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Washington Youth Sexual Health (WYSH) Project

IMPROVING YOUTH ACCESS TO AND
EXPERIENCE WITH SEXUAL HEALTH CARE

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Adolescent Health Updates & Trending Topics

- Ending the HIV Epidemic (EHE) in Indian Country – Project Red Talon
 - ▣ Recruit 6-10 partners to improve HIV prevention and care.
 - ▣ Develop and disseminate HIV/STI texting and PrEP use campaign
- Teen Pregnancy Prevention (TPP) Innovation and Impact Network
- 2020 Youth Health Tech Survey
 - ▣ Native Identity or Cultural pride
 - ▣ Mental Health
 - ▣ Social Justice and Equality

Adolescent Health Trending Topics

- Native youth are comfortable engaging with conversations around sex, pregnancy, and abortion
 - ▣ **More than 1.1K Mentions** around pregnancy, birth control, abortion, rape, sexual assault, and domestic violence from Native youth since March 2020.
- Personal experiences of being a young mom – especially those that were single.
- Native youth advocate for inclusive health resources/education for Trans, Two-Spirit, and Non-Binary youth

Overview of WYSH Project

- Improve access to and experience with sexual health care
 - ▣ Intervention focused on clinical setting, but network includes stakeholders from all sectors.
 - ▣ Encourage preventive health screenings for youth
 - ▣ Improve linkages between prevention programs and health service settings
 - ▣ Ongoing youth engagement through local and state planning committees.

Recruitment

- ❑ 4-6 WA Tribal Health Departments, school-based health programs, local I/T/U clinics, and youth engagement programs who have a bi-directional impact on youth and their access to and experience with sexual healthcare.
- ❑ Tribal subcontracts will range from \$65,000 - \$100,000 per year
- ❑ 3-year project
 - ❑ July 2020-June 2023

Grant specifics



- Carryout local needs assessments that include youth, caregiver, and clinical perspectives;
- Select local goals and priorities to improve youth's access to and experience with sexual health services;
- Implement selected clinical trainings, sexual health messaging campaigns, culturally-relevant curricula, quality improvement initiatives, and referral services (if selected);

Grant specifics

- Offer youth-friendly, gender affirming preventive health screenings for youth, including sexual health services for straight and 2SLGBTQ teens and young adults;
- Improve communication and linkages between youth-serving programs and local health services, to improve youth engagement in clinical services; and,
- Engage youth throughout the project to guide the selection of sexual health services, project goals, interventions, and activities.

Support Activities



- Staff FTE and training
- The implementation of community-selected interventions
- Federally-approved indirect rates
- Point of contact (Site coordinator)
- Participate in partner meeting with State, regional, and local partners.

RFA Timeline

- Applications will open the first week of February
- Applications will be reviewed on a rolling basis, the last week of each month.
- Applications will be accepted until all funds have been disbursed to WA Tribes/sites (a total of \$400,000 per year).
- Subcontracts will be renewed annually for three years, contingent on approved DOH funding and completion of project deliverables.

Informational Webinars

- Thursday's 11 AM (PST)
- Thursday, February 4th, 2021
- Thursday, February 11th, 2021
- Thursday, February 18th, 2021

Zoom video conference platform

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