DASH Strategic Plan 2016-2020

**MISSION**
To promote environments where teens can gain fundamental knowledge and skills, establish healthy behaviors for a lifetime, connect to health services, and avoid becoming pregnant or infected with HIV or STDs

**STRENGTHS**
We base our work on timely science, rigorous evaluation, and ongoing disease, risk factor, and policy surveillance.
We emphasize high-impact prevention that focuses resources and effort on the most effective activities where they will have the greatest impact.
We collaborate effectively to improve multiple health outcomes.
We effectively occupy a unique niche that connects the education and health sectors through our surveillance, research, and programmatic work.

**VISION for 2020: Healthy Teens. Successful Futures.**
The majority of U.S. teens will have the knowledge, skills and resources to avoid becoming pregnant or infected with HIV or STDs.

**OVERALL GOAL**
Maximize the opportunities for primary prevention of HIV/STD and pregnancy among teens.

**CORE BUSINESS**
Organizational Excellence
Visibility
Strategy
Funding Program Management
Surveillance System Management

**STRATEGIC IMPERATIVE 1**
Take sexual health education to scale nationally to assure teens have access to information and skills development

**OBJECTIVE**
Increase the proportion of schools that offer sexual health education

**STRATEGIC IMPERATIVE 2**
Address confidentiality protections for teens to increase their use of sexual health services

**OBJECTIVE**
Increase the availability of sexual health services among teens

**STRATEGIC IMPERATIVE 3**
Expand the evidence base regarding sexual and gender minority teen health to develop methods that decrease risk and increase protective factors

**OBJECTIVE**
Increase the proportion of schools that are addressing the unique needs of sexual and gender minority teens

**STRATEGIC IMPERATIVE 4**
Integrate substance use prevention into HIV/STD prevention efforts for teens

**OBJECTIVE**
Increase the availability of tools that incorporate substance use into HIV/STD prevention efforts

**Exploratory Strategy**

---

National Center for HIV, Viral Hepatitis, STD, and TB Prevention
Division of Adolescent and School Health