

Activities

- Develop communications activities that promote awareness of the developmental, health and safety needs of adolescents and young adults*, including those vulnerable to disparate outcomes.
- Identify, mobilize, and coordinate funding and human resources to promote the health, safety, positive development, and well-being of adolescents and young adults and to reduce health disparities experienced by these age groups.
- Develop national, state, and community public/private partnerships devoted to improving the health, safety, positive development, and well-being of adolescents and young adults, including those vulnerable to disparate outcomes.
- Develop, disseminate and facilitate the use of tailored resources, including toolkits, research analyses, research and policy syntheses, and best practices documents for policy and decision makers, health and other professionals, parents and community members, and other potential stakeholders in the health, safety, positive development, and well-being of adolescents and young adults.
- Provide technical assistance, training, and resources to public and private partners to assure organizational and professional competency needed for strategically addressing the health, safety, positive development, and well-being of adolescents, young adults and their families, including those vulnerable to disparate outcomes.

Outcomes

- Increased awareness, knowledge, and understanding of adolescent and young adult developmental, health, and safety issues, including social determinants and disparities, by key stakeholders such as policy and decision makers; health and other professionals who serve adolescents and young adults; and parents and community members.
- Enhanced individual competencies of professionals to better address the needs of adolescents, young adults and their families, including those vulnerable to disparate outcomes.
- Increased institutional capacities and improved systems responsiveness to meet the needs of adolescents, young adults and their families, including those vulnerable to disparate outcomes.
- Increased public/private partnerships at national, state, and community levels that are actively engaged in advancing an agenda which promotes the health, safety, positive development, and well-being of adolescents, young adults and their families, including those vulnerable to disparate outcomes.
- Enhanced commitment of resources at national, state, and community levels that promote the health, safety, positive development, and well-being of adolescents, young adults and their families, including those vulnerable to disparate outcomes.

Goals

- Elevate national, state, and community focus on, and commitment to, the health, safety, positive development, and well-being of adolescents, young adults and their families.
- Increase adolescents' and young adults' access to quality health and safety education and health care, including comprehensive general health, oral health, mental health, and substance abuse prevention and treatment services.
- Address the influence of social determinants on adolescent and young adult health, safety and well-being.
- Improve health and safety outcomes for adolescents and young adults in such areas as mortality, unintentional injury, violence, oral and mental health, tobacco and substance use, reproductive health, nutrition and physical activity, and the prevention of adult chronic diseases.
- Eliminate disparities of health, safety and well-being among adolescents and young adults in order to achieve equity.

* In this document, the phrase *adolescents and young adults* encompasses young people ages 10 through 24 years.