

# 2015 STD Surveillance Report

Dr. Gail Bolan on the importance of talking openly about STDs:

“To reverse the STD epidemic, we should all learn to talk more openly about STDs – with our partners, parents, and providers. People who are sexually active should talk to their medical providers about getting tested and reducing their risk by using condoms or practicing mutual monogamy. It is critical that providers ask about their patients’ sexual history and ensure STD screening is a standard part of medical care.” - Dr. Gail Bolan, Director of CDC’s Division of STD Prevention