



CONDOM AVAILABILITY PROGRAM

SHPD PROGRAM/SERVICE

...65% of the sexually-active San Francisco high school students used condoms the last time they had sex.

(Youth Risk Behavior Survey, 2003)

Historical Background:

In order to address student health risk behaviors, including sexual behaviors that may lead to communicable diseases, HIV infection, and teenage pregnancy, San Francisco Unified School District established a Condom Availability Program (CAP) in all high schools in 1993. This program is authorized by Superintendent's Policy # 19-24-SP1 (approved by the board of Education 10/8/91). The policy is implemented at each school site in collaboration with the site coordinators, health care professionals and the Department of Public Health.

What is the goal of the Condom Availability Program?

The goal is to address student health risk behaviors, including sexual behaviors that may lead to sexually transmitted infections, HIV infection and teenage pregnancy prevention by providing education, resources and connections to community based programs/institutions.

What is the Condom Availability Program?

- According to Family Code 6925, minors may participate in CAP without parental permission. However, in an attempt to partner with parents, SFUSD School Health Programs Department notifies all families of incoming high school students about the program through the Student and Parent/Guardian Handbook.
- On-site CAP coordinators assist with logistics such as liaison with site staff, SHPD staff, and health care professionals. They collect data and ensure that the policy is correctly implemented.
- District Health care professionals partnered with each school provide counseling, sexuality and abstinence education, referral service, data collection, and condom availability
- Condoms are made available through the Department of Public Health, HIV Prevention section.

Activities within SFUSD and SHPD that support the CAP:

- Health Education Curriculum
- Nurse of the Day
- Youth Risk Behavior Survey Data
- High School Health Promotion Committee
- Peer Resource Programs
- World AIDS Day/Commemoration
- Theatrical Presentations
- Universal Precautions
- Community Based Organizations/CBO Orientation