

## Reducing Sexually Transmitted Infections Workgroup

### Where We Are At:

The Sutter County Community Health Improvement Plan (CHIP) health priority workgroup aimed at reducing sexually transmitted infections (STIs) in Sutter County convened Thursday, February 23, 2023. During this meeting community partners finalized the overarching vision for reducing STIs and determined the objectives that we will collectively work together to achieve over the next three to five years.

**Overarching Vision Statement:** Reduce the incidence and burden of STIs for Sutter County residents

### **Objectives:**

- By January 2026, all three federally qualified health centers (FQHCs) in Sutter County will implement STI partner services and linkages to care at all clinic sites.
- By January 2026, implement and deliver an age-based STI targeted curriculum to at least 50% of Sutter County high schools and institutions of higher education.

### What's Next?

During our next meeting we will review strategies and actions discussed during our last workgroup meeting (see below) and work collectively to finalize these strategies and actions that will be implemented to achieve each objective above. We will also determine who will be leading the associated activities and the timeline in which they will be implemented. Defining these steps and actions will ensure that the CHIP is not only an achievable and actionable plan, but that we are accountable for performing this critical work.

### **Strategies:**

- A general approach or collection of actions to achieve a desired goal or overarching vision.
- Provides a clear roadmap: smaller steps along the way to achieving an objective
  - The objective is WHAT you are going to do, and the strategy is HOW you will do it.

### **Actions:**

- Specific programmatic, policy or other action that implements or "operationalizes" the strategy.

### What You Can Do:

To prepare for the next workgroup meeting, please review the strategies and actions discussed during our last workgroup meeting (see below). Consider the following questions and come prepared to share your insights:

- What key strategies can be implemented to achieve each identified objective?
- Is there anything missing in these strategies?
- What assets and resources exist in our community that can be leveraged for our work, and what work is already being conducted that we can build upon?
- What are the actions necessary to operationalize our strategies?



- Who will lead our identified CHIP activities and what is our timeline for implementing our strategies and actions?

**Strategies and Action Brainstorming Workgroup 2:**

The following strategies and actions have been collected during the brainstorming activity conducted during our last workgroup meeting. When possible, common themes have been identified. These strategies and actions will be amended and finalized during our next workgroup meeting.

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Strategies	Actions
Implement streamlined partner services with initial contact with patient, and provide services/counseling and free partner treatment to reduce barriers accessing care	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Provide condoms</li> <li>• Test kits available</li> <li>• Implement tele-health policy</li> <li>• Transportation service for patients to reduce barriers in access to care</li> </ul>
Develop learning & implementation collaborative-FQHCs & County	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Collaborative development of educational materials</li> <li>• Find funding for test kits</li> </ul>
Increase training opportunities for staff	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Motivational interviewing and trauma informed care trainings</li> <li>• Pull patient information, connect patients to case management to schedule appointments</li> <li>• Case managers will encourage annual testing</li> <li>• Connection and follow-up with patients</li> </ul>

<b>Objective:</b> By January 2026, implement and deliver an age based STI targeted curriculum to at least 50% of Sutter County high schools and institutions of higher education.			
Strategies		Actions	
Pediatric screening, pamphlets/flyers at Ampla Health	Mobile clinic screening at high schools (Harmony Health)	Review and update current sex education curriculum to align with equitable, stigma free, and evidence-based strategies	Teach primary prevention methods
Education and awareness around PrEP and PEP	Peer to peer teaching		
Provide education at college level to targeted youth	Outreach to parents of teens to normalize the conversation		