

Purpose: To share the significance of the CDC grant for Jacksonville

- This work continues to benefit the health and safety of our Duval County kids.
- This is a county-wide effort to support teens, families, and our community.
- We provide health & safety resources and services that are free and easy to access.
- We strongly encourage its renewal and reapplication moving forward.

Grant Overview: CDC - Division of Adolescent School Health

- In Florida there are 6 funded counties: Duval, Orange, Palm Beach, Broward, Pasco, Hillsborough: https://www.cdc.gov/healthyouth/partners/funded_locals.htm
- Duval receives approximately **1/2 Million each year** to be used in our community.
- Grant Partners: DCPS, Dept of Health Duval, Full-Service Schools, UNF

Components:

1. **YRBS Survey** – Middle & High school versions; can opt-out; kids don't have to answer all questions & can stop at any time; It's a 40-minute survey, given once every 2 years in randomly selected classrooms. In 2021, about 7,000 of our 65,000 middle and high school students participated. The YRBS is a **required component of the grant**. We can modify the survey questions. But, **without this survey, we lose funding for components 2 - 4 below:**
2. **SHS - Sexual Health Services:** 15 Teen Health Centers; staffed by nurses and health educators; teen friendly and accessible; services include:
 - individual and group health education
 - STD/HIV/Pregnancy testing, linkage to treatment, care, and counseling
3. **SSE - Safe and Supportive Environments:** Safe spaces, GSAs, resources for LGBTQ kids
4. **SHE - Sexual Health Education:** Medically accurate, age-appropriate reproductive health lessons; teacher trainings and support for teachers

Grant Highlights:

- This school year, Aug 2022 – Jan 2023, our Teen Health Centers have already served over 1,000 Duval students with individual and group health education, and testing. We identified:
 - 3 teens positive for HIV (the youngest was 14)
 - 156 teens positive for an STD (chlamydia or gonorrhea)
 - 27 pregnant teens
 - These teens receive continued support (treatment, care, & counseling)
- Last year, Aug 2021 – July 2022, our Teen Health Centers enabled 843 youth to access the following health services:
 - 688 group education services and 589 individual education sessions.
 - 578 STD tests, 586 HIV tests, and 22 pregnancy tests were provided.
 - There were 54 positive STD tests, 5 positive HIV tests, and 1 positive pregnancy test.

Who Uses the Data:

Duval groups that support kids and families (develop programs, offer services, educate & advocate):

- Drug Free Duval, Florida Suicide Prevention Coalition, Healthy Start, Kids Hope Alliance, The Players Center for Child Health, Boys & Girls Club, Delores Barr Weaver Policy Center, Agape Community Health, Daniel, Pace Center for Girls, Health Planning Council

School psychologists to advocate for mental health education, prevention and interventions