I: Okay. Um in this interview I will ask you to talk about AIDS. I want you to know that you don't have to answer all my questions. If you don't want to answer a question, just let me know and I will go on with the next one. You can also ask me to stop the interview at any time. That's not a problem.

In this interview you will be asked to talk about everything you know about AIDS. And I will ask first ask you to tell me everything you know about AIDS. And then I will ask you some more specific questions. I may ask the same question more than once. I do this to make sure that you tell me everything that you know and that I understand everything you say. Please don't worry about whether your answers are right or not, just tell me everything that comes to mind.

You don't have to talk about yourself or your behavior. No one else uh other than the uh project staff, the people who are working on this research project will hear this tape. And we will not be talking or reporting to people here at Auberle or anyone else about what you say. Okay? Um. Also I wish that you would you know just speak up uh for the recorder just keep in mind that you are being recorded and we're gonna need for you to speak up.

So my first question is: Please tell me everything you know about AIDS.

S: I know you catch it uh having sex and uh using needles from other people uh [inaudible] blood and stuff [inaudible] blood [inaudible] [inaudible] catch it.

I: (silence) Okay. Um. Can you tell me more about how AIDS or the AIDS uh is passed from one person to another?

S: By having sexual intercourses or sharing uh drug IV needles with other people and stuff like that.

I: Okay. You said sexual intercourse or sharing uh you said IV needles? Okay. Okay. You told me that uh AIDS is passed on when you uh share needles. Can you tell me more about that?

S: [inaudible] using drugs [inaudible] pass it on to their friends [inaudible] got blood [inaudible] it and uh needle stick into into their arm they can contract AIDS.

I: Okay. Um. What about uh having sex, can you tell me more about how AIDS is passed on when you having sex?


I: Okay. Um, does it matter how often a person may share a needle or have sex without a condom?

S: No.

I: Um, can you tell me how a person could prevent getting AIDS if they are sharing needles or having unprotected sex? Okay. Don't don't forget you're being recorded [inaudible] hear.

S: Yeah.
I: Okay. Um. Okay. What do you think may lead a person to um to have uh sex without a condom or to uh you know share needles?

S: [inaudible] get AIDS basically. [Inaudible] get AIDS and get [inaudible] [inaudible] without condoms...

I: But what what do you think may may cause a person to do that? To you know to uh have sex without a condom?

S: [inaudible] to have sex without a condom or [inaudible] or something [inaudible] germs.

I: Okay. What about sharing needles? What what may cause somebody to uh to share needles?

S: Cause they just want to get high [inaudible] on drugs and [inaudible].

I: 'kay, imagine that like a person goes out and they're planning not to share needles and they plan not to have sex without a condom, what do you think may mess up their plans not to do that?

S: (silence) [inaudible] something else. Uh, [inaudible] really drunk or something or [inaudible] with their friends.

I: So getting drunk might mess up their plans? Anything else? Um, what effect does alcohol have on people?

S: Make 'em think that they are invincible and nothing will happen to them or they [inaudible] or nothin'.

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

S: [inaudible] be doin' it [inaudible] take advantage of that person.

I: So you think it does make a difference? Okay. Is is the risk different for people who drink a little bit every day compared to people who drink a lot every weekend?

S: [inaudible] same thing they're still drinking and they [inaudible] and make [inaudible] different towards that person so...

I: So you think the risk is the same? Just say yes so that the...okay, cause, you know, we can't hear it on the tape. Um, does it matter how often a person is exposed to AIDS?

S: No.

I: Okay. Um, can you tell me what happens when a person gets infected with the AIDS virus?


I: You said they start feeling real down? Okay. Can you tell me about what happens when a person develops AIDS?
S: Some people [inaudible] tubes in their body [inaudible] [inaudible] some people gotta be in hospitals and stuff, gotta be around other people that already have AIDS, people don't want them around and stuff.

I: Mm-hum. So they're um so maybe spend more time with other people that have AIDS?

S: Yes.

I: Okay. How can someone learn whether he or she has AIDS?

S: Going to a clinic and gettin' checked up [inaudible] either not having sex or not using um needles.

I: Okay. Um, what would make you think that a person has AIDS?

S: I don't know if they tell you or [inaudible] especially [inaudible] gonna get real sick or [inaudible] [inaudible] [inaudible] keep gonna to the hospital and stuff.

I: Um, what kinds of people have a lot to worry about from AIDS?

S: People who've got any kind of family, or [inaudible] popular [inaudible] and stuff.

I: Okay. Uh, when can people can stop worrying about AIDS?

S: When they find a cure for it.

I: Okay. Do you think people are making too big a deal of AIDS?

S: No.

I: Why?

S: Cause you die from AIDS other people should be watching what they're doing to protect their self.

I: Okay. Alright, um, where where have you learned about AIDS?

S: In school, and uh uh here.

I: Okay, here at Auberle. Uh, what things do they skip about AIDS in health classes at school?

S: Nothin' much.

I: Okay, so you think they cover it pretty well?

S: Mm-hum, yes.

I: Okay. Um, is there anything...oh no...uh do you think you know enough about AIDS to protect yourself from it?

S: Mmmm. Just a little bit, I don't know too much about AIDS. I just know a little bit about it.
I: Okay. Do you think you know enough to protect yourself?
S: Yes.

I: Is there anything more you would like to know about AIDS?
S: Is there any other way you can catch AIDS?

I: Anything else? Um, AIDS is caused by a virus called HIV. What does that tell you about AIDS?
S: (silence) I really don't know.

I: Okay. Um, what does safe sex mean?
S: [inaudible] or not having sex.

I: Okay. Um, can you tell me more about condoms? Like what are the safest condoms to use for protection against AIDS?
S: Latex condoms or nox-all nines.

I: Okay. You said nonoxynol-9? Okay. Um, what else do condoms protect you against?
S: From getting girls pregnant.

I: Okay. Uh, what does IV drug use mean?
S: I don't know.

I: Um, do you think needles can be cleaned?
S: I don't know.

I: Okay. That's the uh first part of the questionnaire and we'll move on to the second part of the questionnaire.