

Regional Stakeholders Update

January 2005-follow up assistance

Colorado

Michigan

Minnesota

New Jersey

New Mexico

North Dakota

Missouri

Maine

Oklahoma

Message to Meeting Participants

Thanks to all of you who participated in the January meeting and the follow-up conference calls. Based upon meeting summary results and information learned through the calls, we have developed this short document addressing some of the most common areas of need identified by states. Please stay tuned throughout the summer for additional follow-up assistance.

Contents

This document includes information and links to resources on the following topics:

- Adolescent health data;
- Legislation;
- Policy resources;
- Interagency collaboration; and
- Sharing forum.

Please do not hesitate to contact us should you have question about this information or any other matter. Contact information is available on the last page.

Save-the-Date

We will be hosting a policy conference call to help clarify the federal guidelines on both abstinence-only education and comprehensive sexuality education.

Date:

Time:

Upcoming Call:

Coming this fall, the national partners will be offering a topical conference call on interagency collaboration. To help us meet your needs, **please tell us the three things** you would most like to learn on this call.

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Adolescent Health Data

Several states requested information on how to arrive at a more complete picture of the status of adolescent health in their state – especially in the areas of HIV, STDs and unintended pregnancies.

Following are national and state level data resources for both health and education outcomes.

The Youth Risk Behavior Surveillance System (YRBSS) was developed in 1990 to monitor priority health risk

behaviors that contribute markedly to the leading causes of death, disability, and social problems among youth and adults in the United States.

<http://www.cdc.gov/HealthyYouth/yrb/index.htm>

CDC also provides national **STD and HIV/AIDS data** through their website. http://www.cdc.gov/nchstp/dstd/Stats_Trends/Stats_and_Trends.htm

and

<http://www.cdc.gov/hiv/stats.htm>

The National Center for Education Statistics from the U.S. Department of Education, provides national education statistics. <http://nces.ed.gov/>

The National Survey of Family Growth (NSFG) provides information on childbearing, contraception, and related aspects of maternal and child health. The NSFG is the principal national source of data on trends and group differences in contraceptive use and effectiveness, use of family planning services, the wantedness of births, sexual activity of teenagers, and other factors related to the U.S. birth rate.

<http://www.cdc.gov/nchs/nsfg.htm>

The National Longitudinal Study of Adolescent Health (ADD health) is a nationally representative study that explores the causes of health-related behaviors of adolescents in grades 7 through 12 and their outcomes in young adulthood. They broadly defined health to cover physical, mental, emotional, and reproductive health.

<http://www.cpc.unc.edu/projects/addhealth>

The National Campaign to Prevent Teen Pregnancy provides teen pregnancy data including the number and rate of teen pregnancies and the rate of change in teen pregnancies. This data can be sorted by age and ethnicity. <http://www.teenpregnancy.org/america/statistics.asp?ID=3>

Child Trends provides data on national trends and research on over 90 key indicators of child and youth well-being, with new indicators added each month.

<http://www.childtrendsdatbank.org/>

Data from the 2004 **KIDS COUNT** Data Book are available on their online database that allows you to generate custom graphs, maps, ranked lists, and state-by-state profiles.

<http://www.aecf.org/kidscount/databook/>

Legislative Update

We received many inquiries about the status of HR 768, the Responsible Education About Life Act (REAL). You can follow the progress of this legislation through the following link: <http://www.govtrack.us/congress/bill.xpd?bill=h109-768>

The National Conference of State Legislators provides information for the 2002-2004 state legislative sessions, in addition to other helpful links.

<http://www.ncsl.org/programs/health/sexual%20behaviors.htm>

Policy Resources

The following organizations provide information regarding state legislative and policy actions in the area of sexual health:

The **National Association of State Boards of Education** maintains a database of school health policies. Click on the state to find policies and legislation related to several areas of school health including HIV, STD, and Pregnancy Prevention Education. You may also search this site by topic.

http://www.nasbe.org/HealthySchools/States/State_Policy.asp

The **National School Board Association** manages a School Health Resource Database with more than 3,000 documents containing sample policies, articles, and training tools that address health issues affecting schools and students. You may also request individual support should you need help with your query.

http://www.nsba.org/site/page_schoolhealth_search.asp?TRACKID=&SID=1&CID=1116&DID=12022

The **Abstinence Clearinghouse** serves as an association for the abstinence community. They support the publication and distribution of the Abstinence Clearinghouse Directory of Abstinence Resources, which

contains hundreds of abstinence-until-marriage resources. They also provide technical assistance to schools and other societal institutions to assist in preventing behaviors that place young people at risk for HIV infection, other STDs and unintended pregnancy.

<http://www.abstinence.net/index.php>

The **Sexuality Information and Education Council of the United States'** website contains a wealth of information regarding sexuality education including policies, research, and educational resources. <http://www.siecus.org/>

The **Institute for Youth Development** is a non-partisan, non-profit organization founded in 1996 dedicated to ensuring the best possible future for America's children by promoting positive choices and behaviors. The Institute provides a variety of technical assistance in the area of risk-avoidance.

<http://www.youthdevelopment.org/default.asp>

Interagency Collaboration

Collaboration across state agencies takes commitment from all staff involved in the process. The following resources can help facilitate the work involved in getting your partnerships moving.

Collaboration handbook: Creating, sustaining, and enjoying the journey

Winer, M., & Ray, K. (1994). St. Paul, MN: Amherst H. Wilder Foundation

This resource is organized to support interpersonal, organizational and community collaboration by offering case examples, activities, tools and resources. It also offers helpful strategies for overcoming obstacles to collaboration, including trust, conflict, decision-making and change.

<http://www.wilder.org/>

Developing Effective Coalitions

<http://www.preventioninstitute.org/pdf/eightstep.pdf>

Building and Maintaining Effective Coalitions

<http://ttac.tobaccocontrolpartners.org/tcp/pdfs/coalitions.pdf>

Collaboration: What makes it work: A review of the research literature

https://www.wilderpubs.org/product_details.cfm?PC=5

The **Council of Chief State School Officers** (CCSSO) maintains a moderated listserv called the **Comprehensive Health Education Network (CHEN)**.

This listserv connects you to state education and health agency staff and colleagues around the U.S. who work on adolescent and school health issues. This is an excellent resource for staying connected with, and learning from, other states. For more information on this list, contact stephaniey@ccsso.org.

The SSDHPER partners with CCSSO and the Association of State and Territorial Health Officials to publish the **Directory of Coordinated School Health Program Staff**. This Directory lists state agency staff in health and education working on adolescent health issues, including HIV, STD and pregnancy prevention. It also lists many national organizations working in these areas. This free Directory is updated annually and is a great tool for keeping in contact with other states and national organizations. To order:

Sharing Forum

As you know little written information exists on public health and education collaborative efforts among professionals working in HIV prevention, STD prevention, and the prevention of unintended pregnancies – **Please** forward any materials your state develops so that we may share them with your colleagues in other states. Forward to: **[Danielle Sollers at dsollers@amchp.org](mailto:dsollers@amchp.org)**

Thank you

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Please keep in contact with us to inform us of your progress and the additional ways we can support your efforts.

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