



CONDOM AVAILABILITY PROGRAM

FACT SHEET

...62% of the sexually-active San Francisco high school students used condoms the last time they had sex.

(Youth Risk Behavior Survey, 1999)

Historical Background:

In order to address student health risk behaviors, including sexual behaviors that may lead to communicable diseases, HIV infection, and teenage pregnancy, San Francisco Unified School District established a Condom Availability Program (CAP) in all high schools in 1993. This program is authorized by Superintendent's Policy # 19-24-SP1 (approved by the board of Education 10/8/91). The policy is implemented at each school site in collaboration with the site coordinators, and licensed health care professionals and Department of Public Health.

What is the goal of the Condom Availability Program?

The goal is to address student health risk behaviors, including sexual behaviors that may lead to communicable diseases, HIV infection and teenage pregnancy prevention by providing education, resource and connections to community based programs / institutions.

What is the Condom Availability Program?

- Parent Notification, guided by Ed Code 51550, to inform parents/caretakers of the program and allows them to exclude their children. Notification is mailed each August to the family of each registered high school student.
- On-site CAP coordinators maintain exclusion lists, collect data, assist with logistics such as liaison with site staff, SHPD staff, and health care professionals. They collect data and ensure that the policy is correctly implemented.
- Health care professionals partnered with each school provide counseling, sexuality and abstinence education, referral service, data collection, and condom availability
- Condoms are made available through the Department of Public Health, AIDS Foundation and Ryan White Funds.

Activities within SFUSD and SHPD that support the CAP:

- Health Education Curriculum
- Nurse of the Day
- Youth Risk Behavior Survey Data
- High School Health Promotion Committee
- Peer Resource Programs
- World AIDS Day/Commemoration
- Theatrical Presentations
- Universal Precautions
- Community Based Organizations /CBO Orientation

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