

Crossing the Data Divide – Online Web Tools to Access Data in Real Time and Provide it in Meaningful Ways

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Abstract: All too often data collected at the state level that are useful to local program planning are not available easily or with a reasonable level of detail. At the state level, public health specific programs create local data fact sheets that take too long to get approved and often can not cater to the specific needs of local health. Conversely, local health often does not have time, money or capacity to take the raw data and conduct analyses to meet their immediate needs. In order to meet the data obligations and needs of local health assessment, two new web-based systems have been created: 1) the Behavior Risk Factor Surveillance System – Internet Query system (BRFSS-IQ) and 2) the “ask Healthy Youth Survey” system (askHYS.net). These systems are real-time, web-based data query systems that enable detailed analysis through simple web-browser interfaces. Data can be analyzed at the community level and by various populations of interest. The panel seeks to educate the audience about both query systems, provide examples of potential uses, and take examples and suggestions from the audience.