After viewing *Straight Talk: The Truth about STDs* and participating in the activities provided in this Teacher’s Resource Book, your students will be able to:

- learn about the prevalence of sexually transmitted diseases (STDs)
- identify the most common STDs, including HIV/AIDS, along with the symptoms and health consequences associated with each one
- understand how STDs are transmitted and prevented
- list risk factors that increase a person’s chances of getting an STD
- recognize that STDs can be transmitted through oral sex as well as sexual intercourse
- learn that certain STDs can lead to infertility and other reproductive problems, especially if not treated promptly by a doctor
- recognize that early testing, diagnosis and treatment of STDs can improve and extend a person’s life
- acknowledge the responsibility of honestly approaching the topic of STDs with their future sexual partners
- identify and correct myths and rumors about STD transmission, prevention and treatment
- explore how the media, peer pressure and other factors cause some teens to feel “immune” to the risk of STDs
- accept that it is okay not to be sexually active as teenagers
- improve their decision-making skills about sexual peer pressure
- learn how to speak comfortably and confidently about ways to prevent STDs, such as abstinence and safer sex
- know that only abstinence prevents STDs 100 percent of the time