

Dating Matters Capacity Assessment: Local Health Departments Survey

Thank you for participating in the development of the Dating Matters Capacity Assessment. The survey includes questions on your health department's functioning, climate for change, prevention knowledge and experience, partnerships, leadership support, program planning, and likelihood of sustainability. The survey should take about 45 minutes.

Your responses will assist us in revising the assessment for use with grantees who receive funding from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention to implement teen dating violence prevention programs and policies.

Your participation is voluntary and you may refuse to answer any question.

Before getting started, please enter the survey respondent code.

1. How long have you worked at this local health department?

Years

Months

2. What is your primary role within the local health department?

Select one answer.

- Administrator (program manager or director)
- Clinician
- Administrative support
- Public health or outreach educator
- Counselor/Social worker
- Youth program or prevention program specialist
- Other

If other, please specify

3. How long have you worked with youth prevention programs (of any type) at this local health department?

Years

Months

4. Outside of this local health department, how long have you worked with youth prevention programs?

Years

Months

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13. In the past 12 months, has your local health department done any of the following to prepare for the Dating Matters initiative?

Select one answer per row.

	Yes	No	Don't know
Collected or compiled data on the incidence of teen dating violence in your community.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Collected or compiled data on risk and protective factors related to teen dating violence in your community.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Collected or compiled data on teen dating violence-related intervention outcomes in your community.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Added or recommended adding questions about teen dating violence to surveillance surveys.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

14. In the past 12 months, has your local health department done any of the following to prepare for the Dating Matters initiative?

Select one answer per row.

	Yes	No	Don't know
Included dating violence prevention in the agency strategic plan.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Included the Dating Matters initiative specifically in the agency strategic plan.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Assessed the fit between the Dating Matters initiative requirements and staff skills.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Assessed whether the Dating Matters intervention options overlap with programs that already exist in the community.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Developed a communication plan to keep internal and external stakeholders informed on the Dating Matters initiative.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

15. In the past 12 months, has your local health department done any of the following?

Select one answer per row.

	Yes	No	Don't know
Supported a teen dating violence prevention curriculum with adolescents.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Supported a teen dating violence prevention curriculum with parents or families.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Adapted a teen dating violence prevention curriculum to better meet the needs of your community.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Supported or coordinated training for a teen dating violence prevention curriculum.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Facilitated youth-led efforts to prevent teen dating violence.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Identified gaps in local policy related to teen dating violence prevention.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Supported the development and enhancement of policy related to teen dating violence prevention.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Convened an advisory group to address teen dating violence prevention.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Used media, including but not limited to print, online and social media, for teen dating violence prevention.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

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18. How much do you agree or disagree with each of the following statements?

Select one answer per row.

	Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Neither Agree nor Disagree	Agree	Strongly Agree	Don't Know
Organizations across your local public health service area come together to discuss teen dating violence prevention.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Interagency meetings occur regularly.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Local agencies coordinate with each other.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
State-level agencies coordinate with our local health department.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Agencies have managed to work together in spite of differences that may arise between them.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

19. In the past 12 months, how much has your local health department collaborated with the following organizations?

Select one answer per row.

	Not at All	A Little	Some	A Lot	Don't know
K-12 Schools	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Colleges and/or Universities	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Youth serving organizations (e.g., Boys and Girls Clubs, Big Brothers/Big Sisters, Scouts)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Local domestic violence agencies	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Police or juvenile justice department	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Faith community	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Local substance abuse organizations	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Local recreation department	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Local public health or social service departments	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
State public health or social service departments	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Private social service agencies	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Business community	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Courts or judicial system	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Other health care agencies (e.g., hospitals, doctors' offices, clinics, etc.)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Citizen groups or service organizations (e.g. crime watch groups, Kiwanis, Rotary, or Lions clubs)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Batterer intervention programs	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Other	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

If other, please specify

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20. Describe any challenges in collaborating with other organizations (e.g., schools or community-based organizations) on teen dating violence issues in the past 12 months.

21. Describe the strengths of your local health department's collaborative efforts in the past 12 months.

22. Please consider the leadership in your local health department. How much do you agree or disagree with each of the following statements?

Select one answer per row.

	Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Neither Agree nor Disagree	Agree	Strongly Agree	Don't Know
Local health department leaders can gain support from elected or appointed figures when needed.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Local health department leaders can influence laws and policies that could reduce teen dating violence.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Elected or appointed political figures are aware of the Dating Matters initiative.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

23. In the past 12 months, has someone from your local health department done any of the following?

Select one answer per row.

	Yes	No	Don't know
Advocated for more resources or opportunities for teen dating violence prevention.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Advocated to influence policies to promote teen dating violence prevention.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Educated legislators on the need for violence prevention efforts.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

24. How many employees support violence prevention efforts, including employees that work on the Dating Matters initiative?

Full-time

Part-time

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25. Including contracted staff, how many employees currently work on the Dating Matters initiative?

Full-time

Part-time

26. How much do you agree or disagree with each of the following statements about the Dating Matters initiative?

Select one answer per row.

	Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Neither Agree nor Disagree	Agree	Strongly Agree	Don't Know
There are enough local health department staff members to implement the Dating Matters initiative.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Frequent staff turnover at the local health department is a problem that may interfere with implementing the Dating Matters initiative.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Our organization has the fiscal resources it needs to implement the Dating Matters initiative.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Staff time allocated for the Dating Matters initiative is protected (i.e. staff members are not pulled away to do other work).	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Staff members have skills in developing prevention programs that reflect the service needs and context of the population.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

27. In the past fiscal year, has your local health department *applied* for violence prevention funds from resources other than the Dating Matters initiative?

Select one answer.

- Yes
- No
- Don't know

28. In the past fiscal year, has your local health department *received* funding for violence prevention from sources other than the Dating Matters initiative?

Select one answer.

- Yes
- No
- Don't know

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31. How much do you agree or disagree with each of the following statements?

Select one answer per row.

	Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Neither Agree nor Disagree	Agree	Strongly Agree	Don't Know
Other violence prevention efforts supported by our health department have demonstrated sustainability.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Our local health department includes violence prevention efforts in the annual budget.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Our local health department has at least one staff position devoted to violence prevention efforts.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Violence prevention is integrated with other health-related prevention programs.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Our local health department is planning for sustainability of Dating Matters.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Our local health department is looking for other funding resources to support Dating Matters when the grant ends.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Our local health department is committed to the long-term goals of Dating Matters.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Dating Matters is part of a long-term collaborative effort with other agencies to reduce youth violence.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Dating Matters is unlikely to be sustained when the grant ends.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Our local health department has multiple funding sources for teen dating violence prevention.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

32. What factors may hinder sustaining Dating Matters when the grant ends?

33. What factors may support sustaining Dating Matters when the grant ends?