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Dear Partners,

Greetings from Atlanta! I am pleased to share what is the first of many more updates we have planned for 2018. I have the privilege to serve and lead the Division of Adolescent and School Health (DASH) every day and it is easy to take the phenomenal work we produce for granted. Recently, we realized that we have been missing an opportunity to more proactively and systematically share the many wonderful resources coming from DASH. You are our eyes and ears on the front lines and in the field. Moving forward, we are committed to doing a better job of frequently placing our latest findings, tools and resources directly into your hands (or inboxes).

This bi-monthly “Partner Update” is intended to provide you with information about new DASH resources, releases and events. Please share these updates with other interested colleagues and partners working to improve adolescent and school health. We welcome your comments and feedback.

For more information about DASH, check out our [website](#) and follow us on [Twitter \(@CDC_DASH\)](#).

With kind regards,

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What’s New With DASH?

Producing Resources

- Updated study supporting the strong link between student health and academic achievement were released last fall. Find fact sheets and the [MMWR](#) article [here](#).
- 2016 reports and related resources from [School Health Profiles](#) and [School Health Policies and Practices Study](#) are available online.
- A new grantee story from the field is now available on the [DASH website](#).

Advancing the Field with New Research Publications

- [Trends in Secondary Schools’ Practices to Support Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, and Questioning Students, 2008–2014](#)

- [Use of Long-Acting Reversible Contraception among Adolescent and Young Adult Women and Receipt of STI/HIV-Related Services](#)
- [Sexual intercourse by grade, sex, and race/ethnicity among high school students, United States and 29 states, 2005–2015](#)
- [Systematic Mapping of Relationship-Level Protective Factors and Sexual Health Outcomes Among Sexual Minority Youth: The Role of Peers, Parents, Partners, and Providers](#)
- [Associations between sexual risk-related behaviors and school-based education on HIV and condom use for adolescent sexual minority males and their non-sexual-minority peers](#)
- [The Optimal Age for Screening Adolescents and Young Adults Without Identified Risk Factors for HIV](#)
- [Moving the Message Beyond the Methods: Toward Integration of Unintended Pregnancy and Sexually Transmitted Infection Prevention](#)
- [Targeting HIV pre-exposure prophylaxis to adolescent sexual minority males in higher prevalence areas of the United States: a modeling study](#)
- [School Environment is Related to Lower Health and Safety Risks Among Sexual Minority Middle and High School Students](#)
- [Physical and Sexual Dating Violence and Nonmedical Use of Prescription Drugs](#)
- [Variability in Condom Use Trends by Sexual Risk Behaviors: Findings from the 2003-2015 National Youth Risk Behavior Surveys](#)

Attending & Presenting at Conferences

[5th Annual Time to Thrive](#): Dr. Kathleen Ethier and several DASH staff presented at the February conference sponsored by the Human Rights Campaign Foundation in partnership with the National Education Association and the American Counseling Association.

[2018 Society for Adolescent and Medicine \(SAHM\) Annual Conference](#): The following DASH staff presented at the 2018 SAHM conference:

- *Trends in Suicidal Thoughts and Behaviors Among U.S. High School Students: Variation by Sex and School-Based Bullying*
- *Looking Beyond Sexual Identity: Implications of Changes in Reported Identity, Attraction, and Sex of Sexual Partners among High School Students*
- *Do Health Promotion Messages Integrate Pregnancy and STI Prevention? A Content Analysis of Online Information for Adolescents and Young Adults*
- *Prevalence of Suicide Ideation, Planning, and Attempts among Adolescents in 83 Developing Countries, 2003-2016*
- *Sexual Risk Behaviors and HIV Education among Adolescents in Developing Countries, 2003-2016*
- *Substance Use Behaviors among Adolescents in 55 Developing Countries, Global School-Based Surveillance System, 2009-2016*
- *Recruiting Sexual and Gender Minority Youth into Research Studies: Challenges and Potential Solutions*

DASH Around Town

- **April 17:** Dr. Kathleen Ethier will be serving as an expert consultant to the Adolescent Medicine Trials Network for HIV/AIDS Interventions in Washington, DC.

- **May 9–10:** The CDC-HRSA Advisory Committee on HIV and STD Prevention and Treatment (CHAC) will be meeting in Atlanta, GA.
- **May 17–18:** Dr. Ethier will present at the upcoming Federal AIDS Policy Partnership (FAPP) meeting to be held in Atlanta, GA.