



State Adolescent Health Resource Center

■ SNAPSHOT

Adolescent and Young Adult (AYA) Health and Development in Federal Agencies

This document includes a snapshot of key resources related to AYA health and development from DHHS agencies/divisions as well as a few key resources from other agencies including the Departments of Education, Labor and Agriculture.

This is not all inclusive of AYA related programs in federal agencies, however. For the full list, check out [Youth.gov](https://www.youth.gov).

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[YOUTH.GOV](#)

youth.gov

A federal website maintained by the Interagency Working Group on Youth Programs (IWGYP). The IWGYP is composed of representatives from 20 federal agencies that support programs and services focusing on youth.

This site is a one stop shop for adolescent and young adult health and development professionals. Use it to find federal agencies and initiatives focused on positive, healthy outcomes for youth such as:

> **Youth Engaged 4 Change (YE4C)**

Home to the IWGYP's online youth engagement efforts. YE4C helps young people between the ages of 16 and 24 engage in change on personal, community, and national levels.

> **Searchable Program Directory for Promising and Effective Strategies**

WGYP identifies strategies, tools, and resources accessible through youth.gov that will help promote effective community-based efforts addressing youth risk and protective factors.

> **Pathways for Youth: Strategic Plan for Federal Collaboration**

Created by the IWGYP, presents a strengths-based vision for youth acknowledges the importance of pathways to opportunity for youth that include meaningful connections and safe, healthy, and stable places to live, learn, and work.

> **Federal Youth Funding Agencies**

> **Adolescent Health: Think, Act, Grow®**

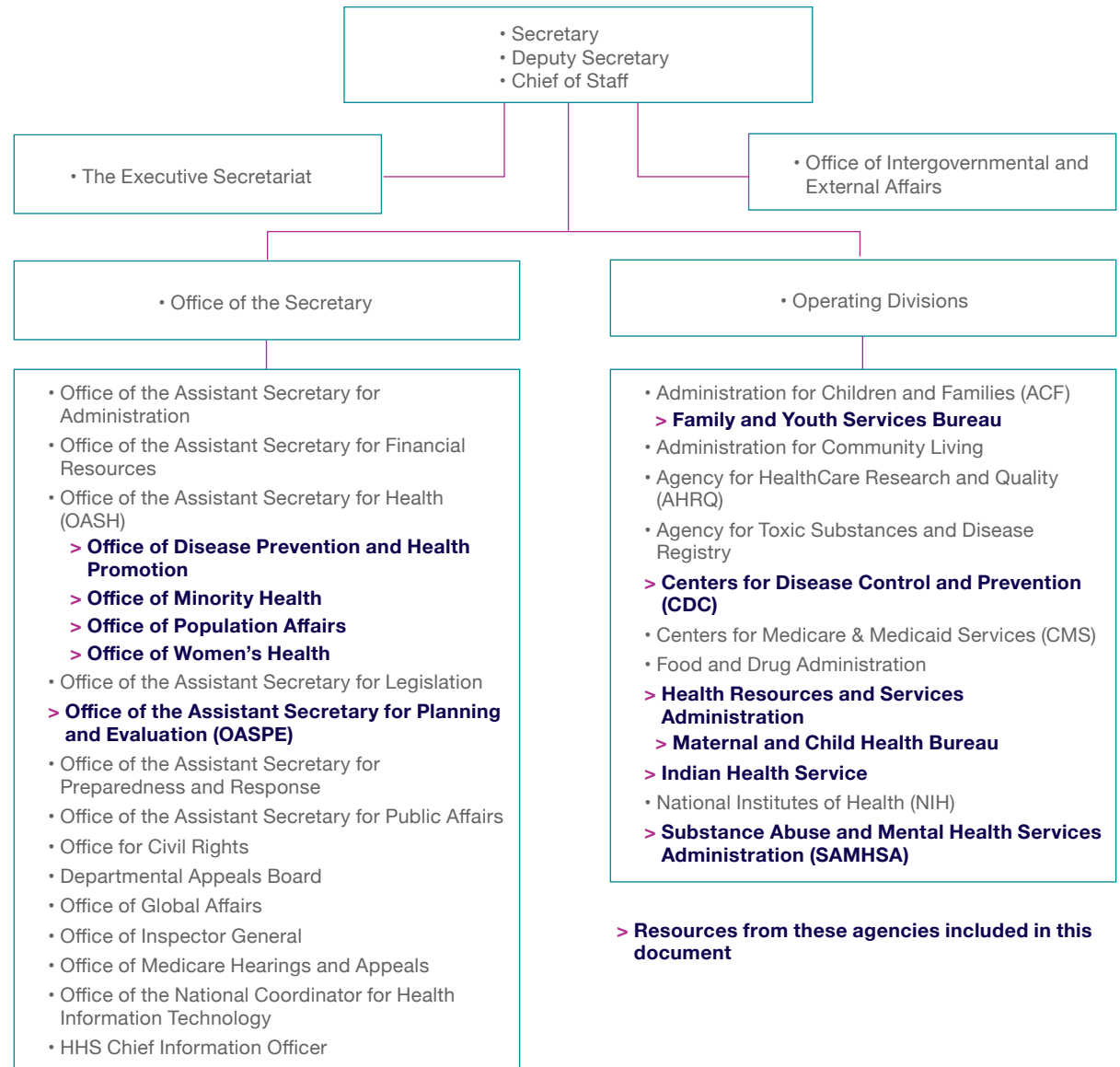
A national call to action to improve adolescent health in the United States. TAG calls upon organizations and individuals to prioritize activities that can support the health and healthy development of all of America's 42 million adolescents.

