





ADOLESCENT SEXUAL HEALTH PROMOTION AT A GLANCE

The following is an overview of the state of adolescent sexual health promotion efforts in West Virginia 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

West Virginia schools are not required to teach sexuality education, but are required to teach HIV/AIDS-prevention education in grades six through twelve. Each county board must integrate HIV-prevention education into health courses and may also include it in “science, social studies and developmental guidance” courses in order to “assure total understanding of the disease and its consequences.” Educators conducting classroom instruction about HIV/AIDS must be qualified professionals who participate in staff development to ensure they teach current AIDS information. For more information, see [West Virginia Code §18-2-9](#); [West Virginia Board of Education Policies 2422.4](#); [2520.5](#); and [21st Century Health Education 5-12 Content Standards and Objectives for West Virginia Schools](#).

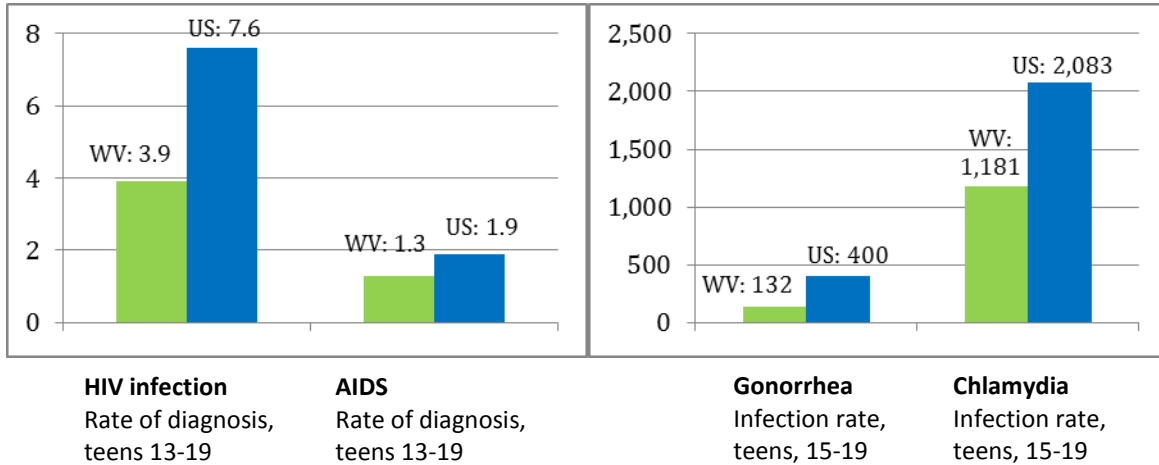
REPORTED SEXUAL ACTIVITY OF YOUNG PEOPLE IN WEST VIRGINIA

-  Among West Virginia high school students in 2011, 50% of females and 52% of males reported **ever having had sexual intercourse, higher than the reported national average** of 46% of females and 49% of males.
-  Among West Virginia high school students in 2011, 39% of females and 36% of males reported being currently sexually active (having had sexual intercourse in the three months prior), **higher than the reported national average** of 34% of females and 33% of males.

WEST VIRGINIA TEEN PREGNANCY, BIRTH & ABORTION RATES

-  West Virginia’s teen **pregnancy rate is lower than the national average**, with 65 pregnant teens per 1,000 compared to 68 pregnant teens per 1,000 nationwide in 2008.
-  West Virginia’s teen **birth rate is higher than the national average**, with 44 teens per 1,000 giving birth compared to 31 teens per 1,000 nationwide in 2011.
-  West Virginia’s teen **abortion rate is lower than the national average**, with 8 teens per 1,000 having an abortion compared to 18 teens per 1,000 nationwide in 2008.

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



FY 2012 FEDERAL FUNDING IN WEST VIRGINIA: TOTAL \$2,953,667

Competitive Abstinence Education \$617,333

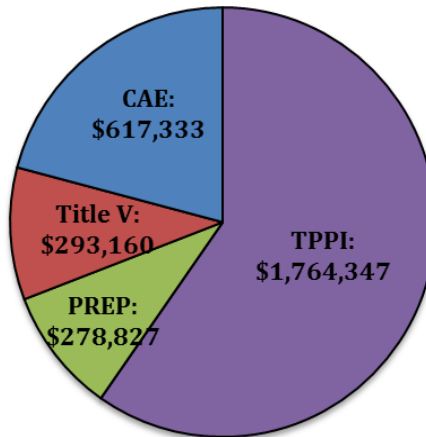
Funds for community- and faith-based organizations to implement abstinence-only-until-marriage programs.

Mission West Virginia, Inc. received CAE funding in FY 2012.

Title V AOUM Program (Title V) \$293,160

West Virginia 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 Department of Health and Human Resources provides Title V AOUM funding to local public and private entities to serve youth ages 12–20 in both school and community-based settings, and provides additional program resources to parents, young adults, and community members in Wetzel, Monongalia, Ritchie, Harrison, Taylor, Doddridge, Wood, Wirt, Marion, Fayette, Logan, and Wyoming counties. Sub-grantees contribute the majority of the match, and the rest is provided through available state funds.



Teen Pregnancy Prevention Initiative (TPPI) \$1,764,347

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

There are two TPPI Tier 1 grantees in West Virginia, the Children’s Home Society of West Virginia, Inc., and Mission West Virginia, Inc. The Children’s Home Society program targets middle school and high school students in grades six through 10 living in three West Virginia counties: Charleston, Martinsburg, and Parkersburg. Mission West Virginia partners with 41 schools to provide programming to youth ages 12–19. The program will serve predominately, low-income Caucasian middle and high school students in 11 rural West Virginia counties: Doddridge, Fayette, Greenbrier, Marion, McDowell, Mercer, Monroe, Nicholas, Raleigh, Ritchie, and Summers.

Personal Responsibility Education Program (PREP) \$278,827

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 West Virginia Department of Health and Human Resources implements the state PREP grant program providing funding to five local community-based organizations to implement comprehensive pregnancy prevention programs to youth ages 12–19. Sub-grantees are targeting African American students, homeless youth, juvenile offenders, and youth in foster care. Programming is being administered in Kanawha, Putnam, Cabell, Wood, and Wyoming 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 West Virginia State Profile available at

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