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Bridging the Gap: Research Informing Practice for Healthy Youth Behavior



*A Policy Research Partnership
to Reduce Youth Substance Use*

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Purpose of the Initiative:

- To evaluate the impact of:
 - *Policies*
 - *Programs*
 - *Practices*

- Addressing various types of substances:
 - *Alcohol Use*
 - *Illicit Drug Use*
 - *Tobacco Use*

- At various levels:
 - *State*
 - *Community*
 - *School*
 - *Individual*

A Collaborative Effort that Integrates Across:

- Multiple substances
- Multiple disciplines
- Multiple centers and collaborators
- Multiple levels of social organization
 - Multiple data sources



Structure of the Samples

- Half-sample of MTF schools cycling out of the national sample
 - c. 215 schools per year
 - National replicate sample
- Administrators in those schools surveyed
- Community data collected from their catchment areas
 - Observational studies of retail outlets
 - Key informant interviews in the community
 - Other existing archival data
- State legislative and other data are collected on all states

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Monitoring the Future (MTF)

Youth, Education and Society (YES!)



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Coordinating Center and Community Data Collections
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Alcohol Policy Research Team
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Illicit Drug Policy Research Team
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Tobacco Policy Research Team
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