Sexual Behaviors and Winnebago County High School Students

What are the issues?

- 17.9% of students reported it was important to them to delay having sexual intercourse until they were married.
- **40.0%** of students reported that they have had sexual intercourse.
- **5.3%** of students reported that they had sexual intercourse for the first time before the age of 13.
- 23.7% of students reported that they have had sexual intercourse with 2 or more people in their lifetime.
- 30.5% of students reported that they have had sexual intercourse with 1 or more people in the past 3 months.
- 9.7% of students reported drinking alcohol or using drugs before the last time they had sexual intercourse.

What are the solutions?

K-12 skill-based health education addressing risk reduction and abstinence

Early and ongoing parental involvement

School engagement

Education on social norms

Comprehensive HIV/AIDS policies

Evidence-based sexual risk behavior prevention programs

Education on the impact of alcohol and drug use

Developing youth assets

Culturally appropriate teaching strategies

Trained staff

Safe school climate

What are some resources to help address the problem?

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

- Division of Adolescent and School Health www.cdc.gov/HealthyYouth
- National Health Education Standards www.cdc.gov/healthyyouth/sher/standards/
- Division of HIV/AIDS http://www.cdc.gov/hiv/
- National Prevention Information Network http://www.cdcnpin.org/

Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction

- HIV/AIDS/STD Prevention Program http://dpi.wi.gov/sspw/aidshiv.html
- CESA Safe and Healthy Schools Network <u>www.cesa6.org</u>