In this interview I'll ask you to talk about AIDS and I want you to know that you don't have to answer all my questions if you don't feel comfortable just let me know and I will go on with the next one. In this interview you will be asked to talk about everything you know about AIDS and then I'll ask you some more specific questions and that is just to make to sure that you tell me know and I understand what you are trying to tell me.

And it may seem like I ask you some questions several times and it's partially because even if you told me the answer I have to make sure I ask everyone the same questions. And please don't worry about whether your answer or right or not, just tell me everything that comes to mind.

You don't have to talk about yourself or your behavior in this interview. And no one else will hear the tape but me and I am not going to report to the people here about what you have said.

So my first question is:

I: Please tell me everything you know about AIDS?

S: That you can get it through sex, you know, stuff like that and I guess not being sanitary means a lot. It's contagious, it's just you got to be careful.

I: And what do you mean, you have to be careful?

S: Like when you have sex or something, wear a condom or whatever, you know be real careful, I guess.

I: So can you tell me more about how the AIDS virus is passed on from one person to another?

S: Like if somebody has it and you do something with them or something, you can catch it. Like open cuts or something.

I: You mention that someone may get the AIDS virus if they are not being very sanitary or something? Can you go in to a little more detail about that?

S: Like if you fall or something, and you get a cut and then you just use anything to wipe it off or something or if somebody puts their dirty hands on it, you know what I'm saying, then it gets in you and then their hands are dirty whatever, I don't know.

I: Can you tell me how a person can prevent getting the AIDS virus if they ah..are being unsanitary? Is there anything they can prevent getting the AIDS virus?

S: Be more careful what you do.

I: You also mentioned that the AIDS virus may be passed on through people having sex? And can you tell me how that happens? Not how they have sex but how the AIDS virus is passed on?
S: Like if somebody already has it or whatever, then they pass it on, you know, being insanitary.

I: How can a person prevent getting the AIDS virus if they are having sex? Is there anything they can do?

S: Use a condom.

I: How well do you think that would really protect a person from getting the AIDS virus? If they use a condom when they are having sex?

S: I guess it's a 50/50 chance cause it might like break or something and then it might not.

I: And what do you think may lead a person to having sex without using a condom? Is there anything that might make it more likely if they would have sex and not use a condom?

S: Um...

I: What if a person goes out and is planning not to have sex without a condom. So they go out and they plan not to have unprotected sex. Is there anything that may mess up their plans.

S: If they might get pregnant and they don't want to or something.

I: What effect does alcohol have on people?

S: What do you mean? I heard it can be addictive.

I: And what do you mean by...

S: You can get drunk or something then you say let me get drunk again and again and again and again.

I: Does drinking make much of a difference in a person's risk of getting the AIDS virus?

S: I don't know, I don't think. It might, I don't know.

I: Well, would there be any difference in the risk of someone getting the AIDS virus for people who drink a little bit everyday compared to people who drink a lot every weekend?

S: Yeah. A lot?

I: A lot. Do think there would be any difference in those peoples risks of getting the AIDS virus?

S: Yeah, the people who drink a lot would have a lot.
I: Why would it make a difference?

S: Cause they could get real drunk one day and not know what they are doing, and not realize what they are doing. And they might do something unsanitary.

I: Does it matter how often a person is exposed to the AIDS virus?

S: It should matter.

I: Why would it matter?

S: [inaudible] so they don't die or nothing.

I: Can you tell me what happens when a person gets infected with the AIDS virus.

S: What do they do?

I: Yeah, just everything that happens. When a person gets infected.

S: They get real sick.

I: What do you mean by real sick? What are the symptoms?

S: Like their hair starts to get, like their hair starts falling out or something. And then they stop breathing and now and then they fall on the ground or something. You know. Then they go to the hospital and they get real real sick.

I: Can you tell me about what happens when a person develops AIDS.

S: What do you mean? When they get it?

I: Yes

S: What happens?

I: Yes

S: They get real sick.

I: How can some one learn whether if he or she has the AIDS virus?

S: How can they know? Or learn?

I: Yes, how can they find out?

S: Go to the doctors and get a blood test, and wait 'til the results to come back.
I: And do you know what that blood test, how that works?

S: No.

I: Why would some one decide to be tested?

S: Just to make sure. Just to be. So you know or something.

I: What would make you think that a person has the AIDS virus?

S: There's these um... ah...what are they called..something on their skin, they're little......little leaches on their neck or face or something. Or the head or something you can see. There's ways you can tell.

I: Is there anything else?

S: If they're being real down and depressed or stuff. Maybe.... but mostly from those little things they have.

I: And what kinds of people have a lot to worry from the AIDS virus?

S: What kinds?

I: Yes, what kinds of people?

S: Anybody.

I: Why anybody?

S: Because you never know who going to have them.

I: And when can people stop worrying about the AIDS virus at all.

S: They'd be more protective and more sanitary.

I: And what do you mean by more protective?

S: Like so they don't, you know more... I don't know..like more safer.

I: And what do you mean by more safer?

S: Like...they..a cut or something they should go and clean it off so letting it just sit there and somebody else could get germs or some thing in it.

I: And what could they clean it off with?
S: Alcohol, or peroxide or something.

I: Do you think people are making too big of a deal out of the AIDS virus?

S: No, I guess everybody can learn from it and make sure it won't happen to them.

I: Where have you learned about the AIDS virus?

S: In school, you know, meetings here. Mainly in school, and the doctor's office they have like little, or dentist, anywhere they got those little booklets.

I: What things do they skip about AIDS in health classes at school that you have learned elsewhere.

S: What do you mean, what they say?

I: Yes. What don't they tell you in school that you've learned somewhere else?

S: They usually talk a lot.

I: Do you think you know enough about the AIDS virus to protect yourself from it?

S: Yeah

I: And is there anything more you'd like to know about the AIDS virus?

S: I'd like to know, how you know what not to do to get it.

I: What shouldn't you do?

S: Like...I figured basically it's be sanitary with yourself like clean the cuts up, you know. Be real careful.

I: AIDS is caused by a virus called HIV. What does that tell you about it?

S: What's it stand for?

I: No, well sure anything? What does HIV tell you about it?

S: It's a disease.

I: What does, what do you think safe sex means?

S: Using a condom, or birth control you know.
I: And what do you mean by birth control?

S: You mean what they are?

I: (Yes)

S: Like birth controls, so you don't get pregnant.

I: What are you referring to?

S: Didn't you ask me how you can be protected?

I: Yeah, And you said condoms or birth control. What do you mean by birth controls?

S: Like you take them so you don't get pregnant? Or, being sanitary when you fall, you know use alcohol by cleaning off the stuff.

I: Can you tell me more about condoms? Like do you know the safest condoms to use for protection against AIDS.

S: Like, latex.

I: What else do condoms protect you against?

S: Getting diseases, like if he has something or something and you get it, you use a condoms, or not getting pregnant. Stuff like that.

I: Do you know what IV drug use means?

S: Um... (No)

I: Do you thing that needles can be cleaned?

S: They can be cleaned, but...

I: Do you know how people would clean them. Can you guess how?

S: I don't know, I think that would, I hope they would take like the doctors let them clean it, or use alcohol or clean it real thoroughly.