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What is Let’s Talk About It?

- Let’s Talk About It is a proposal STI prevention program designed for Jefferson County, Oregon.
- This program was developed in HE 471 Health Promotion Program Planning during Winter 2019.
- Geared towards 15-24-year-old Native Americans residing in rural communities.
- Includes kick-off event, education sessions, self-testing kits, community forums, and improving intake forms and computer software of the Jefferson County Public Health Department.

Project Goals


Individual Objectives:
1. Increase positive attitudes
2. Improve individual knowledge
3. Increase self-testing behaviors

Community Objectives:
1. Engage community partners in forums
2. Increase number of partners
3. Standardize local department forms

Program Components

Self-Testing Kits
- Available for free
- Distributed at local health centers and schools

Sexual Health Education
- Curriculum? / topics included?
- Hired sexual health educator
- Located at the Madras High School health center
- Group and individual sessions (how long? 6-week session?)

Standardized Forms/ Software
- Improve software in local clinics and health departments
- Standardize intake and medical forms
- Distribute to local public health departments, clinics, centers, and hospitals

What Are STIs?

- STIs are communicable diseases that are elevated in rural communities.
- Almost half of the 20 million reported cases in the US are adolescents, 15-24 years of age.
- In Jefferson county, Oregon, chlamydia is the highest rating at 723.6 per 100,000
- This is higher than the state average of 432.5 per 100,000 population

Oregon STI Rates

Number of newly diagnosed chlamydia cases per 100,000 population.
- The 2011 County Health Rankings used data from 2008 for this measure.

Background, Rationale & Gap

- STI rates are highest among 15-24-year old’s
- Rates are higher in rural areas
- Rates are even higher among Native Americans
- 15-24-year-old American Indians in Jefferson County Oregon
- Population that shows the greatest need for intervention

Evaluation Plan

Education – evaluate the context of sexual or reproductive health services Jefferson County’s success:
- strategies geared to improving sexual health education in the schools
- measured through an increase in sexual health knowledge and attendance
- STI testing among the target population.

Self-testing – evaluate the baseline of the current programs in place for STI testing
- process evaluation will determine if the strategies are implemented according to the target populations needs
- monitoring outcomes for the strategies will determine if the goals are being met.

Surveillance – evaluate the methods of documentation on patients forms and EMRs
- evaluate use of forms and EMRs
- assess the amount of clinics that are using standard forms

Logic Model

Timeline

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