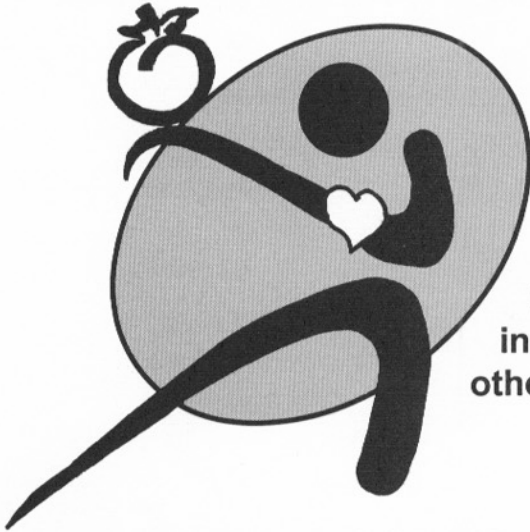


# Adolescent Health & Youth Development



The purpose of the Adolescent Health & Youth Development (AH&YD) program is to enhance skills and improve health status of adolescents (ages 19 and under) through opportunities and programs, developed in collaboration with families, communities, schools, and other public and private organizations.

## THE AH&YD PROGRAM:

- 1) Offers comprehensive adolescent health services aimed at reducing risk behaviors and poor health outcomes;
- 2) Provides Male Involvement programs aimed at promoting responsible, healthy lifestyle behaviors and abstinence;
- 3) Uses community involvement and collaboration as the mechanism for involving parents, youth, and others in promoting positive youth development;
- 4) Provides outreach activities creating awareness and access among hard-to-reach youth and their families.

The Office of Adolescent Health and Youth Development provides the following services: Comprehensive Health Services, Education, Counseling, Community Involvement, Male Involvement, Postponing Sexual Involvement Education Series, Abstinence-Only Education.

The AH&YD program provides a network of support to help adolescents succeed into adulthood through community-based efforts including “asset-building” strategies. These efforts reinforce positive attitudes, as well as health behaviors and activities; and reduce risk-taking behaviors, such as violence, substance abuse, poor school performance and sexual activity.

We have four Adolescent Health and Youth Development centers in our district located in Dougherty County, Mitchell County, Thomas County, and Worth County.