



HOUSTON ACTION RESEARCH TEAM



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UFE Operational Efficacy Project, Fall 2016

This HART, made up of undergraduate students majoring in Cognitive Science & Theatre, Philosophy & Economics, Statistics, and Policy Studies, worked with Undies for Everyone (UFE), a non-profit that supplies clean underwear for students in need. The team focused on evaluating the current operations of Undies for Everyone (UFE) within Houston Independent School District (HISD) elementary schools and the need for such resources within those schools. They interviewed key decision makers for the UFE/HISD operations to build a baseline understanding of the program. The team then surveyed and conducted follow up interviews with school nurses about the processes for dealing with students who need replacement underwear during the school day, the need for donated underwear and the use of UFE underwear. Major findings show that UFE underwear is extremely useful to these elementary schools, but implementation of the program is varied and inconsistent. The team made several recommendations for streamlining UFE's distribution process, tailoring to the needs of individual schools, and increasing the organization's overall effectiveness in order to help with future program implementation and expansion.

