DVP Digest: October-November 2013

News and Updates from CDC’s Division of Violence Prevention (DVP)

We were excited to observe October as Domestic Violence Awareness Month and highlight the depth and breadth of DVP’s efforts to prevent intimate partner violence (IPV). This issue of the DVP Digest includes several examples of our work in IPV, in addition to updates and resources across other areas of our violence prevention portfolio.

As one example, please take a look at our “I VetoViolence Because...”: Teen Dating Violence Public Service Announcement Contest winners. Contestants were invited to show how they work to end teen dating violence; prevention efforts in their communities, schools, or businesses; or effective responses when a teen experiences or witnesses intimate partner violence. Enjoy!

Sincerely,

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**DVP Spotlight On...Intimate Partner Violence**

DVP is committed to preventing intimate partner violence before it starts through a variety of programmatic, surveillance, and research and evaluation activities. For example:

- **The Domestic Violence Prevention Enhancements and Leadership through Alliances, Focusing on Outcomes for Communities United with States (DELTA-FOUCS) program** funds 10 state domestic violence coalitions to provide prevention-focused training, technical assistance, and financial support to local communities, who in turn implement and evaluate strategies focused on preventing first-time perpetration and victimization.

- **Dating Matters®** is a comprehensive, community-wide teen dating violence (TDV) prevention initiative to promote respectful, nonviolent dating relationships among youth in four high-risk urban communities, with a focus on 11-14-year-olds. Please see the Success Story below for more information.

- **The National Intimate Partner and Sexual Violence Survey (NISVS)** is a public health surveillance system designed to describe the magnitude of intimate partner violence, stalking, and sexual violence in the United States.

- Compared to other forms of violence, there are major research gaps in developing and rigorously evaluating what works to prevent IPV. DVP translates research on risk and protective factors to develop, rigorously evaluate, and support the dissemination of evidence-based interventions for the primary prevention of IPV.
• DVP awarded funding in September to the American Institutes for Research (AIR) to support the delivery of technical assistance on youth violence prevention.

• DVP announced funding in October to SciMetrika to deliver technical assistance on implementation of the *Essentials for Childhood* framework to its funded and unfunded states.

• New data, including 2012 data from the National Electronic Injury Surveillance System-All Injury Program, is available on the WISQARS Nonfatal Injury and Leading Causes of Nonfatal Injury Modules. National estimates of nonfatal injuries and nonfatal injury rates for the United States, 2000-2012, overall and by sex, age groupings, and mechanism and intent of injury, are now available online. The Web-based Injury Statistics Query and Reporting System (WISQARS) is an interactive, online database that provides fatal and nonfatal injury data from a variety of sources. The WISQARS Nonfatal Injury and Leading Causes of Nonfatal Injury modules provide national estimates of nonfatal injuries and nonfatal injury rates for persons treated in US hospital emergency departments.
Success Story: First Year of Dating Matters® Implementation Yields High Participation

DVP’s comprehensive, community-wide teen dating violence (TDV) prevention initiative, Dating Matters®, recently completed its first year of implementation and evaluation. Dating Matters® grantees delivered school-based dating violence prevention programming in grades 6-8 to more than 6,200 youth; and, approximately 100 educators and 100 parents participated in Dating Matters® programs in selected neighborhoods in Oakland, Chicago, Baltimore, and Ft. Lauderdale. In addition, 616 youth attended Dating Matters® activities in their communities. These numbers suggest that the initiative is off to a strong start, although we expect the number of participants to be even higher in the second year.

In addition to implementation, Dating Matters® involves a large outcome and implementation evaluation. For the evaluation, approximately 3,000 youth completed the baseline survey and will be followed into high school. For the next three years, the incoming 6th graders will also be recruited into the evaluation and followed through 2018. Results from the baseline survey suggest that dating violence is a significant issue in the Dating Matters® communities and programs like Dating Matters are sorely needed.

