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Dear Partners,

While students and teachers around the country finish up the school year, I cannot help but share in their excitement for the possibilities that summer brings. In DASH we are planning a busy summer and I would like to share with you some of our plans for the next couple of months.

As you know, the [Youth Risk Behavior Survey \(YRBS\)](#) plays a vital role in identifying and addressing the most important health risks and experiences facing adolescents in the United States. We will continue to reinforce the importance and value of YRBS through the [#WhyYRBS](#) promotional effort. We are grateful to the teachers, researchers, schools, and partners, including some of you, who have answered the question: What is one reason YRBS matters for students in schools? I encourage you to continue to share why YRBS matters to your organization and our nation's youth by using [#WhyYRBS](#).

Throughout the month of June, we join in the celebration of LGBTQ Pride Month. Pride recognizes the significant contributions of lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, queer and questioning individuals. DASH continues to make the health and wellbeing of LGBTQ youth a priority, and recently launched a [few resources](#) to promote the importance of understanding and addressing the unequal health risks faced by LGBTQ youth.

Last but certainly not least, we are very excited that a new publication on a CDC-led analysis highlighting the long-term impact of school and family connectedness on health will be released on June 24th. There will be a lot of promotion surrounding the release, so keep an eye out for more information from DASH in the coming weeks.

In this issue of the *DASH Partner Update*, we have included several other CDC and partner resources that we hope you will find useful, in addition to upcoming events in which DASH staff will be participating. For more information about DASH, check out our website (<https://www.cdc.gov/healthyyouth>) and follow us on Twitter ([@CDC DASH](#)).

Best,

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What's New With DASH?

DASH Updates and Resources

- **New Webpage and Fact Sheet Demonstrating DASH's Impact:** [This webpage](#), also available as a [fact sheet](#), describes the impact of DASH's work in schools.
- **New Infographic:** This infographic titled "[Adolescent and School Health Work Improves Health and Saves Money](#)" describes DASH's work and is shared on the National Center for HIV/AIDS, Viral Hepatitis, STD, and TB Prevention's budget webpage.
- **New Webpage on High-Risk Substance Use:** DASH's [webpage](#) on high-risk substance use among youth includes information on risk and protective factors, resources, and information on the Teens Linked to Care program.
- **Updated Sexual Minority Youth (SMY) Resources:** DASH has launched an updated [palm card](#) featuring 2017 YRBS SMY data and a [webpage](#) featuring the most current research on students who identify as transgender.
- **Join the #WhyYRBS Conversation!**
 - [#WhyYRBS](#) reinforces the value of YRBS and its vital role in supporting a generation of healthy students.
 - Teachers, researchers, schools, and partners have answered the question: ***What is one reason YRBS matters for students in schools?***
 - The hashtag has reached over 600,000 people and counting since April 2019. Check out some your responses [here!](#)

Recent DASH Publications

[The influence of health education teacher characteristics on students' health-related knowledge gains](#)

This journal article uses data from an evaluation of sexual health education efforts in Fort Worth Independent School District (FWISD) to look at associations between teacher characteristics and students' knowledge gains in health education class.

[Substance use, violence experiences, and mental health: Are these health risks associated with HIV testing among sexually experienced U.S. high school students?](#)

This publication uses data from the 2017 YRBS to examine associations between risk behaviors and experiences related to substance use, violence, and mental health and suicide and receipt of HIV testing.

DASH Around Town

Connect with DASH staff at these upcoming events and meetings.

- **June 17-19:** Dr. Kathleen Ethier is presenting on two panels titled "The Latest Data and Research on Youth Homelessness" and "The Latest Data and Research on Youth Homelessness" at the [3rd Annual National Symposium on Solutions to End Youth Homelessness](#). This symposium gathers people across sectors dedicated to ending the youth homelessness crisis.
- **July 10-12:** Leigh Szucs is presenting a poster titled "State-level trends in sexual health education related to abstinence and condom use in U.S. secondary schools, 2008–2016" at the [2019 National Sexual Health Conference](#). This conference works to move sexual health forward by creating opportunities for information sharing and bridging varied disciplines.
- **July 16-17:** Reid Hogan-Yarbro is attending the [Healthy Students, Promising Futures Learning Collaborative](#). This symposium brings together state teams and national partners for peer-to-peer learning on strategies to create healthier students.

Other News

Partner Resources

- Fenway Institute and NORC at the University of Chicago are hosting a webinar on June 27 from 11:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. [Supporting Sexual and Gender Minority Youth: A Focus on STI and HIV Reduction](#) was developed for school-based and school-linked health care providers who work with adolescent sexual minority males (ASMM) and transgender youth to address the unique medical needs of sexual and gender minorities.
- American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP) with support from DASH have launched several patient and family specific resources to support healthcare providers in improving knowledge of sexual and reproductive health care for adolescents. The resources, designed to be shared by the primary care provider with patients and their families, include:
 - AAP's [online page](#) for adolescent sexual and reproductive health.
 - FREE [PediaLink Adolescent Sexual Health Curriculum Series](#) courses on [Let's Talk About Sex: Caring for LGBTQ Youth](#); and [Confidentiality and Billing](#).
 - New videos on [Sexual Health History](#), [Follow-Up Sexual Health Visit](#), [Gender Identity](#), and [LGBTQ Youth](#).
 - [Family engagement resources](#) with information for both parents, teens, and adolescents.

Upcoming Health Observances

- June is LGBTQ Pride Month
- June 27: [National HIV Testing Day](#)

For previous *DASH Partner Updates*, please visit the School Health Policy web page: https://www.cdc.gov/healthyyouth/about/partner_updates.htm.

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