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Dear Partners,

Thanksgiving is a time to reflect on what we are most thankful for, and Division of Adolescent and School Health (DASH) staff and I cannot help but be grateful for all of the dedicated partners who work to improve the health of our nation's youth. During 2018, we released the [2017 Youth Risk Behavior Survey](#) (YRBS) data and [YRBS Data Summary and Trends Report](#), wrapped up a five-year cooperative agreement (PS13-1308), launched a new five-year cooperative agreement ([PS18-1807](#)), hosted a kick-off meeting for these cooperative agreement recipients, celebrated our division's 30th anniversary, and much more! None of this could have been done without each and every one of you who help collect and promote YRBS data, develop partnerships with schools, disseminate resources, and advocate for healthy youth. I look forward to continuing this collaboration in the coming year.

In this issue of the *DASH Partner Update*, I am excited to share with you some new resources and data as well as update you on our participation in recent events. For more information about DASH, checkout our web site (<https://www.cdc.gov/healthyyouth>) and follow us on Twitter ([@CDC DASH](#)).

Best,

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What's New With DASH?

DASH Resources

- DASH recently released new Whole School, Whole Community, Whole Child (WSCC) products. These products include [interactive web pages](#), an animated [video](#), and training [flipbook](#). These visual translations of the WSCC model are designed for use by various audiences and can be used to engage health, education and school-based partners and strengthen implementation of the WSCC model.
- DASH also released [two new videos](#), which can be found on the [DASH website](#).

- The program overview video describes DASH’s history and work over the past 30 years.
- “What is YRBS?” describes the Youth Risk Behavior Survey and how researchers can use data to develop programs that promote healthy decision making among youth.

Partner Resources – Resources shared by our national partners

- National Institute on Drug Abuse (NIDA) – [Opioid Facts for Teens](#)
- GLSEN Research released a new report, “[The 2017 National School Climate Survey: Experiences of Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, and Queer Youth in Our Nation’s Schools.](#)”

Recent DASH Publications

[Sexual Teen Dating Violence Victimization: Associations With Sexual Risk Behaviors Among U.S. High School Students](#) - This study examined the associations between sexual teen dating violence victimization (TDVV) and sexual risk behaviors among U.S. high school students. A subscription to *Violence and Victims* is necessary to see the full article.

[Potential Impact of HIV Preexposure Prophylaxis Among Black and White Adolescent Sexual Minority Males](#) - Using a network model and race-specific data from recent trials, this study assessed the potential impact of PrEP on the HIV epidemic among black and white adolescent sexual minority males (ASMM), given differences in HIV burden and potential differences in PrEP uptake and adherence.

[Violence Victimization, Substance Use, and Suicide Risk among Sexual Minority High School Students in the U.S.—National Youth Risk Behavior Survey, 2015-2017](#) - This study found that youth identifying as lesbian, gay, bisexual, or who are not sure of their sexual identity (i.e., sexual minority youth) report more violence victimization, substance use, and suicide risk than heterosexual youth.

DASH Around Town

October 4th: Several CDC staff presented at the [American School Health Association](#) Annual Conference in Indianapolis, IN. Dr. Nancy Brener presented “Results from the 2016 School Health Profiles in 48 States,” and joined Dr. Catherine Rasberry and Holly Hunt in presenting “School Health Research: 2018 Updates from CDC.” Dr. Sherry Everett Jones presented “Tobacco Product and Marijuana Use among Students with Asthma, 2003-2017.” Dr. Richard Lowry presented “Social Stress and Substance Use Disparities among Gender Nonconforming Male High School Students.”

October 18th: Dr. Kathleen Ethier took part in a panel entitled “Interventions/Strategies: What Works to Reduce Risk Factors and Increase Protective Factors?” at a convening hosted by [Trust for America’s Health](#) (TFAH) entitled “Connecting the Dots: Aligning Cross-sector Approaches to Reduce Adolescent Substance Use Disorder and Suicide.”

October 26th: Dr. Zewditu Demissie presented “Self-Reported Problems Resulting in Difficulties Concentrating, Remembering, or Making Decisions are Associated with HIV Risk Behaviors among U.S. High School Students — United States, 2017” at the inaugural U.S. Public Health Service Epidemiology Forum in Atlanta, GA.

November 2nd: Dr. Susan Hocevar Adkins represented CDC on the Committee of School Health during the [American Academy of Pediatrics](#) National Conference and Exhibition. Dr. Adkins reviewed 1807 program goals, objectives, and activities. She also participated in a session focused on telehealth in schools that generated nationwide interest.

November 7th-8th: [The CDC Foundation](#) hosted the third annual Teens Linked to Care (TLC) Regional Meeting. This meeting convened representatives from the rural communities, DASH staff, Conrad N. Hilton Foundation staff, and subject matter experts to celebrate the [TLC](#) initiative's accomplishments to date and develop future strategies.

November 11th: Dr. Heather Clayton and Carmen Ashley presented at the [American Public Health Association](#) Annual Meeting in San Diego, CA. Dr. Clayton presented a poster entitled: "Frequency of lifetime prescription drug misuse associated with non-fatal suicide behaviors among U.S. high school students, 2015 national Youth Risk Behavior Survey" and gave an oral presentation on "Frequency of lifetime prescription drug misuse associated with violence-related behaviors among U.S. high school students, 2015 national Youth Risk Behavior Survey." Carmen Ashley hosted a roundtable to discuss a "Youth-led initiative to address bullying in their school."

November 13th: Dr. Kathleen Ethier presented at the opening plenary "Communities in Unity: Meeting the Challenges Together!" of the [National Coalition of STD Directors \(NCSD\)](#) annual meeting in Orlando, FL. Rich Dunville presented "Practice Approaches to Sustaining Reductions in Chlamydia through School based Screening Events. Steve Goodreau presented a poster coauthored by Li Yan Wang, Rich Dunville and Dr. Lisa Barrios entitled "A User-friendly Tool for Health Departments to Estimate Impacts of Behavior Change on Adolescent STI Burden."

Upcoming Health Observances

- December 1, 2018 – [World AIDS Day](#)
- January 22-28, 2018 – [National Drug Abuse and Alcohol Facts Week](#)

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