

AWARENESS OF MODES OF HIV/AIDS TRANSMISSION AND PREVENTION AS CORRELATES OF SEXUAL BEHAVIOUR BY PHYSICALLY HANDICAPPED FEMALE STUDENTS IN SPECIAL SCHOOLS IN AKWA IBOM STATE, NIGERIA

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ABSTRACT

The study was to determine the awareness of modes of HIV/AIDS transmission and prevention as correlates of sexual behaviour by physically handicapped female students in special schools in Akwa Ibom State. One hundred respondents were drawn for the study using a purposive sampling technique. Forty two item researchers' made questionnaire titled AHTPMACSSB was used to collect data after being validated by experts. The data were analysed using percentages and Pearson Product Moment Correlation Coefficient Statistical Technique. The results showed that the respondents were aware of the various modes of HIV/AIDS transmission. The findings also revealed that the respondents' level of awareness of preventive measures did not correlate with their sexual behaviour. Based on these, it was recommended that high quality HIV/AIDS education be intensified in schools in Akwa Ibom State, Nigeria.

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