



World AIDS Day at Attica December 22, 2014

World AIDS Day was commemorated by Volunteer Services and Program staff on December 11th at Attica Correctional Facility. Alternatives to a Better Community (ABC) of Rochester expressed thanks to Peer Educators for all of the time and effort that have been put into educating inmates. Deputy Superintendent of Programs Latona and Sister Rosolowski addressed the group, thanking them for their service and dedication to Attica. Sister Roz prayed for a time when AIDS would be no more.



Sister Rosolowski addressing the group.



Pictured above are members of the ABC Group.

Ambrose Nwaimo, Coordinator of the Criminal Justice Initiative spoke on the progress to combat AIDS. He introduced speaker Ms. King-Bronner, Director of Health Services, who spoke on the positive advancements in the treatment of HIV and AIDS. Mr. Faison, Health Educator/Transitional Planner proudly introduced his Peer Educators and talked about the many challenges that have been overcome and what a great job the inmates are doing here at Attica. Guest Speaker Jeffery Johnson spoke of his personal involvement with ABC and how important it is to educate yourself. In 2013 two inmates died of AIDS-related illness, a rate of less than 1 AIDS-related death per 10,000 under custody inmates. AIDS-related deaths have dropped 99% from the high point of 258 in 1995.



The morning closed with essay winner Mr. Rouse reading his chosen entry "My Uncle John."