



BRFSS Data Improves the Health of New Yorkers



Creating Healthy Schools and Communities

BRFSS data identified which communities had the greatest need and could receive the **Creating Healthy Schools and Communities grant**. This grant money increased access to healthy, affordable foods and physical activities.



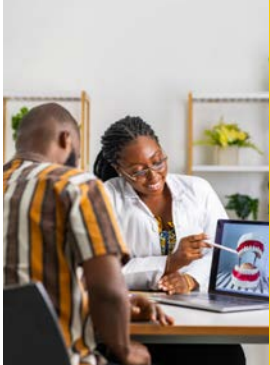
Helping People Manage Diabetes

This **BRFSS report** showed that most New Yorkers with diabetes have not taken a course on managing their diabetes. This information was used by pharmacy partners to raise awareness of their pharmacy-based diabetes education programs.



Helping People Get Screened for Cancer

The Roswell Park Comprehensive Cancer Center used BRFSS data to obtain county-level estimates on cancer screening. They launched a prostate and breast cancer screening mobile unit to see if screening rates would increase.



Improving Dental Health for People with Diabetes

This **BRFSS report** shows that adults with diabetes lose more teeth and have more dental problems than those without the disease. To help improve patient care, the New York State Department of Health created an educational **Webcast** for doctors and dentists. They are also working with community health centers to raise awareness of how uncontrolled diabetes damages oral health. The Department is also providing guidance to healthcare providers to talk with patients about managing both diabetes and oral health. Helping people protect their teeth lowers their risk for other serious health issues.



Helping Children with Asthma

BRFSS data helps New York State qualify for federal funding, and it helps identify and direct resources to areas with high rates of asthma. This funding supports critical programs for children with asthma. These programs:

- Train healthcare providers to manage childhood asthma.
- Provide services to families that help reduce asthma triggers in their home.
- Teach families how to manage their child's asthma and reduce asthma triggers.



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