[HHS.GOV](https://www.hhs.gov)

U.S. Department of Health and Human Services

U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) has 11 operating divisions, including eight agencies in the U.S. Public Health Service and three human services agencies.

Outlined on the following pages are some of the key divisions and services relating to AYA Health and Development. Visit the [HHS Organizational Chart for more information.](#)



> Office of Disease Prevention and Health Promotion

The Office of Disease Prevention and Health Promotion (ODPHP) plays a vital role in keeping the nation healthy. They accomplish this by setting national public health objectives and supporting programs, services, and education activities that improve the health of all Americans. Outlined below are key resources for AYA health and development.

> [Healthy People](#)

> [Adolescent Objectives](#)

> [President's Council on Sports, Fitness & Nutrition](#)

> [National Health Information Center](#)

Includes links to National Health Observances, and Federal Health Information Centers and Clearinghouses.

> Office of Minority Health

The Office of Minority Health (OMA) is dedicated to improving the health of racial and ethnic minority populations through the development of health policies and programs that will help eliminate health disparities, including cultural competency resources.

> Office of Population Affairs

The Office of Population Affairs programs include Title X family planning and Teen Pregnancy Prevention programs. OPA advises the Secretary and the Assistant Secretary for Health on a wide range of reproductive and adolescent health topics, including teen pregnancy prevention, family planning, and sterilization, as well as other population issues. Outlined below are key AYA-related OPA programs.

> [Title X Service Grants](#)

Learn how Title X supports quality reproductive health services.

> [Teen Pregnancy Prevention Program](#)

Learn more about the TPP program and how evidence-based programs are used to prevent teen pregnancy across the United States.

> [Pregnancy Assistance Fund \(PAF\)](#)

Learn more about how the PAF program funded states and tribes to provide a seamless network of support services to expectant and parenting youth and families.

> Office of Women's Health

The OWH coordinates women's health efforts across HHS and addresses critical women's health issues by informing and advancing policies, educating health care professionals and consumers, and supporting innovative programs. AYA-related initiatives include:

> [HPV VAX NOW Young Adult Outreach Toolkit](#)

> [HPV VAX NOW Healthcare Provider Outreach Toolkit](#)

> [Helping Adolescent Girls Achieve and Maintain a Healthy Weight](#)

> [Supporting Youth During Teen Dating Violence Awareness Month and Throughout the Year](#)

> [Tools to Promote Gender Responsiveness in HIV Prevention Programs for Women and Girls](#)

> Office of the Assistant Secretary for Planning and Evaluation (OASPE)

The Assistant Secretary for Planning and Evaluation (ASPE) is the principal advisor to the Secretary of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services on policy development, and is responsible for major activities in policy coordination, legislation development, strategic planning, policy research, evaluation, and economic analysis. ASPE evaluates and reports on a variety of AYA related programs such as:

> [Adolescent Well-Being after Experiencing Family Homelessness \(2016\)](#)

> [Teen Pregnancy Prevention \(TPP\) Replication Study \(2015\)](#)

> [Impact Design Report \(2015\)](#)

> [Core Components of Effective Youth Programs](#)

