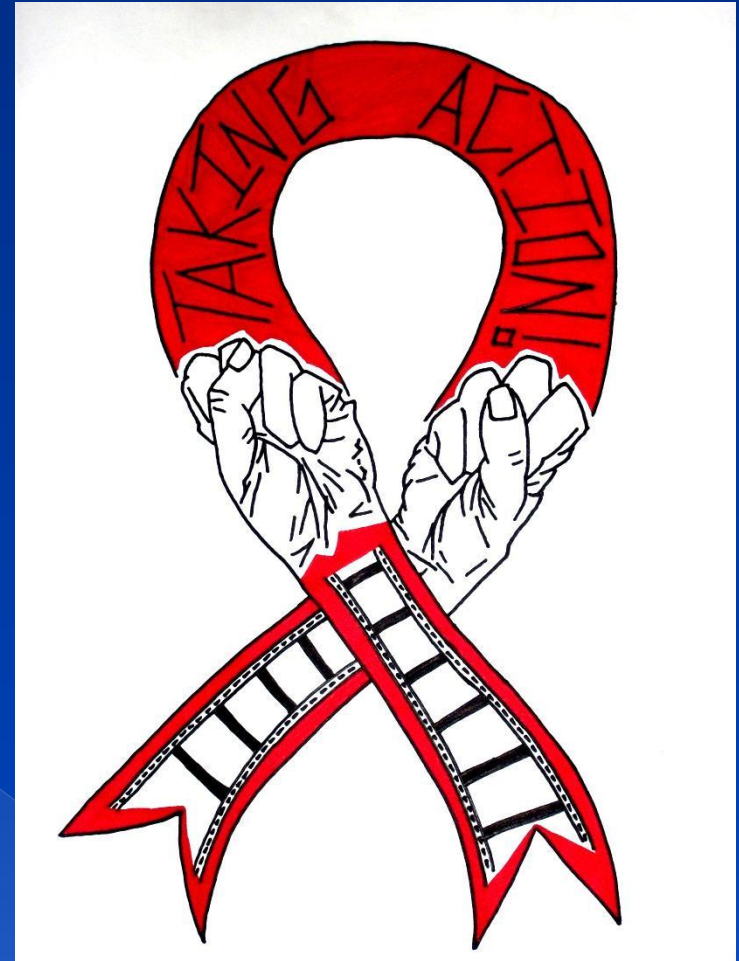


Need for decolonizing methodologies.

Taking Action 2!

- 18 Aboriginal youth leaders from across Canada
- Creating digital stories to support Aboriginal youth leadership in HIV prevention to take back to their communities and mobilize action

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