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Region 8 Summit – Healthy Transitions: Partnering with Youth and Young Adults

Adolescent Health & OASH Priorities

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Operating Divisions



OASH Reorganization: June 2019



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Office of Adolescent Health

“Integrated Reproductive Health Program”

Full scope of activities related to implementation research and service delivery within one office to promote health across the reproductive life span

- Increase efficiency and sharpen focus by combining the two offices who receiving direct funding from Congress to address family planning and reproductive health
- Provides additional opportunities to coordinate research and evaluation resources
- Assimilates quality adolescent health principles into service delivery models



OPA Mission

Promote health across the reproductive lifespan through innovative, evidence-based adolescent health and family planning programs, services, strategic partnerships, evaluation, and research.

- OPA now administers the Title X family planning program, the Teen Pregnancy Prevention program, the Pregnancy Assistance Fund program, and the Embryo Adoption Awareness program



Program Priorities

*“Leading
America to
Healthier Lives”*

Optimal Health

*“Promote health
across the
reproductive life
span”*



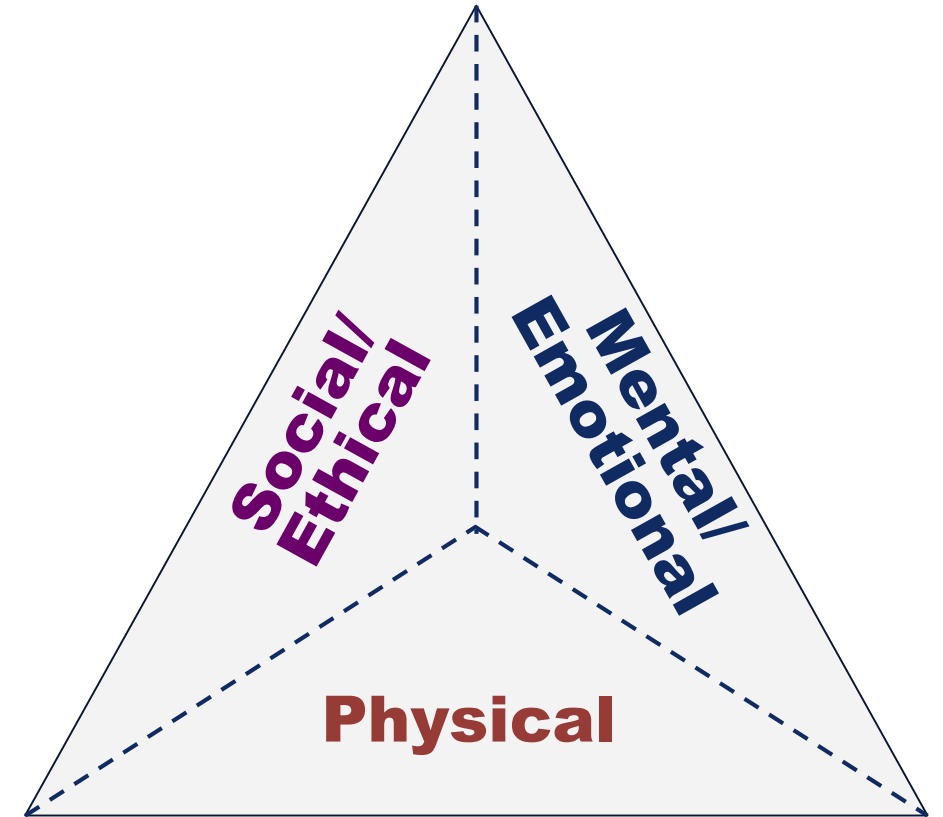
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Optimal Health

“Optimal health is a dynamic balance of physical, emotional, social, spiritual, and intellectual health.”



O'Donnell, M. P. (2009) Definition of health promotion 2.0: Embracing passion, enhancing motivation, recognizing dynamic balance, and creating opportunities. American Journal of Health Promotion: September/October 2009, Vol. 24:1, pp. iv.



