

In my thesis I dealt with the problems of AIDS in the Czech Republic bearing in mind the need of the society to inform young people effectively about AIDS and at the same time to influence their attitudes, skills and behaviour. The aim of my work was to map all the alternative teaching methods in AIDS prevention that would be suitable for pupils of the 9th grade of the Nine-Year-Basic School and for pupils of the 1st and 2nd year in High Schools. In the theoretical part of my paper I have described, with the help of literary sources, the AIDS disease, sex education, activation methods in sex education, the project "Playing Games against AIDS", a discussion with a HIV positive person and meetings with young members of the Czech Red Cross.

In the practical part of my paper I have tried to find out, by means of a questionnaire, what do 125 secondary school pupils know about AIDS and what are their attitudes towards this disease.

The results have shown that the theoretical knowledge of the pupils about HIV/AIDS is not satisfactory and that their attitudes, skills and behaviour have been influenced only slightly.

The results of the questionnaire have underlined the important role of teachers in the prevention of AIDS and shown that alternative teaching methods are not being used sufficiently.

Finally I have suggested taking the following particular steps in the prevention of AIDS:

- to motivate the teachers to use alternative teaching methods in their lessons
- to familiarise the teachers with any potential projects using these alternative methods
- to win pupils for an active work in the prevention of HIV/AIDS