



San Bernardino County Community-Based Partner Collaborative

April 2, 2024

Purpose

To enhance outreach and promotion efforts throughout the County by fostering collaborations with community-based partners and trusted messengers.

Public Health Update

Syphilis Update – Elissa Zeeb

- 31,357 cases of Syphilis were reported in 2021, being 287% more cases than 10 years ago.
- From 2012 – 2021, California has had an increase in Syphilis cases of 1,113%.
- In 2021, 17% of women childbearing ages 15-44 were diagnosed with Syphilis.
- In 2022, California was ranked as #1 with the highest number of reports for: Syphilis (primary and secondary), Chlamydia, and Gonorrhea cases.
- San Bernardino County reported a total of 2,385 cases of Syphilis in 2022.
- To prevent / treat Syphilis, blood testing is collected which includes a full screening of HIV, STDs, and Hepatitis C. (Opt - Out Testing: STD's and HIV and Hepatitis C is supported by California state law, and health department recommendations).
- In the state of California, all individuals ages 12 and older have a right to consent on their own behalf to confidential STD prevention, testing, and treatment services, including syphilis-related care.

HIV Update – Sydni Harford

- HIV Pre-Exposure Prophylaxis (PrEP) can help reduce the risk of HIV acquisition from sex by 99%.
- PrEP is a one-day pill that prevents a person from becoming HIV positive.
- HIV Prevention Program offers: Rapid HIV/HCV testing, rapid self-test kits, online services, condoms, and harm reduction supplies.
- PrEP reduces the risk of HIV from injection drug use by 74%.
- Access PrEP by visiting: <https://pleasepreme.org/>
- Free rapid testing mobile unit (800) 255-6560, [Easy Access Clinic flyer.pdf \(sbcounty.gov\)](#)

Health Equity Update

- An introduction of our Community Engagement team: Adrianna Valencia, Andre Elmore, Cautia Wadood, and Maricruz Tovar and our Project Coordinator Princess Osita-Oleribe.
- The COVID-19 vaccine rate remains low among children (ages 6 months to 5 years old) in San Bernardino County.
- The COVID-19 Vaccine Equity workgroup is looking to invite those who know of the concerns and hesitations surrounding the COVID-19 vaccine to join the monthly meeting that occurs every first Wednesday of the month from 2-3pm. Both community

members and partners are invited to join, please email communityevents@dph.sbcounty.gov to be added to the email list.

- The Vaccine Equity Dashboard is now live! Please visit <https://covid19-sbcph.hub.arcgis.com/> to get up-to-date data on vaccine distribution within the county.
- A preview of the Health Ambassador website was presented during the meeting showing partners where they can contact the Ambassadors, get resources, and check for the latest community events. While the [Health Ambassador website](#) is currently active, please stay tuned for the website revamp!

Health Awareness Month – Men’s Health

Presenter: Juan Solis, Juan.Solis@hss.sbcounty.gov

- Juan Solis is the Father Engagement Coordinator, Children’s Network.
- In San Bernardino County - 43.5% below poverty level were seen among female headed households with no husband present and with children under 18 years old.
- From 2009-2013, 35.2% of households were single-parent homes for the county of San Bernardino.
- Pregnant women with father support experienced a 22.2% lower prevalence of pregnancy loss compared to 48.1%.
- Father involvement in schools was associated with their students getting good grades.
- Juan shared a few programs and services to promote father engagement; Father Engagement Trainings, Nurturing Father Program, Facilitator Training, providing presentations and hosting events (Inland Empire Fatherhood Summit, Coffee with the Principle, Donuts with Dads).

Community Partner Roundtable

- OneLegacy will be hosting their 5k Run Donor Walk Family Festival on April 27th. For more information visit <https://runsignup.com/onelegacyrunwalk>
- The Walnut Tribe invites you to join their support group which is held by hybrid meetings (in-person and virtual). These occur every first Wednesday of the month to support prostate cancer survivors and families. Those who are interested can contact (909) 637-0384.
- Morongo Basin Healthcare District will be hosting their Community Health & Resource Fair on April 27th at the Yucca Valley Community Center.
- IEHP invites you to attend their Community Partner Meetings both in-person or online. Those who are interested can register visiting [Community Partner Network Meeting \(constantcontactpages.com\)](#).

Next meeting will be on

May 7, 2024