


ADOLESCENT SEXUAL HEALTH PROMOTION AT A GLANCE

The following is an overview of the state of adolescent sexual health promotion efforts in Maryland in Fiscal Year (FY) 2012 including sexuality education state laws and policy, sexual health data, and federal funding.




STATE LEVEL SEXUALITY EDUCATION LAW AND POLICY OVERVIEW

Sex education is not specifically addressed within state law, however, Maryland's [Code of Administrative Regulations](#) mandates that each local school board work with its county health department in establishing a school health education program with a number of specified goals. Sexuality education is included under the goal of helping students "recognize the family as a basic unit of society that perpetuates life and promotes healthy growth and development." Health education classes must be taught in kindergarten through 12th grade. Parents or guardians may remove their children from school-based sexuality education and/or HIV/STD education classes ("opt-out").

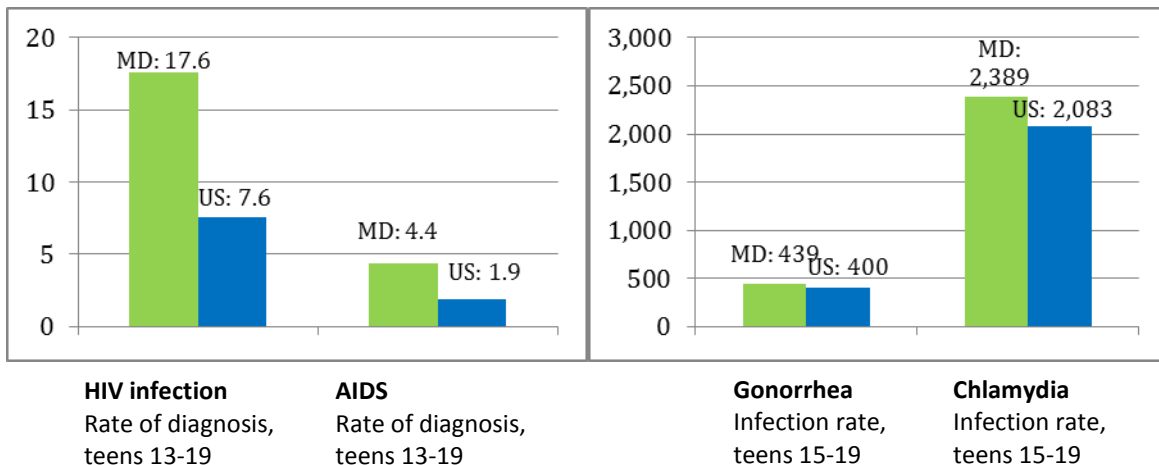
MARYLAND YOUTH RISK BEHAVIOR SURVEY (YRBS) DATA

 In 2011 in Maryland, **slightly fewer high school students reported having been taught about HIV/AIDS in school** (83%), compared to students nationwide (84%). *Maryland did not participate in the full 2011 YRBS.*

MARYLAND TEEN PREGNANCY, BIRTH & ABORTION RATES

-  Maryland's teen **pregnancy rate is lower than the national average**, with 63 pregnant teens per 1,000 compared to 68 pregnant teens per 1,000 nationwide in 2008.
-  Maryland's teen **birth rate is lower than the national average**, with 25 teens per 1,000 giving birth compared to 31 teens per 1,000 nationwide in 2011.
-  Maryland's teen **abortion rate is higher than the national average**, with 22 teens per 1,000 having an abortion compared to 18 teens per 1,000 nationwide in 2008.

MARYLAND'S YOUNG PEOPLE: HIV/AIDS & OTHER STD RATES IN 2011 (PER 100,000)

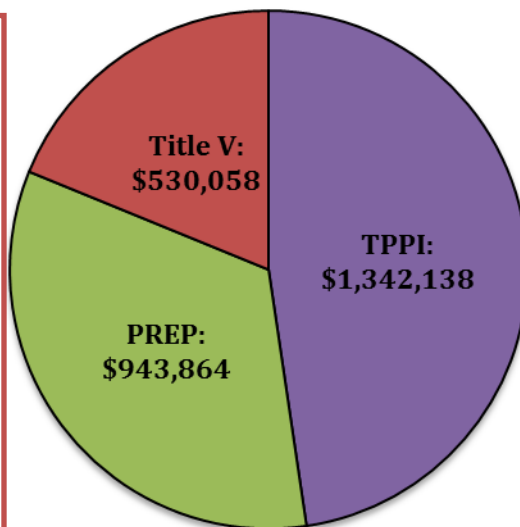


FY 2012 FEDERAL FUNDING IN MARYLAND: TOTAL \$2,816,060

Title V AOUM Program (Title V) \$530,058

Maryland has chosen to implement abstinence-only-until-marriage (AOUM) programs through Title V, matching every \$4 federal dollars with \$3 state dollars or in-kind contributions.

The Maryland Department of Health and Mental Hygiene awards Title V AOUM sub-grants to seven local public and private entities which are required to provide the match through in-kind services. The funds are used for school- and community-based programming, primarily supporting programs serving elementary, middle, and some high school students. The programs target young people living in communities with higher rates of adolescent pregnancy, as well as parents and caregivers. Programming is administered in Carroll, Caroline, Prince George's, Somerset, Washington, Wicomico, and Worcester counties.



Teen Pregnancy Prevention Initiative (TPPI) \$1,342,138

Funds for local entities to implement evidence-based programs (Tier 1) or innovative strategies (Tier 2) to prevent teen pregnancy.

There are two Tier 1 grantees in Maryland: Women Accepting Responsibility, Inc., and YMCA of Cumberland, MD, Inc.

Personal Responsibility Education Program (PREP) \$943,864

Funds for states (PREP), local entities (PREIS), community/faith-based organizations (CPREP), and tribes (TPREP) to implement evidence-informed or innovative teen pregnancy- and HIV/STD-prevention, and adulthood preparation programs for young people.

The Maryland Department of Health and Mental Hygiene awards PREP sub-grants to 11 local health departments and their partners to provide programming in both school and community-based settings. PREP funds serve young people ages 10–19 living in communities with higher rates of adolescent pregnancy, adolescents ages 20-21 in foster care, and also includes activities targeted toward parents and caregivers. Programming takes place in Allegany, Anne Arundel, Baltimore City, Cecil, Dorchester, Garrett, Prince George's, Washington, Wicomico, and Worcester counties.

For further background on the federal programs, information on the grantees and the programs they are implementing, as well as citations, please see the FY 2012 Maryland State Profile available at www.siecus.org/Maryland2012