Learn more and watch the Dating Matters® video here.
Please note that whenever possible we have provided links to the full texts of the articles listed below. For more information on articles that do not include full texts, please email violenceprevention@cdc.gov.

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**Child Maltreatment**


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**Sexual Violence/Intimate Partner Violence**

- Correction: In the September edition we included a link to what we thought was a Violence Against Women publication, “Prevalence of Sexual Violence Against Women in 18 U.S. States/Territories, 2005.” In fact, the link took readers to a similarly titled IPV publication; we apologize for this error and look forward to providing you with the article when it is published in the near future.

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**Youth Violence**

- Above all Things, Be Glad and Young: Advances in Research on Violence in Adolescence – Psychology of Violence, October 2013
- Sexual Risk Taking and Bullying Among Adolescents, Pediatrics, Nov. 11, 2013

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**Partnership Matters**

- On Sept. 26-27, 2013, DVP leadership participated in the U.S. Department of Justice’s National Forum on Youth Violence Prevention’s “Third Annual Summit on Preventing Youth Violence: Building Towards a Safe and Healthy Tomorrow.” The purpose of the Summit was to connect federal and local partners, congressional leaders, and public and private organizations in a collaborative effort to address youth violence and to highlight the work and dedication of Forum partners. DVP has been deeply involved in the work of the National Forum as a co-chair of the Forum’s Federal Coordinating Committee.
- On Sept. 26, 2013, DVP leadership met with members of the National Alliance to End Sexual Violence for an informal breakfast to share information and discuss opportunities for collaboration.
- On Nov. 14, 2013, Dr. Greta Massetti, DVP’s Research and Evaluation Branch Chief, attended the Department of Justice’s Office of Violence Against Women’s (OVW) annual meeting of grantees and TA providers to present on DVP’s evaluations of programmatic population-level efforts to prevent violence against women and improve health outcomes.
DVP Resources and Tools

This section features select tools and resources from DVP that communities can use to translate research into practice and evaluation.

- **Taking Action to Prevent Intimate Partner Violence and Sexual Violence: Creating Statewide Prevention Plans** is a new report that analyzes the intimate partner violence and sexual violence statewide prevention plans of CDC’s DELTA and EMPOWER (Enhancing and Making Programs and Outcomes Work to End Rape) programs.

- **DVP in the Media: USA Today Supplement**: The publication, which featured a foreword authored by National Center for Injury Prevention and Control Director, Dr. Linda Degutis, hit newsstands in USA Today on Sept. 27, 2013, in New York, Chicago, Los Angeles, and Washington D.C./Baltimore.

The Affordable Care Act and the Health Insurance Marketplace

People with insurance benefit from the Affordable Care Act in a number of ways including:

- Being able to compare rates across insurance companies
- Having free preventive services (vaccinations, well visits, mammograms, etc.)
- Being able to keep their kids under 26 years old on their insurance
- Getting a refund from the insurance company if it spends too much on administrative costs

Watch this video that summarizes in 3 minutes the benefits to those with insurance and those without.

The launch of the Marketplace website, HealthCare.gov, has been rocky and HHS is working tirelessly to make the online process better. The Marketplace insurance is (primarily) for people without insurance for various reasons including having pre-existing conditions. There are four basic ways to apply for health coverage through the Marketplace:

- **Apply online**. Visit HealthCare.gov to get started.
• **Apply by phone.** Call 1-800-318-2596 to apply for a health insurance plan and enroll over the phone. (TTY: 1-855-889-4325)


• **Apply by mail.** Complete a paper application and mail it in. You can download the paper [application form](http://application.form) and [instructions](http://instructions) from HealthCare.gov.

Before you choose a plan, you may want to explore your options. Use this calculator to see if you qualify for lower costs on insurance coverage. Share your story using #GetCovered on [Facebook](http://Facebook), [Twitter](http://Twitter), and [Pinterest](http://Pinterest).

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