

Aktivni mladi za zdraviji život: zdravlje, životni stilovi i fizička forma mladih

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Zdravlje adolescenata u SAD Zdrava nacija do 2020. godine

Cilj programa 2020 je poboljšanje optimalnog razvoja, zdravlja, bezbednosti i blagostanja adolescenata i mladih odraslih osoba.

Adolescenti (uzrasta od 10. do 19. godina) i mladi (uzrasta od 20. do 24. godine) čine oko 21% stanovništva SAD.¹ Obrasci ponašanja uspostavljeni tokom ovih razvojnih perioda pomažu da se proceni trenutni zdravstveni status mladih ljudi i njihov rizik za nastanak hroničnih bolesti u odrasлом dobu.²

Iako su adolescencija i mladost generalno zdravi periodi života, nekoliko važnih zdravstvenih i socijalnih problema dostiže vrhunac ili počinje tokom ovog perioda. Primeri uključuju:



- Ubistva i samoubistva
- Sudari motornim vozilima, uključujući one izazvane u alkoholisanom stanju
- Upotreba i zloupotreba supstanci; Pušenje
- Seksualno prenosive bolesti, uključujući AIDS
- Tinejdžeri i neplanirane trudnoće
- Nemanje krova nad glavom

Pošto su u periodu razvoja, adolescenati i mlađe odrasle osobe posebno su osetljive na okruženje u kojem žive, u užem i širem smislu.³ Faktori sredine, uključujući porodicu, vršnjačke grupe, školu, lokalnu zajednicu, politički kontekst i društveno okruženje, može i pozitivno i negativno da utiče na zdravlje mladih ljudi i njihovo blagostanje.⁴ Pozitivan razvoj mladih ljudi olakšava usvajanje zdravih obrazaca ponašanja i omogućava stvaranje zdrave i produktivne buduće odrasle populacije.⁵

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Zašto je zdravlje adolescenata važno?

Adolescencija je kritičan prelazni period koji obuhvata biološke promene tokom puberteta, i zahteva od osobe da savlada važne razvojne izazove, kao što su sticanje i povećanje nezavisnosti i normativno eksperimentisanje.^{3,5,6}

Postoje mnogi primeri efikasnih politika i programa koji se bave zdravstvenim problemima adolescenata. Oni podrazumevaju:

- Sertifikovane programe licenciranja vozača⁷
- Programe prevencije adolescentske trudnoće^{8,9}
- Programe prevencije nasilja¹⁰⁻¹³
- Programe prevencije delikvencije¹⁴
- Programe mentalnog zdravlja¹⁵
- Programe borbe protiv zloupotrebe supstanci¹⁶
- Preduzimanje koraka za prevenciju AIDS^{17,18}

Finansijski troškovi za prevenciju zdravstvenih problema koji započinju u periodu adolescencije su veliki, i uključuju dugoročne troškove lečenja hroničnih bolesti koje su posledica ponašanja tokom ovog perioda. Na primer, godišnji zdravstveni troškovi povezani sa pušenjem kod odraslih osoba iznose oko 193 milijarde dolara, a ova loša navika se stiže najčešće oko 18. godine života.¹⁹⁻²¹

Postoje značajne razlike između rasnih i etničkih grupa kada je reč o zdravlju adolescenata. Adolescenati i mlađi odrasli ljudi iz manjinskih grupa (npr. Afroamerikanci, američki Indijanci ili Hispanoamerikanci), posebno oni koji žive u siromaštvo, pate od brojnih zdravstvenih problema (kao što su gojaznost,^{22,23} adolescentske trudnoće,²⁴ karijes,²⁵ i slaba obrazovna postignuća) u odnosu na adolescente i mlađe evropskog porekla.

Razumevanje značaja zdravlja kod mlađih

Vodeći uzroci bolesti i smrti adolescenata i mlađih odraslih osoba u velikoj meri se mogu sprečiti.³ Posledice na zdravlje adolescenata i mlađih osoba povezane su sa društvenom sredinom kojoj pripadaju i često su uzrokovani njihovim ličnim ponašanjem. Ponašanje mlađih ljudi često je pod uticajem pojedinačnih autoriteta, vršnjaka, porodice, škole, zajednice i u vezi sa društvenim slojem kojem pripadaju.

