CHILD HEALTH RELATED WEB SITES

Abstinence Education Program
www.dshs.state.tx.us/abstain/default.shtm
The Abstinence Education Program provides educational programs via contract services to priority populations in order to prevent teen pregnancy and sexually transmitted diseases (STDs). Priority populations include youth, parents and health professionals.

Action for Healthy Kids
www.actionforhealthykids.org
Action for Health Kids (AFHK) is a nonprofit organization formed specifically to address the epidemic of overweight, undernourished and sedentary youth by focusing on changes at school. There are chapters in all 50 states and the District of Columbia including the Texas Action for Healthy Kids Alliance. The Texas Web site can be accessed through the AFHK Web site above.

Adolescent Health
www.dshs.state.tx.us/adolescent/default.shtm
The Adolescent Health Program maintains a comprehensive and holistic view of adolescent's health and well-being. Instead of looking at single behaviors (teen pregnancy, substance use/abuse, violence, delinquency, suicide, depression, unintentional injuries and school failure), the Adolescent Health Program looks at overlap between behaviors, their underlying common causes, and successful interventions. Interventions must be built around researched risk and resiliency factors and maintain a collaborative, multi- disciplinary approach that includes families, schools, churches, communities and agencies that serve teens.

Asthma Coalition of Texas
www.texasasthma.org/
Resources for schools, professionals, tools, links, the law and other help.

Childhood Lead Poisoning Program
www.dshs.state.tx.us/lead/default.shtm
The Texas Childhood Lead Poisoning Prevention Program partners with local and regional health departments; city, state, and federal agencies; and other community organizations to protect Texas children by finding and eliminating the sources of exposure to lead poisoning.

Children with Special Health Needs
www.dshs.state.tx.us/cshcn/default.shtm
The Children with Special Health Care Needs (CSHCN) Services Program provides services to children with extraordinary medical needs, disabilities and chronic health conditions. The CSHCN Services Program's health care benefits include payments for medical care, family support services and related services not covered by Medicaid,

CHIP, private insurance or other "third party payers." The program also contracts with agencies throughout the state to provide an array of clinical and support services to children with special health care needs and their families. The CSHCN Services Program also assists children and their families by supporting case management at Department of State Health Services (DSHS) regional offices throughout Texas.

Chronic Disease Prevention
www.dshs.state.tx.us/chronic/default.shtm
Chronic Disease Prevention at DSHS provides information, education, resources and assistance to the people of Texas to make healthy life choices, reduce the human and economic impact of poor health, reduce the incidence of premature death and disability and promote healthy communities.

Drug Abuse Statistics by County
www.tcada.state.tx.us/research/statistics/index.shtml

Healthy Schools, Healthy Youth
www.cdc.gov/HealthyYouth/index.htm
The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's Division of Adolescent and School Health (DASH) seeks to prevent the most serious health risk behaviors among children, adolescents and young adults. The DASH Web site provides a wealth of school health information and resources.

HIV/STD/Aids Program
www.dshs.state.tx.us/hivstd/default.shtm
Information on prevention and care in Texas. Find out about HIV/STD services in your area, access HIV/STD and AIDS statistics for Texas, or learn about eligibility requirements for the Texas HIV Medication Program.

Immunizations Branch
www.dshs.state.tx.us/immunize/default.shtm
Contains information on the immunization program, an electronic edition of the newsletter Upshot, information on the automated immunization tracking system ImmTrac, disease incidence data, the Vaccines for Children Program, and more.

Indoor Air Quality in Schools
www.dshs.state.tx.us/iaq/links.shtm#schools
Information on The Indoor Air Quality Program works to identify problems and concerns relating to the quality of air in occupied buildings, and to provide information to building owners, schools and homeowners so they can prevent or remediate indoor air quality problems such as asbestos, lead, mold, pesticides and Radon.

Infectious Disease Control Unit
www.dshs.state.tx.us/idcu/default.asp
Promotes epidemiology, surveillance, education, risk stratification/communication, consultation, and disease interventions such as the Human Papilloma Virus Vaccine, a new Antibiotic Resistance/ MRSA and Pandemic Influenza Preparedness Plan

Maternal and Child Health
www.dshs.state.tx.us/mch/default.shtm
Maternal and Child Health (MCH) provides links to information for consumers of MCH services, administrative documents for MCH contractors, and related materials for public health professionals.

Obesity and Overweight Activities at DSHS
www.dshs.state.tx.us/phn/default.shtm
This site outlines DSHS goals for tackling obesity and overweight in Texas including resources, studies, statistics and plans from Texas and other state's community sources.

Obesity and Overweight Data in Texas including SPAN and the BRFSS
www.dshs.state.tx.us/phn/data.shtm

Oral Health Services Program
www.dshs.state.tx.us/dental/default.shtm
The Oral Health Group (OHG) at DSHS serves to encourage the residents of Texas to improve and maintain good oral health. The OHG works collaboratively with various partners across the state in order to identify the oral health needs of Texans and to identify resources to meet these needs.

