

Arizona Statewide STD Meeting



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Project Title: STD Prevention and Control

Project Area: Gila County Health Department

Project Description: STD Testing

Partners: Public Health Department

Accomplishments: Just recently started working with a company called CDD. This company was founded in 1990 and is located in San Antonio, Texas. CDD performs 3 million tests per year and has the same day result (once specimen received) of over 99%. CDD provides the computer software, staff training, label printer and testing supplies. The testing prices are very affordable and the quality of work is excellent.

Challenges: Meeting the goal (# tests) each month and promoting the program with budget concerns. Regarding CDR's: 1. Contact information is incorrect, the client has moved, or has a temporary cell phone. 2. The doctors have sent patients over to the clinic to be treated and we don't know what we are treating, so we have to retest. 3. CDR's are not filled out

correctly for example, missing information of number of partners and if they were treated.

Lessons Learned: Organization and following through is necessary. Making sure that all participating staff have been trained and that each person is following the same protocol. Making sure that at least one trained staff member is available for testing can be difficult with hectic schedules.

Recommendations: HIV counseling class greatly needed. When is the next one?

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NAVAJO SOCIAL HYGIENE BRANCH UP DATE REPORT

Project Title: Project Stomp-Out-Syphilis (SOS)

Project Area: Navajo STD Project Area – The Navajo STD Project jurisdiction area covers 27, 000 square miles serving over 298,194 people.

Project Description: To reduce the spread of syphilis infection and increase the treatment and control of the disease within the Navajo Nation, through Community Blood Screening and Blitz, outreach targeting specific areas of high risk population and general community, education and thorough investigation plus case follow-up on all reactive RPR lab results:

- In the Gallup Service Area, the STD Interagency and partnership team coordinates the Stomp-Out-Syphilis (SOS) activities and lies with the McKinley County Health Department, the Navajo AIDS Network, Inc., Gallup NCI and Gallup Indian Medical Center to plan and implement syphilis /HIV outreach testing and services near the bars, motel, arroyos, walk-way and back hills.
- On the Navajo Reservation, collaborative efforts with Social Hygiene Program, the HIV Prevention Program, Health Education, Indian Health Services, the Navajo AIDS Network and IHS Community Health Nurses provided outreach and testing/screening services throughout the areas and Navajo Tribal Fairs.
- Syphilis Surveillance: The Social Hygiene Program in conjunction with McKinley County Health Department conducts syphilis case reviews to ensure clients receive the appropriate STD/syphilis and HIV health care. The Social Hygiene Program leads in syphilis quarterly conference call with local, states (NM and Az.) and federal health agencies (CDC and NAIHS) to address syphilis issues on the Navajo Health Area and Project.