> Family and Youth Services Bureau

The Family and Youth Services Bureau (FYSB) supports the organizations and communities that work every day to reduce the risk of youth homelessness, adolescent pregnancy and domestic violence. FYSB is made up of two divisions that house major grant programs:

Division of Adolescent Development and Support

> [Runaway and Homeless Youth](#)

> [Runaway & Homeless Youth and Relationship Violence Toolkit](#)

> [Adolescent Pregnancy Prevention Programs:](#)

State and Tribal Personal Responsibility Education Programs (PREP)

PREP Competitive Grants

PREP Innovative Strategies Program (PREIS)

Sexual Risk Avoidance Education Program (General Departmental-Funded)

Title V State Sexual Risk Avoidance Education Grant Program

Competitive Sexual Risk Avoidance Education Grant Program

Division of Family Violence Prevention and Services

> [Help for Families & Youth](#)

> [Nationwide Crisis Hotlines for Runaway Youth and Victims of Domestic Violence](#)

> [Grantees of the Family and Youth Services Bureau](#)

Find FYSB-funded programs in your area.

> [Positive Youth Development \(PYD\)](#)

Find links to the FYSB's National Clearinghouse on Homeless Youth and Families website, publications on PYD, and a self-paced online training.

> Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) is recognized as the lead federal agency within the Department of Health and Human Services for protecting the health and safety of people—at home and abroad, providing credible information to enhance health decisions, and promoting health through strong partnerships. CDC serves as national focus for developing and applying disease prevention and control, environmental health, and health promotion and education activities designed to improve the health of the people of the United States. AYA related agencies and initiatives include:

> NCHS Surveys and Data Collection Systems

The NCHS website provides a portal to federal data systems and surveys and SLAIT modules including: National Health Care Surveys; National Health Interview Survey; National Survey of Children's Health (NSCH); Survey of Adult Transition and Health (SATH); and National Survey of Children with Special Health Care Needs.

> Division of Adolescent and School Health (DASH)

DASH is located within the CDC National Center for Chronic Disease Prevention and Health Promotion (NCCDPHP). The mission of CDC-DASH is to prevent HIV, other STDs, and teen pregnancy and promote lifelong health among youth, accomplished through key strategies:

- (1) Using school-based surveillance systems to measure the prevalence of health risk behaviors among adolescents and monitor school health policies and practices to prevent them.
- (2) Fostering the delivery of high-quality, evidence-based sexual health education.
- (3) Providing scientific guidance on effective policies/programs to prevent HIV, STDs, and teen pregnancy.
- (4) Increasing youth access to sexual health services, including contraceptives and HIV and STD counseling, testing, and treatment.
- (5) Establishing healthy school environments where all youth feel safe and supported.
- (6) Helping children and adolescents become more resilient by promoting factors that can protect them from risks. CDC DASH initiatives and resources include:
 - Youth Risk Behavior Surveillance (YRBS) Datasets & Analysis Tools, including: [YRBS Explorer](#), and [Youth Online](#), an interactive tool that lets you analyze data from high school and middle school surveys conducted during 1991–2019 and Global School-based Student Health Survey (GSHS) data from students aged 13-17 conducted during 2003–2015.
 - Funded State and Local Programs
 - Resources for professionals on communications, disparities, mental health

- Resources for parents and schools, including research and tools on [school connectedness](#).
- [School Health Policies and Programs Study \(SHPPS\)](#)

> Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA)

The Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA), an agency of DHHS, directs national health programs that improve the Nation's health by assuring equitable access to comprehensive, quality health care for all. HRSA works to improve and extend life for people living with HIV/AIDS, provide primary health care to medically under-served people, serve women and children through State programs, and train a health workforce that is both diverse and motivated to work in under- served communities.

> Maternal and Child Health Bureau

HRSA's Maternal and Child Health Bureau (MCHB) is home to several major AYA health and development initiatives in state public health agencies. MCHB's mission is to improve the health and well-being of America's mothers, children, and families. They support MCH population during each stage of life, from infancy through adulthood, including adolescents and young adults. MCHB is home to several key initiatives supporting AYA health and development including:

> Title V/Maternal and Child Health State Block Grant program

Provides the foundation for ensuring the health of the Nation's mothers, women, children and youth, including children and youth with special health care needs, and their families.

