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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
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**Tobacco Policy Research
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