Zdravlje adolescenata i mlađih osoba posledica je uticaja brojnih faktora životne sredine, neki od njih su navedeni na stranicama koje slede.

Zapamtite !!!

Zdravstvene navike stecene u mandom dobu direktno su povezane sa zdravstvenim stanjem kasnije u životu.

Kako porodica utiče na zdravlje adolescenata?

Adolescenti koji smatraju da imaju dobru komunikaciju unutar porodice, i ostvaruju povezanost sa odraslim osobama imaju manje šanse da započnu sa rizičnim ponašanjem.²⁷ Roditelji koji sprovode nadzor i koji su uključeni u svakodnevne aktivnosti svoje dece promovišu bezbedno okruženje u kojem će mlada osoba istraživati svoje mogućnosti.²⁸

Deca iz porodica koje žive u siromaštvu češće imaju lošije zdravstvene uslove i lošije zdravstveno stanje, kao i manji pristup korišćenju zdravstvene zaštite.^{2,29}

Škola i zdravlje

Akademski uspeh u školi je dobar indikator zdravstvenog statusa buduće odrasle osobe. Posebne akademske veštine povezane su sa nižom stopom rizičnog ponašanja i zdravijim životnim stilom.³⁰⁻³² Završena srednja škola doprinosi nižim stopama zdravstvenih problema i rizika od odlaska u zatvor, kao i boljoj finansijskoj stabilnosti u odrasлом dobu.^{26,33-37}

Socijalno okruženje u školi pozitivno utiče na učenike, njihovo redovno pohađanje nastave, školska postignuća i ponašanje. Bezbedna i zdrava školska sredina promoviše veće angažovanje učenika i štiti od rizičnih ponašanja i napuštanja školovanja.^{30,38-43}

Okolina

Adolescenti koji odrastaju u naseljima koja karakteriše koncentrisano siromaštvo u opasnosti su od raznih negativnih posledica, uključujući i loše fizičko i mentalno zdravlje, delikvenciju i rizično seksualno ponašanje.⁴⁴

Izloženost medijima

Adolescenti koji su izloženi medijskim prikazima nasilja, seksualnih sadržaja, pušenju i piću imaju povećan rizik da usvoje ove obrazce ponašanja.⁴⁵

Poseban fokus na zdravlje adolescenata

Dva važna pitanja utiču na to kako će se pristupiti zdravlju adolescenata u narednoj deceniji. Prvo, adolescentska populacija postaje etnički raznolika, sa brzim porastom broja američke omladine hispano i azijskog porekla. Sve veća etnička raznolikost zahtevaće poseban kulturološki odgovor na potrebe zdravstvene zaštite, i fokusiranu pažnju na različite zdravstvene i akademske zahteve, koji su u korelaciji sa siromaštvom, posebno među adolescentima iz manjinskih rasnih i etničkih grupa.^{2,46}



Sledeće pitanje odnosi se na povećanu ulogu pozitivnih intervencija kod adolescenata i mladih osoba u cilju sprečavanja zdravstveno rizičnih obrazaca ponašanja.^{47,48} Intervencije za promociju zdravlja i razvoj zdravih mladih ljudi mogu se ukratko definisati kao ciljani procesi obezbeđivanja podrške, uspostavljanja odnosa, sticanja iskustava, resursa i mogućnosti koji su potrebni da adolescenti postanu uspešni i kompetentni odrasli ljudi.⁴⁹

Postoji sve više empirijskih dokaza da dobro dizajnirane intervencije u domenu unapređenja zdravlja omladine mogu dovesti do pozitivnih rezultata. Predstoje rigorozne procene koje će odrediti koje su intervencije efikasne i zašto, i kako se uspešne intervencije mogu primeniti u društvu.⁴⁹



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