## School Health Coordination

About SHPPS: SHPPS is a national survey periodically conducted to assess school health policies and programs at the state, district, school, and classroom levels. Comprehensive results from SHPPS 2006 are published in the Journal of School Health, Volume 77, Number 8, October 2007.

## School Health Coordinators

- $67.8 \%$ of districts had someone who oversees or coordinates school health (e.g., a school health coordinator). Among the district respondents who were the district's school health coordinator, only $20.7 \%$ had received any training in their role as a school health coordinator.
- Nationwide, $60.8 \%$ of schools had someone at the school to oversee or coordinate school health (e.g., a school health coordinator).

| Percentage of States, Districts, and Schools with a Coordinator for Selected School Health Program Components |  |  |  |
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| Component | States | Districts | Schools |
| Health education | 94.1 | 70.3 | 67.8 |
| Physical education | 88.2 | 68.9 | 91.2 |
| Health services | 74.5 | 79.0 | 81.5 |
| Mental health and social services | 79.2 | 71.9 | 76.8 |
| Nutrition services | 94.0 | 88.1 | 93.6 |
| Faculty and staff health promotion | 24.0 | 44.4 | 35.1 |
| Physical school environment | NA | 95.8 | 93.9 |
| NA = Question not asked. |  |  |  |

## School Health Councils

- $85.7 \%$ of states had a committee, council, or team of people formally charged with coordinating state-level school health activities.
- During the 2 years preceding the study, $85.7 \%$ of states provided funding for or offered to help districts or schools, and 50.5\% of districts offered to help schools establish a school health council, defined as a group that offers guidance on the development of policies or coordinates activities on health topics.
- Nationwide, 72.9\% of districts had 1 or more school health councils at the district level, and $39.5 \%$ of schools had one or more school health councils at the school level.
 Among Districts and Schools with Councils

* During the 12 months preceding the study.


## School Health Councils (continued)

| Percentage of Districts and Schools That Had 1 or More School Health Councils That Addressed School Health Program Components and Health Topics, Among Districts and Schools with Councils |  |  |
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| School Health Program Component | Districts | Schools |
| Health education | 93.3 | 89.5 |
| Nutrition services | 93.2 | 90.9 |
| Physical education or physical activity | 92.8 | 83.0 |
| Health services | 82.3 | 80.9 |
| Faculty and staff health promotion | 76.9 | 78.7 |
| Physical school environment | 76.0 | 74.6 |
| Psychological and social environment or school climate | 69.4 | 77.1 |
| Family and community involvement in school health programs | 74.7 | 72.1 |
| Mental health or social services | 71.1 | 70.6 |
| Health Topic |  |  |
| Alcohol-use or other drug-use prevention | 86.1 | 80.0 |
| Crisis preparedness, response, and recovery | 84.3 | 74.8 |
| Tobacco-use prevention | 84.2 | 77.5 |
| Violence prevention | 80.6 | 72.6 |
| Injury prevention and safety | 75.6 | 76.4 |
| Human immunodeficiency virus prevention* | 66.1 | 64.0 |
| Management of chronic health conditions (e.g., asthma or diabetes) | 64.6 | 64.0 |
| Other sexually transmitted disease prevention* | 64.5 | 62.3 |
| Pregnancy prevention* | 59.4 | 61.4 |

* Only asked among districts that contained middle schools and high schools and among middle schools and high schools.

| Percentage of Districts and Schools That Had 1 or More School Health Councils That <br> I ncluded Representatives from School and Community Groups, Among Districts and <br> Schools with Councils |  |  |
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| School and Community Group | Districts | Schools |
| District or school administrators | 98.1 | 82.9 |
| Physical education teachers | 92.4 | 78.4 |
| Health education teachers | 92.0 | 73.3 |
| Health services staff | 89.1 | 76.2 |
| Community members | 88.7 | 60.0 |
| Nutrition or food service staff | 88.2 | 64.0 |
| Students' families | 76.3 | 55.0 |
| Students | 74.4 | 42.1 |
| Mental health and social services staff | 57.4 | 59.0 |
| Local health care providers | 50.5 | 34.0 |
| Representatives from the local health department | 50.0 | 30.3 |
| Representatives from local social service agencies | 39.9 | 30.2 |
| Representatives from local health organizations (e.g., the local Red  <br> Cross Chapter) 26.1 |  |  |