> Adolescent & Young Adult Health National Resource Center

An MCHB funded collaboration led by the National Adolescent and Young Adult Health Information Center, in the Division of Adolescent and Young Adult Medicine at the University of California, San Francisco, in partnership with: the [Association of Maternal and Child Health Programs](#); the University of Minnesota's [State Adolescent Health Resource Center](#); and the University of Vermont [National Improvement Partnership Network](#), with funding support from the Maternal and Child Health Bureau. It aims to promote adolescent and young adult (AYA)

health by strengthening the abilities of State Title V MCH Programs, as well as public health and clinical health professionals, to better serve these populations (ages 10-25).

> Leadership Education in Adolescent Health (LEAH) program

A grant program supporting the development, enhancement, and improvement of health care for adolescents by providing advanced interdisciplinary training of health professionals from the fields of medicine, nursing, nutrition, psychology, and social work and by working with State and local health, educational and social service agencies and providers from public, private and voluntary sectors. See website for list of 7 training sites.

> Title V Information System (TVIS)

An interactive data hub for data from State and jurisdiction Maternal and Child Health Services Title V Block Grant applications and annual reports. These data include national, State, and regional composite data, such as annual expenditures; numbers of people served; State program information; and national and State performance and outcome measures.

> Indian Health Services

The IHS Generation Indigenous Initiative is designed to build resiliency and promote positive development through partnerships and support of programs focused on youth and: Suicide Prevention; Substance Abuse Prevention; Sexual Health and Responsibility; Mental Health; and Professional Development. The Indian Health Service (IHS) works to ensure that Native Youth have access to health services in the communities where they live. IHS carries out this work by providing enhanced resources for health issues and developing better information regarding health needs.

> Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration

Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) administers a number of programs related to AYA health including:

> National Child Traumatic Stress Initiative (NCTSI)

> National Children's Mental Health Awareness Day

> School and Campus Health

[DOL.GOV](https://www.dol.gov)

U.S. Department of Labor

U.S. Department of Labor (DOL) Youth Programs support a wide variety of programs to ensure that all youth have the skills and training they need to successfully make the transition to adulthood and careers. These programs include:

> [JobCorps](#)

> [YouthBuild](#)

> [Youth Connections](#)

[ED.GOV](https://www.ed.gov)

U.S. Department of Education

The U.S. Department of Education's mission is to promote student achievement and preparation for global competitiveness by fostering educational excellence and ensuring equal access. Key AYA initiatives include:

> [Office of Elementary and Secondary Education \(OESA\)](#)

OESA helps ensure equal access to education and additional services for students in need of special assistance and support, including children who are low-income, have disabilities or developmental delays, or are homeless or in foster care.

> [Safe and Supportive Schools](#)

Focus area addresses the health and well-being of students; and school safety, security, and emergency management and preparedness.

> [Office of Postsecondary Education](#)

Houses the Student Service Division and funds programs for low-income or disadvantaged youth to have better access to postsecondary opportunities including Upward Bound.

> [National Center for Homeless Education](#)

Operates the Department of Education's technical assistance and information center for the Education for Homeless Children and Youth Program including locating McKinney-Vento liaisons in each state.

[OJJDP.OJP.GOV](https://www.ojjdp.ojp.gov)

Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Programs

Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Programs (OJJDP) strives to strengthen the juvenile justice system's efforts to protect public safety, hold offenders accountable, and provide services that address the needs of youth and their families.

> [Resources for the Field](#)

Include fact sheets, tools and publications on supporting youth and their families on various topics including youth mentoring.

> [Model Programs Guide \(MPG\)](#)

Designed to assist practitioners and communities in implementing evidence-based prevention and intervention programs. The MPG database is an easy-to-use tool of over 200 scientifically proven programs addressing a range of issues, including substance abuse, mental health, and education, and covering the entire continuum of youth services from prevention through sanctions to reentry.

[NIFA.USDA.GOV](https://www.nifa.usda.gov)

U.S. Department of Agriculture / National Institute of Food and Agriculture

U.S. Department of Agriculture / National Institute of Food and Agriculture (NIFA) 4-H Youth Development Program is the youth outreach program from the land-grant institutions' cooperative extension services and the U.S. Department of Agriculture. The NIFA Division of Youth and 4-H strengthens and promotes healthy youth development to give young people the capacity to act as responsible citizens and agents of community change. Find related PYD resources including:

> [Science of Positive Youth Development](#)

> [4-H Overview](#)

> [How 4-H is Implemented](#)

> [Youth Development Infographics](#)

> [4-H State Leaders Directory](#)
