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Dear Partners,

In the next few months, staff from the Division of Adolescent and School Health (DASH) will be attending a variety of meetings and conferences related to youth, education, and HIV, STD and teen pregnancy prevention. One of the great benefits of traveling to conferences is the opportunity to connect with recipients and partners that we otherwise would have limited chances to spend time with in person. Personally, I will be attending the Human Rights Campaign Foundation (HRC) Time to THRIVE conference, the Society for Adolescent Health and Medicine (SAHM) Annual Meeting, and the National HIV Prevention Conference. Many DASH staff will also attend and present at these meetings, and others. I encourage any partners or recipients who will be in attendance to get in touch so we can say hello and catch up.

In this issue of the *DASH Partner Update*, you will find details on DASH's participation in upcoming events, in addition to new resources and publications. For more information about DASH, checkout our web site (<https://www.cdc.gov/healthyyouth>) and follow us on Twitter ([@CDC_DASH](https://twitter.com/CDC_DASH)).

Best,

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What's New With DASH?

Updates and Resources

- CDC/DASH released a new video to motivate and inform stakeholders on the importance of protecting youth from risks resulting in HIV, STDs and pregnancy. The animated video, entitled "[Investing in Student Health: The Importance of Partnerships,](#)" includes a snapshot of how CDC's programs, policies and practices impact students and how working together with stakeholders prepares healthy youth for successful futures.
- DASH recently released a [series of reports](#) which examine differences in health behaviors among transgender and cisgender students.

- Data collection for the [2019 Youth Risk Behavior Surveillance System \(YRBSS\)](#) has begun for the national Youth Risk Behavior Survey (YRBS) and state, territorial, tribal and local YRBS. We are finding that data collection in schools has become more challenging than ever and we rely on all of you to share the value of both the national YRBS and the state and local surveys so that we can encourage schools to fully participate.
- The DASH [Healthy Youth website](#) has a new look! The new format has a cleaner, more modern look, functionality that incorporates current web best practices, and easy-to-use navigation.

Recent DASH Publications

[School climate among transgender high school students: An exploration of school connectedness, perceived safety, bullying, and absenteeism](#) - This paper examines transgender students' perceptions and experiences related to school climate in comparison to cisgender students using survey data from high schools in Florida with a majority Black and/or Hispanic sample.

[Transgender Identity and Experiences of Violence Victimization, Substance Use, Suicide Risk, and Sexual Risk Behaviors among High School Students](#) - This study assesses the prevalence of transgender identity among high school students, and the relationship between transgender identity and violence victimization, substance use, suicide risk, and sexual risk behaviors.

[Does the association between substance use and sexual risk behaviors among high school students vary by sexual identity?](#) - This paper assesses the associations between substance use behaviors and sexual risk behaviors of students by sexual identity.

DASH Around Town

Connect with DASH staff at these events and meetings over the next two months.

February 4-7: Dr. Kathleen Ethier and Carmen Ashley presented a training on "School-Based Strategies to Reduce Prescription and Other Illicit Drug Use" at the [Community Anti-Drug Coalitions of America \(CADCA\) 29th Annual National Leadership Forum](#). This annual event brings together coalition members from around the country and world to learn the latest strategies for combatting substance abuse.

February 15-17: Dr. Kathleen Ethier, Dr. Michelle Johns, and Jack Andrzejewski will present at the [Human Rights Campaign Foundation \(HRC\) Time to THRIVE](#) conference, which brings together a range of youth-serving professionals to create safe and inclusive spaces for LGBTQ youth.

March 4-7: Li Yan Wang will present a poster at the annual [Conference on Retroviruses and Opportunistic Infections \(CROI\)](#), titled "Cost-effectiveness of pre-exposure prophylaxis among adolescent sexual minority males." This conference brings together researchers from around the world to share the latest research around HIV/AIDS and related infectious diseases.