Playground Equipment and Safety
www.tdh.state.tx.us/beh/ps/plygrnd.htm
Help for building a safe playground for children at school or at home is addressed at this site including equipment types, led paint and more.

Safe Riders Program
www.dshs.state.tx.us/saferiders/default.shtm
The Safe Riders Traffic Safety Program, in cooperation with the Texas Department of Transportation provides helpful information about child passenger safety**,** including links to related local and national websites. They can also be reached by phone at 1-800-252-8255.

SCHOOL HEALTH PROGRAM
www.dshs.state.tx.us/schoolhealth/default.shtm
Provides information and resources to communities in their efforts to meet the health services and health education needs of children in a school setting by supporting comprehensive school health programming.

School Vision and Hearing Program
www.dshs.state.tx.us/vhs/default.shtm
Identifies preschoolers and school children with hearing and vision problems early and links them to appropriate remedial services.

Spinal Screening Program
www.dshs.state.tx.us/spinal/default.shtm
School spinal screening was developed to identify adolescents with small spinal curves and refer them for treatment before these curves become too severe.

Texas Association for Health, Physical Education, Recreation and Dance
www.tahperd.org
The Texas Association for Health, Physical Education, Recreation and Dance (TAHPERD) is a not-for-profit professional association of individuals in the allied fields of health education, physical education, recreation and dance committed to the development of knowledge and programs that promote active, healthy lifestyles and enhance skilled, aesthetic motor performance.

Texas Association of School Administrators
www.tasanet.org
Resources and technical assistance for public school superintendents and administrators, education service center staff, college and university professors, students, and others interested in public education.

Texas Association of School Based Health Centers
www.tasbhc.org
Texas Association of School-Based Health Centers advocates and supports state policies; programs and funding that sustain, grow and integrate school-based health care into the Texas health care and education systems. Resources and technical assistance is provided to enable school-based health centers to deliver quality services in schools.

Texas Association of School Boards
www.tasb.org
The Texas Association of School Boards (TASB) represents the largest group of publicly elected officials in the state and is dedicated to the preservation of local control of public education. TASB provides assistance in every area of public school governance and operation and provides products and services to its members to serve their needs.

Texas Association for School Nutrition
www.tsfsa.org
The Texas Association for School Nutrition (TASN), formerly known as TSFSA, is a professional organization for all levels of school food service employees. TASN was established to provide resources that enhance and promote non-profit child nutrition programs for the benefit of schoolchildren.

Texas Cooperative Extension
http://fcs.tamu.edu
Part of the Texas A&M System, the Family and Consumer Science section of the Extension System offers practical information for families; raising children, housing and the environment, eating well, managing money and staying healthy.

Texas Dept. of Agriculture – Square Meals – Web Site for School Nutrition Answers
www.squaremeals.org
This site provides public school nutrition policies, resources and materials, school meal programs and programs for parents.

Texas Education Agency
www.tea.state.tx.us
The TEA and the State Board of Education (www.tea.state.tx.us/sboe) guide and monitor activities and programs related to public education in Texas.

Texas Education Agency – Health and P.E. Curriculum
www.tea.state.tx.us/curriculum/hpe/index.html
The TEA Health and P.E. Curriculum Web site assist districts statewide with implementation of the TEKS; assist the textbook adoption process for K-12 health and physical education instructional materials; and provides information on curriculum, assessment, training, rules and other related topics.

Texas School Nurses Association
www.txsno.org
Resource for Texas school nursing practice information.

Texas Obesity Policy Portfolio
www.dshs.state.tx.us/phn/pdf/Texas_Obesity_Policy_Portfolio.pdf
The Texas Obesity Policy Portfolio chronicles our best health policy knowledge associated with obesity prevention and control and serves as a starting point for policy development and implementation. The Portfolio gives a range of referenced policy options from effective to untested, categorized by type of policy and identified for use in multiple sectors and settings.

Texas Parent Teacher's Association
www.txpta.org
Texas Parent Teacher's Association (TXPTA) is a grassroots organization made up of parents, teachers and others around the state that has a special interest in children, families and schools. TXPTA is the largest child-advocacy organization in the state.

Tobacco Prevention and Control
www.dshs.state.tx.us/tobacco/default.shtm
This site provides a clearinghouse of information on tobacco use prevention issues.

WIC
www.dshs.state.tx.us/wichd/default.shtm
WIC is a nutrition program that helps pregnant women, new mothers, and young children eat well, learn about nutrition and stay healthy. Nutrition education and counseling, nutritious foods, and help accessing health care are provided to low-income women, infants, and children.

Youth Risk Behavior Surveillance System (YRBSS)
www.cdc.gov/HealthyYouth/yrbs/index.htm
Substance abuse related risk behavior survey.

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