

Commonwealth of Virginia Youth Survey

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YOUTH SURVEYS

- × Need to collect data:
 - + Requirements for federal grants to get/retain funding
 - + Reports to the Governor and General Assembly
 - + Measures for Healthy People 2010 and 2020 goals
 - + Many grant-making organizations won't consider proposals without data

Need for Survey Data in Virginia

- ✘ Youth survey data can identify:
 - + The age you begin to use tobacco, alcohol, or other drugs,
 - + What substances youth are using in cities and counties,
 - + Related youth problem behavior,

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- ✘ The data helps coalitions of community service providers, schools, law enforcement, groups, parents, and others select the most appropriate prevention programs to address the causes and risk factors for youth substance use.

YOUTH SURVEY ELEMENTS

- + Data needs vary by each state system:
 - × DOE
 - × VDH
 - × DBHDS
 - × GOSAP/SPF-SIG
 - × VFHY
 - × Drug Free Communities

- + State systems can work together to identify questions that will satisfy the requirements of federal funders and reporting needs

CURRENT SURVEYS

- ✘ School divisions complete various surveys
 - + PRIDE
 - + Communities that Care
 - + YRBS
 - + School-developed
- ✘ VFHY
 - + CDC's Youth Tobacco Survey – biennial
- ✘ VDH
 - + Youth Health Survey – 1st Administration 2009

RECOMMENDATIONS OF PREVENTION SUBCOMMITTEE

- + Each city/county/school division shall participate in a random sample survey of middle and high schools as part of a biennial statewide survey
- + Joint Resolution:
 - × 1998 HJR 114: Requested DOE to conduct a random sample survey of schools