

Counselling and Innovative Literacy Approaches as Strategies for Preventing STDS and HIV/AIDS Incidence among Persons with Disabilities

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ABSTRACT Poor parenting, lack of special care, poverty of the parents and poor social-economic background have pushed females with hearing impairment in urban centers to develop psychological problem. This in turn has prompted them to engage in illicit commercial sexual dealings within their neighbourhood, hotels, learning institutions, in a bid to make ends meet. The result of this act, more often than not, has exposed them to contracting sexually transmitted diseases (STDs) and the risk of HIV/AIDS infection. This paper thus investigated the factors resident in the family, the school, government, parental sources, peers and media that have prompted the females into illicit sexual acts. Thus, counselling and innovative literacy approaches are suggested as panacea for the creation of information and awareness as measures to combat the menace and scourge among the victims.