



# SHARP News

## SHARP Offers

# HIV-STD Prevention Counseling Course in Baltimore, 9-10 August 2002

SHARP will conduct the “**Fundamentals of HIV-STD Prevention Counseling Course**” as a pre-conference skills training course at the 2nd Annual DOD Population Health & Health Promotion Conference at the Baltimore Convention Center, Baltimore, Maryland, on 9-10 August 2002, from 0800-1700 each day.

**You must register to attend.** There is no registration fee. The registration form and other information about the 2nd Annual DOD Population Health & Health Promotion Conference is available online at <http://chppm-www.apgea.army.mil/FHP/>. At the point where the registration asks for conference preference, please select the DOD Population Health & Health Promotion Conference.

This course is designed to improve the ability of providers in a variety of settings to support individuals in making behavior changes that will reduce their risk of acquiring or transmitting HIV or sexually transmitted diseases. The course provides opportunities for the participants to examine the various factors that influence risk-taking behavior. Students improve their one-on-one disease prevention counseling skills by applying the CDC's 6-step process of effective counseling during role-play scenarios. Counselors learn how to help clients identify their risks, understand their options, and develop a plan to reduce their risk of infection or reinfection.

Basic knowledge of HIV/AIDS/STD prevention is required. The course does NOT review any pathophysiology of STDs. Prospective students are strongly encouraged to complete any or all the self-study courses offered through SHARP at <http://www-nehc.med.navy.mil/hp/sharp/index.htm>.

Continuing Education Credit is awarded.

For more information about the Fundamentals of HIV-STD Prevention Counseling Course visit the SHARP website at <http://www-nehc.med.navy.mil/hp/sharp/index.htm>

*“Chart a Safe Course”*

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