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Dear Partners,

In June, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) released the 2017 National Youth Risk Behavior Survey (YRBS) data on health behaviors and experiences of U.S. high school students, in a report – [Youth Risk Behavior Surveillance—United States, 2017](#). Also, the first ever [Youth Risk Behavior Survey Data Summary and Trends Report 2007-2017](#) was released. As part of the biennial release, CDC promotional efforts resulted in digital and broadcast media that were positioned in a variety of high-profile communication outlets, including print, online, wire services, radio and broadcast placements. *We collaborated with many of our partners, like you, to support this year's release through multiple communication channels, including print, Facebook, and Twitter. Many thanks to all who helped to raise awareness about the issues facing our youth and made these report releases a tremendous success!*

In this issue of the DASH Partner Update, I am happy to share with you some new resources and data to support the critical work needed to advance the health of our nation's youth.

For more information about DASH, checkout our web site (<https://www.cdc.gov/healthyyouth>) and follow us on Twitter ([@CDC_DASH](#)).

With kind regards,

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What's New With DASH?

Selected Resources

- CDC released the [2017 National Youth Risk Behavior Survey \(YRBS\)](#) and the [Youth Risk Behavior Survey Data Summary and Trends Report](#). This report includes 10-year trends and uses YRBS data to emphasize four priority focus areas associated with HIV, STDs, and teen pregnancy; including sexual behavior, high-risk substance use, violence victimization, mental health, and suicide. The report presents the 2017 data by sex, by race/ethnicity, and for sexual minority youth. Please see the websites to find available resources.

- The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) released the [2017 National HIV/AIDS Strategy \(NHAS\) Progress Report](#) in June. The report highlights progress across the federal government in meeting the plan's objectives. The report also acknowledges the success of the *Get Yourself Tested (GYT) in High School Settings* campaign in the Chicago Public Schools system, an effort that DASH supported.
- [Diagnoses of HIV Infection among Adolescents and Young Adults in the United States and 6 Dependent Areas 2011–2016, HIV Surveillance Supplemental](#). This report supplements the 2016 HIV Surveillance Report and for the first time includes tables that provide data by 2-year and 3-year age groups for adolescents and young adults.
- CDC released a new Snapshot entitled [How CDC Prepares Healthy Youth for Successful Futures](#). The Snapshot provides a quick overview about the division's work and shares some important statistics about youth.

New Research Publications

- [Sustained Reduction in Chlamydia Infections Following a School-Based Screening: Detroit, 2010–2015](#)
- [Health Risks Among Discordant Heterosexual High School Students](#)
- [Do health promotion messages integrate unintended pregnancy or STI prevention? A content analysis of online information for adolescents and young adults](#)
- [Protective Factors Among Transgender and Gender Variant Youth: A Systematic Review by Socioecological Level](#)
- [Using the Social-Ecological Model to Improve Access to Care for Adolescents and Young Adults](#)
- [Counseling, Psychological, and Social Services Staffing: Policies in U.S. School Districts](#)

Recent Presentations

- **Federal AIDS Policy Partnership (FAPP) meeting** – Dr. Kathleen Ethier presented *Emerging Risks for Adolescent Health* at the FAPP leadership meeting held in Atlanta, GA. FAPP members are organizations dedicated to strengthening federal HIV/AIDS public policy.
- **CDC/ Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) Advisory Committee on HIV, Viral Hepatitis, and STD Prevention and Treatment (CHAC)** – Dr. Ethier, and a few DASH partners presented on progress and challenges in school-based policies and practices to address sexual and gender minority (SGM) youth health.
- **U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Office of Adolescent Health (OAH)** – Dr. Ethier and Dr. Michael Underwood, Chief, School-Based Surveillance Branch, briefed OAH's leadership on the 2017 YRBS results and ten year trends. These data demonstrated that some behaviors and experiences among high school students are improving, but reveal concerning trends that continue to put young people at risk for HIV, and other STDs.

- **U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) Data Council** – Dr. Michael Underwood, Chief, School-Based Surveillance Branch, briefed the HHS Data Council on YRBS findings. The Council coordinates data collection and analysis activities in HHS, including an integrated data collection strategy as well as coordination of health data standards and privacy policy.
- **Healthy Students, Promising Futures Learning Collaborative** – In June, Dr. Ethier shared information with Trust for America’s Health (TFAH) and the Healthy Schools Campaign regarding the ongoing federal effort to improve child health services in school settings. The Healthy Students, Promising Futures Learning Collaborative supports states and school districts in increasing access to school health services.
- **Teens Linked to Care** - On June 23, Jess Link , a coordinator, from the Brighton Center presented an overview of the Teens Linked to Care (TLC) efforts in Campbell County, Kentucky to DASH staff. TLC is a three-year pilot project to determine the feasibility of implementing prevention strategies and activities that address both substance use and sexual risk behaviors among youth in high-risk rural communities. The project is a collaboration between CDC, the CDC Foundation, the Conrad N. Hilton Foundation and the three pilot sites: Scott County School District 1 (Austin, Indiana), The Brighton Center (Campbell County, Kentucky) and Portsmouth City Health Department (Portsmouth, Ohio).

Recent Conferences

- Several **DASH** (and other NCHHSTP) staff attended [the National Rx Drug Abuse and Heroin Summit](#) held April 2-5 in Atlanta, GA. The conference is targeted to drug addiction and prevention specialists, clinicians, law enforcement, and community drug coalition members. DASH exhibited at the conference and engaged over 180 exhibit booth visitors with information on protective factors for preventing high-risk health behaviors in youth, including substance use.
- DASH staff represented CDC at the 2018 National School-Based Health Care Convention from June 24-27 in Indianapolis, IN. This annual convention is the premier interdisciplinary gathering of school-based medical, nursing, mental health, and dental care professionals who provide health services for youth.

On the Horizon

- August 1 – New PS18-1807 awards begin
- September – Sexual Health Awareness Month
- September 24-26 - 1807 Awardee Orientation
- October 2018 – DASH's 30th Anniversary
- October 2018 – National Substance Abuse Prevention Month

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