

## *Why Have a Coordinated School Health Program?*

Schools by themselves cannot, and should not, be expected to solve the nation's most serious health and social problems. Families, health care workers, the media, religious organizations, community organizations that serve youth, and young people themselves also must be systematically involved. However, schools could provide a critical facility in which many agencies might work together to maintain the well-being of young people.



## *Benefits of a Coordinated School Health Team*

**Effective Coordinated School Health Teams can...**

- Be instrumental in improving student health and creating healthy schools
- Help schools meet community involvement mandates and community expectations
- Support school-health staffed programs
- Provide a way for community members to work together with school personnel to accomplish school building and district goals
- Utilize and make the most of community resources and assets
- Influence more people within a community than a single institution could
- Be a credible, collective voice of support for healthy children and youth
- Provide a forum for sharing youth health information and resources
- Provide a range of advice and perspectives
- Foster personal satisfaction and help members understand their roles in strengthening their community
- Foster cooperation by building trust and consensus among grassroots organizations, community segments, and diverse citizens