

How are you addressing youth risk and social determinants of health (SDOH) in your community?

The Rapid Adolescent Prevention Screening (RAAPS) is a reliable and validated assessment and coaching tool that identifies risk factors in youth and provides evidence based health messages to support positive change; RAAPS was developed especially for the needs of youth and the professionals (like you) who work with them.

RAAPS-PH goes one step further, uncovering chronic exposure to social and environmental stressors (such as hunger, homelessness, teen pregnancy, and discrimination) that threaten healthy brain, cognitive, and social-emotional development. RAAPS-PH was designed to be easily administered in a school or community based setting - with no clinical background required.

How RAAPS-PH is Different

- Developed in partnership with the American Public Health Association (APHA) Center for School, Health and Education (CSHE), RAAPS-PH builds on the core RAAPS assessment, capturing the prevalence of social and environmental conditions that threaten youths' health and progress toward graduation.



"In many cases, the survey confirmed what we had expected. For example, we knew hunger was an issue. This validated our suspicions with hard data. We found out 10% of our students hadn't eaten since we fed them last."
- Principal Votaw

RAAPS-PH identifies SDOH affecting health, well being and graduation rates:

- Missed school due to providing care, work or transportation
- Academic success and difficulty reading
- Asthma
- Basic needs, like food, water and electricity
- Homelessness
- Pregnancy
- Discrimination

RAAPS-PH provides the opportunity to address risk to make a difference in the lives of youth*:

- ✓ 69% now receive enough food
- ✓ 55% no longer miss school
- ✓ 53% resolved feelings of depression
- ✓ 33% are now getting a "C" or better in all classes

*Selected RAAPS-PH findings year over year

"We as adults must give youth a voice so we can work in partnership with them to create conditions that keep them healthy and doing well in school. Assessing what's going on in their lives, including the social and educational aspects of their lives, did not exist before our pilot of RAAPS-PH on a schoolwide basis."

- Terri D. Wright Former CSHE Director,
American Public Health Association

