

What?

The purpose of the Idaho Healthy Youth Survey is to gather current information on Idaho youth to promote capacity to prevent risk factors for behavioral health issues. The Idaho Healthy Youth survey for 6th, 8th, 10th, and 12th grade students was modeled after other states' surveys and refined by the Idaho State Epidemiological Outcomes Workgroup, the Idaho Criminal Justice Commission, and multiple community organizations that work with youth in each of the seven public health districts in Idaho. The Idaho Healthy Youth survey will be implemented each October in odd numbered years. **We will never give third parties information at the district level.** If districts request reports, we will prepare and distribute a useable report to district representatives specified on the [Idaho Healthy Youth Survey Registration Form](#).



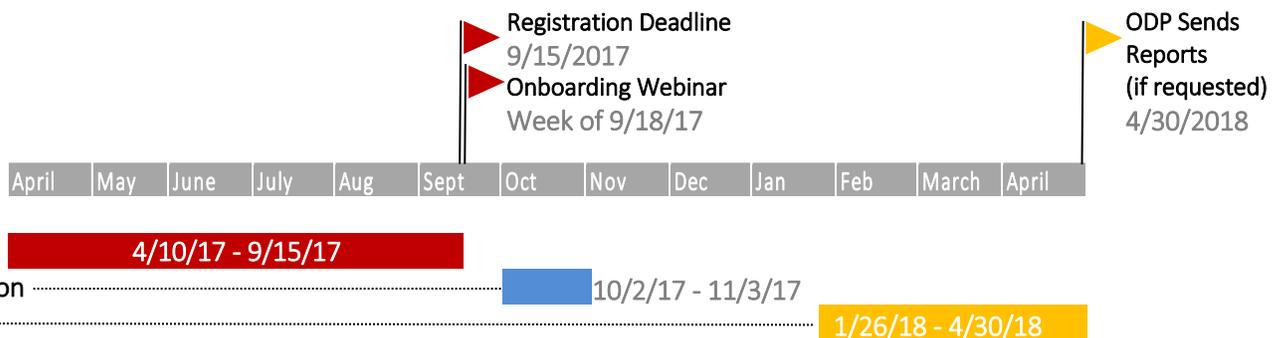
Why?

Here at the Office of Drug Policy (ODP), we subscribe to the Strategic Prevention Framework, which is a step-by-step model that demonstrates how prevention efforts should be implemented. All subsequent steps are informed by **assessment**, which is the purpose of the Idaho Healthy Youth survey. After community organizations have completed an assessment of their local conditions, they then determine their **capacity** to implement prevention, **plan** prevention initiatives based on the data they gathered, **implement** programs and strategies, and then **evaluate** their programs and strategies to ensure effectiveness and continuous quality improvement.

Currently, the Idaho Healthy Youth Survey is the **only** standardized tool available to communities to identify perceptions, opinions, attitudes, and behaviors among youth at the local level. Although state-wide data sources are available for some behavioral health items, in order for local communities, schools, and non-profits to obtain grant funds from state or federal sources, those organizations need to justify targeted actions in their reach. ODP administers multiple grant opportunities to local communities including the Substance Abuse Prevention Block Grant and the Strategic Prevention Framework State Incentive Grant. Grant directors ask communities to compile these data for their applications, but without standardized methods at the state-level, the community is left with limited capacity to fulfill this need. We see the importance of giving communities the tools they need to do their jobs well with limited resources.

Data will only give an accurate picture of students' experiences if the majority of Idaho schools participate. I hope that you understand the need for local community organizations, schools, and non-profit organizations to collect data in order to gain grant funds to ensure a bright future for Idaho youth.

When?



Who?

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How?

Please register to participate

in the Idaho Healthy Youth Survey
for the 2017/2018 school year at:

<https://prevention.odp.idaho.gov/idaho-healthy-youth-survey/>