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District (LAUSD)

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ASH focuses on preventing STDs, HIV, and pregnancy among youth and increasing access to adolescent reproductive health care

OUR PROGRAMS

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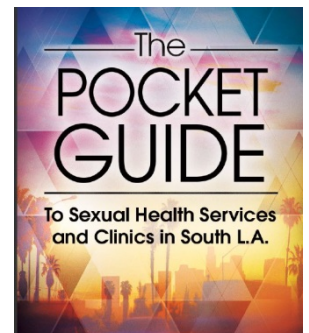
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Keeping It Real LAC provides the *It's Your Game... Keep It Real* (IYG) curriculum to 7th and 8th grade teachers at 24 middle schools in LAUSD and CUSD. IYG is an evidence-based teen pregnancy and STD prevention curriculum. The interactive curriculum was developed by University of Texas at Houston and consists of 24 lessons (including 9 computer lessons). Keeping It Real LAC is funded by Grant Number TP1AH000079-03-00 from the HHS Office of Adolescent Health.

DASH Collaboration is a five-year initiative with the California Department of Education to improve adolescent health through school-based HIV/STD and pregnancy prevention in participating school districts. Activities include reviewing school policies, coordinating Youth Risk Behavior Survey (YRBS), and developing School Health Advisory Councils (SHAC). ASH coordinates DASH collaboration with CUSD and LACOE.

The Pocket Guide is a referral tool that helps youth seek out sexual health services in South Los Angeles. This guide was designed in collaboration with the WeCanStopSTDsLA movement, guided by the Community Advisory Coalition (CAC). Based on Project Connect, this youth-friendly guide aims to inform youth:

- Where to access adolescent appropriate reproductive health services
- How to make an appointment
- What to expect at an appointment



Program Success

Project Connect originated from a CDC funded eight-year school-based multi-level intervention that targeted parents, schools, communities, and health care providers. Based on the results of the intervention, ASH continues to promote the following successful projects:



- **Provider Guide**
Enables school nurses and staff to link students to reproductive health care at adolescent appropriate clinics.
- **Condom Availability Program**
Supports free condom distribution at high schools in LAUSD & CUSD through program enhancement and operational support.