

VISION

We envision a future where all youth in the U.S. will be equipped with the knowledge, skills, and resources for a healthy adolescence and adulthood.

MISSION

DASH strengthens schools, families, and communities to prevent HIV, other STDs, and unintended pregnancies and help youth become healthy, successful adults.

GOALS

- 1 Improve the capacity of schools, families, and communities to help youth become healthy, successful adults.
- 2 Decrease prevalence of behaviors and experiences that contribute to HIV, STDs, and unintended pregnancy, including priority health issues (i.e. sexual risk behaviors, high-risk substance use, violence victimization, poor mental health, and suicidality).
- 3 Advance health equity through the reduction of disparities in behaviors and experiences that contribute to HIV, STDs, and unintended pregnancy.
- 4 Increase the implementation of strategies that promote protective factors that contribute to healthy youth development.

STRATEGIC IMPERATIVE A



Strengthen our programs, surveillance, and research through innovation and continuous quality improvement.

STRATEGIC IMPERATIVE B



Integrate priority populations and health issues across program, surveillance, and research.

STRATEGIC IMPERATIVE C



Expand reach to all school-aged youth.

STRATEGIC IMPERATIVE D



Strengthen and cultivate organizational excellence.

OBJECTIVES

- ✓ By 2022, develop a refined program model that provides opportunity for scaling up DASH's reach.
- ✓ By 2022, expand extramural partnerships and collaborations to support implementation of the refined program model.
- ✓ By 2023, support schools to make resilience, well-being, and good mental health ubiquitous and equitable.
- ✓ By 2025, CDC expertise is framing the national discussion on improving adolescent health.
- ✓ By 2025, establish a mechanism to hear from youth, parents, and families to inform DASH's strategies.

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- ✓ By 2021, develop internal DASH roadmap for reducing adolescent health disparities related to race/ethnicity, sexual orientation, gender identity, and geography.
- ✓ By 2023, DASH staff have cultivated expertise around priority health issues and disparities.
- ✓ By 2023, DASH funding opportunity reflects revised program model and disparities roadmap.
- ✓ By 2025, DASH's outward facing products emphasize the health disparities used in the roadmap.

- ✓ By 2025, expand program implementation to reach 15% of middle and high school students.
- ✓ By 2025, identify and pilot strategies to effectively reach elementary school students.
- ✓ By 2025, increase reach to rural and/or southern communities with priority populations.
- ✓ By 2025, establish mechanisms for directly communicating to youth, parents, and families.

- ✓ By 2022, develop a division-wide workforce plan that articulates staffing goals to achieve DASH's mission.
- ✓ By 2022, create a staff professional development program to increase the job-related knowledge and skills of all staff.
- ✓ By 2025, establish and maintain an organizational culture and climate that values all employees, practices mutual respect, and supports high performance.