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Bridging the Gap: Research Informing Practice for Healthy Youth Behavior

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Purpose of the Initiative:

- To evaluate the impact of:
  - Policies
  - Programs
  - Practices

- Addressing various types of substances:
  - Alcohol Use
  - Illicit Drug Use
  - Tobacco Use

- At various levels:
  - State
  - Community
  - School
  - Individual
A Collaborative Effort that Integrates Across:

- Multiple substances
- Multiple disciplines
- Multiple centers and collaborators
- Multiple levels of social organization
- Multiple data sources
Structure of the Samples

- Half-sample of MTF schools cycling out of the national sample
  - c. 215 schools per year
  - National replicate sample

- Administrators in those schools surveyed

- Community data collected from their catchment areas
  - Observational studies of retail outlets
  - Key informant interviews in the community
  - Other existing archival data

- State legislative and other data are collected on all states
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- Community Observations
- Key Informant Interviews
- Archival Data
Policy Research Teams on Alcohol, Illicit Drugs, and Tobacco

- Original data archiving
- Collection and database organization of existing archival data
- Participate in school and community surveys
- Rapid Response studies
- Analyze and write from combined data sets (often collaboratively with other teams)
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➢ School-level:
  - Surveys of school administrators

➢ Student-level:
  - Monitoring the Future surveys of 8th, 10th, and 12th grade students
  - Rapid Response school surveys
Evaluating Natural Experiments

- At any of three levels of social organization: State, Community, and School
- Comparison data from MTF national samples (grades 8, 10, & 12)
- Type of design
  - Cross-sectional analyses
  - Repeated cross-sectional analyses
  - Before-after change in school panels
- Occasionally supplementary school samples: Rapid Response
  - Life Skills Training (LST) Evaluation
  - Alcohol Hotline Evaluation