2014 STD/HIV Prevention & Policies in California Schools

Results from the 2014 School Health Profiles Survey

The School Health Profiles Survey assesses school health policies and practices nationally and in California. The survey is completed by middle and high school principals and health education teachers from a representative sample of California public schools.

High Schools

At least 80% of schools report they are teaching:

- HIV/STD transmission - 95%
- Health consequences - 94%
- Benefits of abstinence - 92%
- Condom efficacy - 90%
- How to obtain condoms - 80%
- How to use a condom - 82%
- Importance of condoms + contraception - 87%
- Healthy relationships - 90%

BUT fewer schools report they are teaching students about all FDA approved birth control methods *

- Pill 76%
- Shot 74%
- Patch 71%
- IUD 71%
- Implant 71%
- Ring 70%
- EC 69%
68% of schools report they are teaching students about HIV and STD transmission

57% of schools report they are teaching students how to prevent and treat HIV, STDs and pregnancies

<30% of schools report they are teaching students how to get and use a condom*

HIV virus image created by Lee Mette via the Noun Project

Teacher Preparation

Less than 40% of health education teachers were trained in the last 2 years on:

- HIV prevention
- STD prevention
- Human sexuality or pregnancy prevention

Want to Learn More?

You can learn more about the School Health Profiles at:
cdc.gov/healthyouth/data/profiles/index.htm

*Schools can learn more about what is required by law to be taught in California middle schools and high schools AND available curricula to use to meet these requirements at ASHWG.org.

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