Collaboration Among State Health Agencies and State Education Agencies

Building Capacity for Working Together in Schools

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What does it mean to “coordinate”?

Why do exemplary programs often fall apart when one person leaves?

What kind of leadership and governance are needed for sustainability?

How can we build sustainable, coordinated systems?
What have we learned?
Our 5 Year Process

Evaluate

Engage

Implement

Assess

Plan

Functional Coordination
What Does it Mean to Coordinate?

- Engage ALL stakeholders
- Maintain regular communication
- Base decisions on data
- Apply a systematic process
Leadership For Coordination

- Think at a district, county, or regional level
- Create an infrastructure that can grow leaders
- Build Capacity
Governance for Coordination

- Create Structure(s) for Process
- Integrate with Existing Structures
- Hold Structure & Process Accountable
Tips and Strategies for Coordination Partnerships
LISTEN

to potential partners
Understand THEIR Issues

- Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP)
- Drop Out/Graduation
- Attendance
- Classroom Management
Healthier Students Are Better Learners: A Missing Link In School Reforms To Close The Achievement Gap

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## Correlation of Benchmarks and Barriers

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Identify the Barriers You can Help Address
Share Local Data

- Number of pregnant/parenting teens in district/county
- STD rates, ages 12-19 in county
- Funding sources for substance abuse, violence prevention and sexuality education
- Community resources for reproductive health services and parenting support
- Research data, % dropout due to pregnancy
- State/National YRBS
Build on Existing Efforts

- State Education Policy or Legislation
- Mandated Structures
- School Improvement Process
- School Calendar (set a year in advance)
- Resource Mapping
Learn what they are already doing and join the team
You can be Valuable and Valued Partners