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**Education of Roma youth in order to prevent the unwanted pregnancies teen pregnancies and induced abortion among Roma population**

In Hungary the number of unwanted pregnancies and induced abortions are very high, although it somewhat decreased in the last few years. We have to emphasise that the Gipsy population represent a high percentage of these data, as they usually live in poor social circumstances and they are less educated. The reasons for not using safe and reliable contraceptive methods in most of the cases are not just financial but educational. Due to the sweeping world we are living in, sexarche is shifted to a very young age when adolescents are not aware of sexually transmitted diseases or unwanted pregnancies. Usually they can’t afford any contraception method, and they are hardly aware of their own bodies. For these reasons we are planning course series for students in the primary and secondary schools in Gyula (Csongrad and Bekes county). The courses will be held in every 2 months, starting with a simple questionnaire about their knowledge of contraception, STD, menstruation and reproduction. On the courses peer-educators will present the problematic issues on sexual education, and new peer-educators will be trained to help the traditional prevention work in Gyula. After one year, the students will fill in the same questionnaire as for the first time

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