

Susan Court ([00:01](#)):

Why is the YRBS important? I might propose, why is the YRBS not important? It's the only student survey in the nation that allows students to tell us of their health risk behaviors. The data is given to us by the kids themselves. It is the adult's responsibility to take the students' stories and reveal it in meaningful and purposeful ways that help our students.

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The data can help develop programs in school so that schools can develop curricula or implement different programs that will help their students. Uh, without the YRBS, schools wouldn't know what problems exist in our, their community. Uh, we had a leader here at OPI who says, you know, "The schools do lots of surveys." He said, "The YRBS is the only survey that is going to show you the flavor of health behaviors." When a leader at the OPI says that about the YRBS, that lends a lot of credence to the YRBS.

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Positive changes make me feel that the work I've done has been purposeful. And, um, as a state coordinator and coming to work every day and knowing that your work is making a difference, that's kind of rewarding. I couldn't imagine going to a job that wasn't er- as rewarding as YRBS State Coordinator.