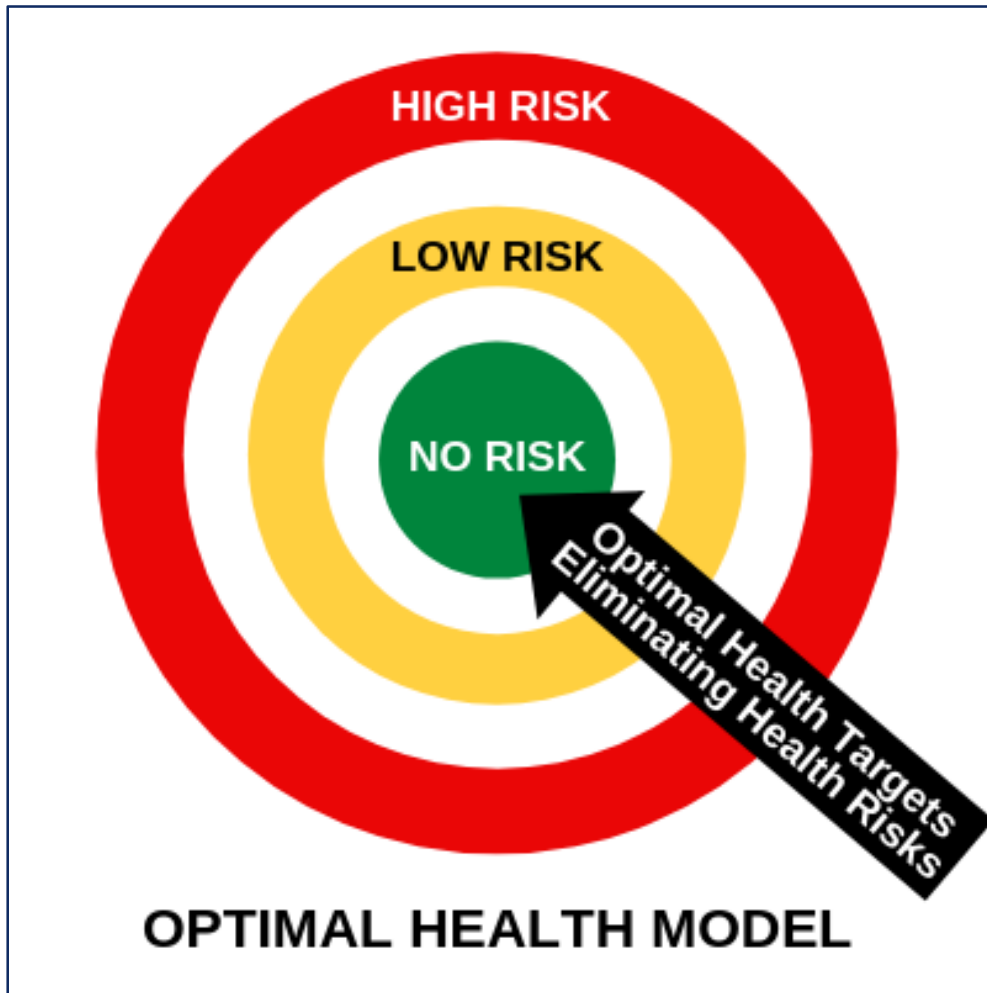
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The Optimal Health Model prioritizes prevention through policies to:

- Identify the health concern
- Identify the risk factors that influence that health concern
- Respond with an intervention that promotes the best possible health outcome for the population
- Encourage individuals to make appropriate changes that will lead them towards a position of lower risk



Optimal Health Conceptual Model



- Adaptable to a range of risk behaviors and diseases
- Measures success by the degree of movement away from risk



Five Essentials for Healthy Adolescents

- Positive connections with supportive people
- Safe and secure places to live, learn, and play
- Access to high-quality, teen-friendly healthcare
- Opportunities for teens to engage as learners, leaders, team members, and workers
- Coordinated, adolescent- and family-centered services

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