NEW PUBLICATION

POLICIES FOR THE REDUCTION OF ALCOHOL-RELATED VIOLENCE THAT AFFECTS YOUNG PEOPLE

Latin America and the Caribbean is the most violent region in the world, and there is an urgent need to address the problem of violence in those countries. The leading causes of death among people between the ages of 10 and 29 years in that region include homicide, suicide, and motor vehicle crashes. With 29% of all homicides occurring in this age group, adolescents and young adults are disproportionately affected by interpersonal violence, which often occurs at more extreme levels when alcohol is involved. Unfortunately, many government initiatives to combat youth violence often fail.

This book is divided into three sections. The first examines youth alcohol consumption and the role of alcohol in violence. The second summarizes environmental prevention strategies and policies that have been found to reduce alcohol-related violence. The third offers recommendations for next steps and identifies areas in need of further research. Two case studies from Brazil and Puerto Rico are included as appendices. The document is a flipbook and can be read in either English or Spanish.

This book is intended for anyone who is interested in or works with policies or strategies that deal with alcohol-related violence.

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YOUTH: CHOICES AND CHANGE

“This excellent book is recommended to medical practitioners, health educators and planners, and those of all disciplines interested in promoting healthy behaviours in adolescents. Its comprehensive and clearly designed layout, with a summary for each section, makes it an ideal reference for both the detail and the overall view of health promotion in this age group.”

— Journal of Paediatrics and Child Health

This publication by PAHO on adolescent health and positive behavior change greatly enhances the knowledge base on this important public health issue. It presents the first-ever systematic collection and reporting of the application of behavioral change theories and models specifically to adolescents. At the same time, it represents the first attempt to incorporate a developmental perspective in the conceptual analysis of these classical theoretical constructs when applied to the various stages of adolescence.

Cultural, ethnic, and gender differences are also given special consideration, as is the role of poverty and the ability of some adolescents to secure physical and emotional well-being despite circumstances of adversity. This book additionally breaks new ground in explaining why some health promotion interventions aimed at positive adolescent behavior change produce the desired results, while others fail.

The thoroughness of the analysis extends to the diversity of geographical settings cited: from Africa to the United States, Canada to Jamaica, Brazil to the Netherlands, El Salvador to Japan, and India to Mexico, to name only a few. The experiences of the global research community presented here will undoubtedly find fertile ground among a variety of publics, including local health promoters, designers of community health promotion programs, health professionals, the academic and research community, ministries of public health and of youth affairs, those who study and those who create mass media trends, parents and teachers, school counselors, and all others who play a significant role in adolescents’ lives.
JUVENILE VIOLENCE IN THE AMERICAS: INNOVATIVE STUDIES IN RESEARCH, DIAGNOSIS, AND PREVENTION

This book briefly discusses several published works on violence among children and adolescents, organizing the research on factors related to violence by age group and type of environment and examining the environmental factors that contribute to violence and the role played by the mass media. It also presents a theoretical model that identifies the factors and processes that lead to violence or follow from it as a frame of reference for understanding how to prevent this phenomenon. Based on the model’s components, the study reviews research on violence prevention in families, schools, and communities and analyzes important case studies from the United States and Colombia. Finally, it issues recommendations for future action to reduce violence by and against children and young people in the Americas.

OPERATIONS RESEARCH ON INTEGRATED MANAGEMENT OF CHILDHOOD ILLNESS

This publication aims to enhance the role of the health services in generating knowledge and in collective efforts to improve the health of the population. This publication was also designed to establish closer ties between investigators and academicians, the health services and the community, through a joint effort to generate knowledge and evaluate the interventions included in the IMCI strategy.

YOUTH-CENTERED COUNSELING FOR HIV/STI PREVENTION AND PROMOTION OF SEXUAL AND REPRODUCTIVE HEALTH: A GUIDE FOR FRONTLINE PROVIDERS

This guide for youth-centered counseling is a tool developed to assist frontline providers in reaching young people and effectively promoting sexual health. It contains detailed and theory-based actions and methods to improve the quality of services for young people. This guide aims to help providers engage in counseling that best fits the needs and wants of youth, providing the young person with the opportunity to learn essential skills for sexual and reproductive health development.

GUIDE FOR PARTICIPATORY LOCAL ASSESSMENT: COMMUNITY COMPONENT OF THE IMCI STRATEGY

This document is intended for local personnel in the health services, the Red Cross, and other social players involved in the health area, to support them in carrying out an assessment of their local situations and health problems, especially those related to children under the age of 5. It also seeks to understand why the situation has occurred, so that a work plan can be developed that will be effective in tackling the problem.

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DENGE AND DENGE
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AMERICAS: GUIDELINES FOR
PREVENTION AND CONTROL

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dengue is primarily a problem of domestic
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and the disease’s other important
vector, A. albopictus, can be eliminated.
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guidelines emphasize ways to transfer the responsibility, capability,
and motivation for dengue control and prevention to the community.

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VIHDEO AMERICA: AN ANTHOLOGY OF 10 YEARS OF HIV TV SPOTS IN
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The best way to benefit from the collection is to conduct an analysis of the TV spots. Even if you don’t
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90% de las cuales se atribuyen a infecciones diarreicas y respiratorias
de la infancia, sida, tuberculosis, paludismo y sarampión. El síndrome
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