

Summary of Internal and External Partner Related School Risk Behavior Prevention Activities



Florida Department of Health, Division of Emergency Preparedness and Community Support, Injury Prevention Section

- Unintentional Injuries - The Injury Prevention Section is the lead for Safe Kids Florida¹, which implements evidence-based programs, such as car-seat checkups, safety workshops and sports clinics that help parents and caregivers prevent childhood injuries. In partnership with the Department of Transportation, the Injury Prevention Section assists with the Florida Teen Safe Driving Coalition (FTSDC) to educate teen drivers on the dangers of driving while distracted, including the use of electronic devices.
- Violence - The Injury Prevention Section represents the Department of Health on the state's Suicide Prevention Coordinating Council, which works together with the Florida Suicide Prevention Coalition. The coalition's mission is to develop and implement suicide prevention, intervention, and postvention strategies and programs.

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- Alcohol and Other Drug Use –Through the Adolescent Health Program Grants curriculum lessons are delivered in school classroom settings utilizing the Teen Outreach Program (TOP) curriculum, which addresses positive youth development and healthy lifestyle choices, including lessons discussing alcohol use – risks of use and healthy choices.
- Weight Management - The Coordinated School Health Program² conducts BMI screenings in first, third and sixth grades statewide for all students in public school. Students that fall into the obese category are referred to their provider for follow-up. It also oversees a member project that is charged with developing and marketing an Obesity Prevention Toolkit. The FSU School of Medicine, Immokalee Clinic has developed the toolkit and is currently in the process of training school nurses in Collier County and the surrounding area on interventions that specifically address the needs of obese teens.
- Dietary Behavior - The Coordinated School Health Program partners with other state agencies³ and Florida school districts to create supportive nutrition environments in schools by promoting healthy food and the adoption of food service guidelines/nutritional standards. Program activities include increasing the number of Florida school districts that receive professional development and technical assistance on strategies to create a healthy school nutrition environment. School districts also receive resources for implementing practices that include establishing standards for all competitive foods sold and served within school meal programs and other venues.
- Physical Activity - The Coordinated School Health Program partners with Florida school districts to promote the adoption of physical education/physical activity. Program activities include increasing the number of Florida school districts that received technical assistance on strategies to provide quality physical education and physical activity programming. School districts receive resources relating to implementing physical education state policies.

¹<http://www.safekids.org/coalition/safe-kids-florida>

²<http://www.floridahealth.gov/programs-and-services/childrens-health/school-health/coordinated-school-health/index.html>

³For more information regarding prevention activities carried out by the Florida DOE please visit the following websites:

Office of Safe Schools: <http://www.fldoe.org/schools/safe-healthy-schools/safe-schools/index.shtml>

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For more information regarding prevention activities carried out by the Florida DACS please visit the following website:

<http://www.freshfromflorida.com/Divisions-Offices/Food-Nutrition-and-Wellness>