What is the problem?

The 2013 Arkansas Youth Risk Behavior Survey indicates that among high school students:

**Sexual Risk Behaviors**
- 49% ever had sexual intercourse.
- 8% had sexual intercourse for the first time before age 13 years.
- 18% had sexual intercourse with four or more persons during their life.
- 37% had sexual intercourse with at least one person during the 3 months before the survey.
- 49% did not use a condom during last sexual intercourse. (1)
- 18% did not use any method to prevent pregnancy during last sexual intercourse. (1)
- 24% were never taught in school about AIDS or HIV infection.

**Alcohol and Other Drug Use**
- 20% drank alcohol or used drugs before last sexual intercourse. (1)
- 4% used a needle to inject any illegal drug into their body one or more times during their life.

What are the solutions?

Better health education • More comprehensive health services • More supportive policies • More family involvement

What is the status?

The 2012 Arkansas School Health Profiles indicates that among high schools:

**Health Education**
- 42% required students to take 2 or more health education courses.
- 84% had a health education curriculum that addresses all 8 national standards for health education.
- 83% taught 9 key pregnancy, HIV, or other STD prevention topics in a required course.
- 32% taught 4 key topics related to condom use in a required course.
- 93% taught how to access valid and reliable health information, products, or services related to HIV, other STDs, and pregnancy in a required course.
- 32% had a lead health education teacher who received professional development during the 2 years before the survey on HIV prevention.
- 28% had a lead health education teacher who received professional development during the 2 years before the survey on pregnancy prevention.

**Health Services**
- 67% had a full-time registered nurse who provides health services to students at school.

**Supportive Policies**
- 24% had a gay/straight alliance or similar club.
- 3% provided curricula or supplementary materials and engaged in 5 practices related to lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, or questioning (LGBTQ) youth.

**Family Involvement**
- 33% provided parents and families health information to increase parent and family knowledge of HIV prevention, STD prevention, or teen pregnancy prevention.

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1. Among students who were currently sexually active.

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