



# HIV, Other STD, and Teen Pregnancy Prevention and

## Marshall Islands Students

### What is the problem?

The 2011 Marshall Islands Youth Risk Behavior Survey indicates that among high school students:

#### Sexual Risk Behaviors

- — ever had sexual intercourse.
- — had sexual intercourse for the first time before age 13 years.
- — had sexual intercourse with four or more persons during their life.
- — had sexual intercourse with at least one person during the 3 months before the survey.
- — did not use a condom during last sexual intercourse. (1)
- — did not use birth control pills or Depo-Provera (or any injectable birth control), Nuva Ring (or any birth control ring), implanon (or any implant), or any IUD before last sexual intercourse. (1)
- 57% were never taught in school about AIDS or HIV infection.

#### Alcohol and Other Drug Use

- — drank alcohol or used drugs before last sexual intercourse. (1)
- 3% 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 Marshall Islands School Health Profiles indicates that among high schools:

#### Health Education

- 67% required students to take 2 or more health education courses.
- 67% had a health education curriculum that addresses all 8 national standards for health education.
- 100% taught 9 key pregnancy, HIV, or other STD prevention topics in a required course.
- 100% taught 4 key topics related to condom use in a required course.
- 100% taught how to access valid and reliable health information, products, or services related to HIV, other STDs, and pregnancy in a required course.
- 33% had a lead health education teacher who received professional development during the 2 years before the survey on HIV prevention.
- 33% had a lead health education teacher who received professional development during the 2 years before the survey on pregnancy prevention.

#### Health Services

- 50% had a full-time registered nurse who provides health services to students at school.

#### Supportive Policies

- 25% had a gay/straight alliance or similar club.
- 0% 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.

1. Among students who were currently sexually active.

- Data not available.

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