

WHY SHARP

STUDENT HEALTH AND RISK PREVENTION SURVEILLANCE SYSTEM

THE VALUE OF SHARP

The administrations of the Youth Risk Behavior Survey (YRBS), Youth Tobacco Survey (YTS), and Nebraska Risk and Protective Factor Student Survey (NRPFS) were combined in 2010 to make up the Student Health and Risk Prevention (SHARP) Surveillance System. SHARP is the umbrella encompassing the ONLY three student health surveys endorsed by the Nebraska Department of Education (NDE) and Nebraska Department of Health and Human Services (NDHHS).

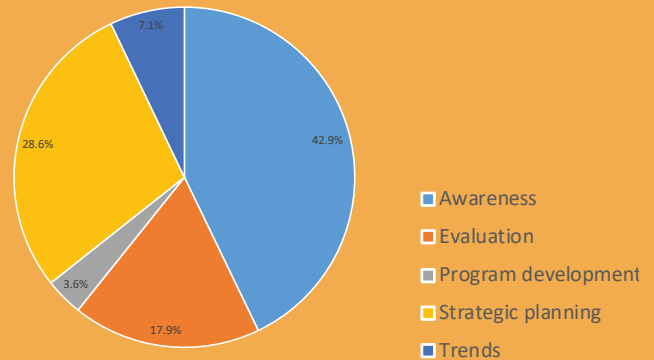
THE POWER OF DATA

When enough students in your area participate stakeholders can receive local results from the NRPFS, along with state-wide results from the YRBS and YTS. The comparison of local and state data is what makes the SHARP surveys so significant. The results of these surveys will not only affect your local schools and students, but your community as a whole. The data collected are used by NDE and NDHHS, along with community, regional, and state level groups, such as yourself, to identify areas needing improvement and to track the effectiveness of their efforts. This information also helps schools and communities design and/or select effective and locally-appropriate prevention strategies that can reduce substance abuse, delinquency, and other problems while supporting improvements in health and learning. As a result, Nebraska has seen significant improvements in a variety of areas.

HOW THE SHARP DATA IS USED BY STAKEHOLDERS

Comparing your local data to statewide trends in recent years can help you determine issues that are prevalent in your community.

Once you know what is prevalent in your area, you can work to not only bring awareness of these issues, but you can aid in the strategic planning involved in addressing them. Another way you can benefit from data is using it in grant submissions for your community.



WHY SCHOOLS IN YOUR AREA SHOULD PARTICIPATE

To collect usable data from these surveys, a state-wide effort is required. By participating in every survey that they are eligible for, schools are:

- » Strengthening school, community, and state grant applications
- » Aiding in important decision-making across the state
- » Helping to fulfill state and federal reporting requirements

To date, the surveys under SHARP have helped bring millions of dollars to Nebraska communities.

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