March 6-9: Richard Dunville and Dr. Michelle Johns will present a poster titled, "Adolescent health provider and adolescent sexual and gender minority's perceived barriers and facilitators to comprehensive HIV preventative services" at the [Society for Adolescent Health and Medicine \(SAHM\) 2019 Annual Meeting](#). Dr. Michael Underwood will also present "Sexual Health Behaviors by School Level Socioeconomic Status and Urbanicity, National Youth Risk Behavior Survey (YRBS)

2015-2017” at SAHM. This meeting brings adolescent health professionals from around the world to learn, and discuss the latest developments in health and medicine.

March 18-21: Many DASH staff will be in attendance and presenting at the [2019 National HIV Prevention Conference](#) which brings together research and program personnel to share the latest advancements, strategies, and accomplishments in HIV prevention. DASH staff will be presenting the following:

- DASH leadership, including Drs. Kathleen Ethier, Michael Underwood, Lisa Barrios, Leah Robin, and Bill Potts-Datema will be presenting on national trends in adolescent behaviors and experiences, how DASH programs work to address these challenges, and the effectiveness of the DASH approach in a panel titled “Outcomes of School-based Interventions to Reduce HIV and STD.”
- Dr. Catherine Rasberry will lead a panel, “Lessons learned from a 5-year school-centered project to prevent HIV among adolescent sexual minority males” joined by fellow DASH staff, Valerie Sims, Dr. Terry Parker, and Dr. Susan Hocevar Adkins.
- Dr. Heather Clayton, Carmen Ashley, Sanjana Pampati, and Dr. Michael Underwood will present, “Is there a dose-response relationship between frequency of prescription opioid misuse and HIV risk behaviors and HIV testing?”
- Li Yan Wang, Richard Dunville, and Dr. Lisa Barrios are co-authors on a presentation titled “The impact of HIV Pre-Exposure Prophylaxis for adults and adolescents on the HIV epidemic among men who have sex with men over the sexual life course: a modeling study.”
- Dr. Nancy Brener will present “School District Policies Related to HIV Prevention and Treatment—United States, 2000-2016.”
- Dr. Lisa Barrios will moderate a panel presented by Dr. Michelle Johns, Dr. Catherine Rasberry, and Richard Dunville titled “Sexual and Gender Minority Youth Health.”
- Jack Andrzejewski, Sanjana Pampati, Dr. Michelle Johns, and Dr. Catherine Rasberry will present a poster titled, “Sexual risk-related behaviors and referral to sexual health services among transgender high school students: A propensity score matching approach.”
- Sanjana Pampati, Dr. Riley Steiner, and Dr. Richard Lowry will present a poster titled, “Substance use, violence experiences, and mental health: Are these health risks associated with HIV testing among sexually experienced U.S. high school students?”
- Richard Dunville and Dr. Michelle Johns are co-authors on a presentation titled “Adolescent health provider and sexual and gender minority youth’s perceived barriers and facilitators to comprehensive HIV preventative services.”
- Dr. Heather Clayton, William Harris, Jack Andrzejewski, and Dr. Michael Underwood will present “Violence victimization, suicide attempt, and HIV testing vary by NHAS HIV risk profile among male high school students who have sexual contact with males.”

March 27-29: [The Society for Public Health Education \(SOPHE\) 2019 Annual Conference](#), Leigh Szucs, Jack Andrzejewski, and Leah Robin will be presenting an oral session titled “Health Education Teacher Instructional Competency (HETIC): A Conceptual Framework for Promoting Effective Instruction in Health Education.” The aim of this conference is to enhance collaboration to address the determinants of health and improve health outcomes through health education and promotion.

Other News

Partner Resources - Resources shared by our national partners

- GLSEN - [Supporting Safe and Healthy Schools for Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, and Queer Students](#)
- GLSEN - [2017 National School Climate Survey State Snapshots](#)
- Child Trends - [Using Policy to Create Healthy Schools: Resources to Support Policymakers and Advocates](#)

Upcoming Health Observances

- February is [National School-Based Health Care Awareness Month](#)
- February 4-8: [National School Counseling Week](#)
- March 10: [National Women and Girls HIV/AIDS Awareness Day](#)
- April is [Sexually Transmitted Diseases \(STD\) Awareness Month](#)
- April 1-7: [Teen Health Week](#)
- April 1-7: [National Public Health Week](#)
- April 10: [National Youth HIV/AIDS Awareness Day](#)

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