

#### HIV/AIDS Content Notice

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PREVENTABLE**

## **Louisiana Department of Education**

# **HIV/AIDS PREVENTION EDUCATION**

### **Program Overview**

The Department of Education's HIV/AIDS Program is funded by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention to support local school districts in providing effective HIV/AIDS and STD Prevention in the context of a coordinated school health program. The HIV/AIDS Program provides training and technical assistance to health coordinators, teachers, nurses, counselors, administrators, parents and community-based organization staffs on a wide range of HIV related topics.

The Louisiana Department of Education provides training in:

- HIV/AIDS program planning, implementation, and evaluation for grades 7-12
- Basic AIDS 101
- Curriculum training
- Universal Precautions
- Strategies targeting youth in high risk situations
- HIV-related school policy development
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We also maintain a Cadre of Trainers to teach you how to educate about HIV/AIDS

## **Surveys and Data Collection**

The health of people across the nation is determined in large part by behaviors established during youth. In 1988 the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) established the Division of Adolescent and School Health (DASH) in its National Center for Chronic Disease Prevention and Health Promotion (NCCDPHP). DASH pursues four strategies: identifying and monitoring highest priority risks; synthesizing and applying research; implementing national programs to prevent these risks; and, evaluating and improving those programs

### **The Youth Risk Behavior Surveillance System (YRBSS)**

[http://www.cdc.gov/nccdphp/dash/yrbs/about\\_yrbss.htm](http://www.cdc.gov/nccdphp/dash/yrbs/about_yrbss.htm) A national school-based survey conducted biannually by the CDC to assess prevalence of health risk behaviors among high school youth. The Youth Risk Behavior Survey monitors six categories of priority health-risk behaviors that contribute markedly to the leading causes of death, disability, and social problems among youth and adults in the United States. These behaviors, often established during childhood and early adolescence, include tobacco use; unhealthy dietary behaviors; inadequate physical activity; alcohol and other drug use; sexual behaviors that contribute to unintended

pregnancy and sexually transmitted diseases, including HIV infection; behaviors that contribute to unintentional injuries and violence.

**School Health Education Profiles Survey (SHEP)** <http://www.cdc.gov/nccdphp/dash/profiles/>  
The School Health Education Profiles Survey (SHEP) was developed by the Division of Adolescent and School Health (DASH) of the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) to monitor the current status of school health education, including education to prevent HIV infection, STD, and other important health problems, at the middle/junior high school and senior high school levels. The Profiles are school-based surveys conducted among representative samples of school principals and lead health education teachers. The survey is conducted in the spring of even-numbered years as part of a cooperative agreement between the Louisiana Department of Education and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC).

### **Louisiana Sex Education Law**

For information regarding the law and sex education Permitted Courses of Study: Instruction in Sex Education (**R.S.17:281**) <http://www.legis.state.la.us>

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