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Funding and Reorganization of CDC's Division of Adolescent and School Health

The Division of Adolescent and School Health (DASH) within the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention promotes the health and well-being of children and adolescents to enable them to become healthy and productive adults.

DASH is currently part of the National Center for Chronic Disease Prevention and Health Promotion (NCCDPHP). The Center has announced a reorganization that will reallocate the functions and funding of DASH. Funding has traditionally been provided to state, territorial and local education agencies (SEAs, TEAs, LEAs) and tribal governments, who then work with health agencies to deliver coordinated school health and HIV prevention programs.

The reorganization will:

1. Move all HIV prevention education funding and activities to the National Center for HIV/AIDS, Viral Hepatitis, STD, and TB Prevention (NCHVSTP). Funding will continue to be distributed to education agencies to administer activities and programs.
2. Move all non-HIV school health funding and activities to a new division. All evaluation and surveillance activities of DASH would continue and be housed in the new division.
3. Create a new Comprehensive Chronic Disease Prevention Program (CCDPP), which consolidates funding for Heart Disease and Stroke, Diabetes, Cancer, Arthritis and other Conditions, Nutrition, Health Promotion, Prevention Centers, and select school health activities into one competitive grant program. Funding would no longer go to education agencies, but instead would be provided to state health agencies.

NASPE believes that coordinated school funding should remain separate from the chronic disease program. NASPE further believes education agencies must remain the primary agencies supported with funding for coordinated school health. These agencies are the most appropriate agencies to affect policy and environmental change in schools that impact the health and well-being of young people. Furthermore, SEAs are the only state-level agencies that are positioned to directly impact every public school student within a state. These agencies rely on both the financial support and scientific expertise of the CDC to work collaboratively with the state and local health agencies to administer school health policies and programs.

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