



## **Change in Attachment to School: Queen Anne's County Middle School Youth**

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### **Executive Summary**

The Queen Anne's County Community Partnerships for Children surveyed youth at Centreville, Stevensville and Sudlersville Middle Schools about their attachment to school in 2002 and again in 2004, using a research-based instrument that provided external baseline data for comparison.

*May 2002--128 surveys: Centreville (40), Stevensville (45) and Sudlersville (43)*

- Findings:
  - Girls in all three schools had school attachment similar to the comparison study girls
  - Boys had lower attachment to school than did boys in the comparison study, particularly boys age 12 and boys at Suddlersville MS
- Recommendations:
  - Increase Centreville MS boys' attachment 5% to a target score of 0.56
  - Increase Stevensville MS boys' attachment 10% to a target score of 0.53
  - Increase Sudlersville MS boys' attachment 20% to a target score of 0.41

*May 2004--135 surveys: Centreville (45), Stevensville (44) and Sudlersville (46)*

- Findings:
  - School attachment increased slightly among girls and Centreville and Stevensville and decreased slightly at Sudlersville, but the same overall as the comparison study (0.63)
  - School attachment increased among boys in all three schools, but remains lower than among boys in the external comparison study (0.61)
- Targets Achieved:
  - Increased Centreville MS boys' attachment 8% to a score of 0.57
  - Increased Stevensville MS boys' attachment 21% to a score of 0.58
  - Increased Sudlersville MS boys' attachment 39% to a score of 0.50
- Recommendations:
  - Increase Centreville MS boys' attachment 5% to a target score of 0.60
  - Increase Stevensville MS boys' attachment 5% to a target score of 0.61
  - Increase Sudlersville MS boys' attachment 20% to a target score of 0.60
  - Increase Sudlersville MS girls' attachment 7% to a target score of 0.63