



*Our mission: Creating innovations that promote healthy human development worldwide*

**Education Development Center, Inc.(EDC)**, a global nonprofit organization that has advanced solutions to some of the world's most urgent challenges in education, health, and economic development since 1958. With 1,700 employees, EDC currently manages 350 projects around the world.

**OUR HEALTH WORK:** The work of EDC's Health & Human Development Division spans the continuum from health promotion to disease prevention, intervention, and care. We concentrate on major health issues such as alcohol, tobacco, and other drugs; HIV, STI's and reproductive health; mental health; violence and injuries; chronic disease and end-of-life care; research ethics; and community health promotion.

Since issues of social justice have a profound impact on healthy human development, our work tackles the challenges that create disparities—issues of equity, human rights, stigma, and discrimination, as well as the underlying social and economic determinants of health. We concentrate on populations where health disparities are most prevalent due to conditions that create vulnerability.

**APPROACH:** To produce lasting change, HHD uses a multifaceted approach to promote health and prevent disease. This approach encompasses:

- Research and evaluation
- Synthesis and dissemination of research findings
- Assessment and planning
- Project design and management
- Design and operation of training and technical assistance centers
- Professional and workforce development
- Materials and curriculum development
- Policy development and dissemination
- Health communication and social marketing
- Information technology and multimedia

**STAFF:** We have 150 staff with extensive backgrounds in public health, mental health, social science, education, media, communications, and criminal justice.

**PROJECTS and LOCATIONS:** We conduct work domestically and globally, with more than 50 projects. While many of our projects are in the United States, some international in scope and others are in specific regions such as Asia, Africa, and the Caribbean.

**SETTINGS:** Our work extends into various sectors at local, state, national, and international levels. The settings include government agencies of health, education, and mental health; law enforcement; juvenile justice and foster care; schools, colleges, and universities; workplaces; clinics and hospitals; and community agencies.

**OFFICES:** Our headquarters are just outside of Boston, with offices in New York, Washington D.C., San Diego, Bangkok, Barbados and Botswana.