

## Hip Not Hep: Youth Safer Tattooing and Piercing Project

*Hip Not Hep* is a dynamic and interactive workshop which explores the link between tattooing, piercing, and Hepatitis C. Geared toward youth, the workshop incorporates eye-catching visuals with the relevant information about Hepatitis.

This workshop explores the basics of Hepatitis C, transmission routes, testing, treatment, an overview of tattoos and piercings, the relationship between tattoos, piercings, and Hepatitis, and the crucial information on how participants can be safer when getting their body art.

The Hip Not Hep workshop is designed to run between 50 and 75 minutes, and is best suited for a medium-sized group (around twenty to thirty participants), but can be adapted to seminar style for larger groups, or scaled down for smaller groups.

An alternate version of the workshop is available, which incorporates an abbreviated version of the PowerPoint presentation, and includes a *Jeopardy* style game. This version has met with enthusiastic response from youth and educators.

Hip Not Hep has found great success in schools, lending itself very well to classroom presentation. However, it is not limited to schools, other venues include non-profit organizations, youth groups, youth shelters, etc...

*"I asked one of my friends about Hep C and she was like "What's hep C?" There should be more out there about it; more awareness. I told the school nurse that the Hip not Hep workshop is really well done. And since no one really knows about Hep C that's what we need at our school."* - Amanda S.

Fees for the Hip Not Hep workshop are negotiable. Please contact HepNS for pricing and availability.



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