



North Dakota Update

How can we work better to reduce STDs in Indian Country?

Agencies Working With Native Communities

- NDDoH STD, Hepatitis, HIV/AIDS, Immunization, Family Planning, Tobacco
- Office of the Elimination of Health Disparities
- Office of Indian Health Affairs
- LPHUs
- Northern Plains Epi Center
- Aberdeen Area Tribal Chairmen's Health Board
- CPG

Successes

- Established relationships on each reservation to conduct STD interviews and partner services and data collection
- Health Education Booth at UTTC Powwow
- Distribution of health information at several pow wows and health fairs
- Invited to speak on STDs in a variety of settings: H.S., college, community settings, etc.

Tribal Health Project STD Testing

- A High School STD screening program
- Usually once per year in the Spring
- All male and females grades 9 – 12
- NP from IHS, public health nurses, DIS
- STD presentation followed by confidential screening process
- CT/GC testing and counseling

Family Planning Satellite Clinic – Fort Yates

- Clinic is set up in a building on Main Street
- FP nurse visits 2 consecutive weeks on Wed (hours??)
- NP accompanies nurse 1 week
- If POS, send meds in the mail
- Have standing orders to treat exposed partners on site

Challenges

- Difficult to make referrals when availability of the clinic is limited
- Easier to refer to IHS and flag a chart
- IHS will not fill outside scripts
- Need better communication

Opportunities

- Improve partner services through EPT
- Collaborate with FP to distribute EPT guidance to providers on and off the reservation
- Logistics of meds payment