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Overview of Syphilis in Nevada

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Agenda


1. Syphilis Epidemiology
2. Congenital Syphilis Epidemiology
3. Action Plan Team
4. Previous Efforts
5. Research of Other Programs
6. Action Plan Team ideas for Vetting
7. Your Ideas & Questions?



Syphilis

- In 2018, Nevada ranked 1st in the nation for primary & secondary syphilis rates
- 682 cases of primary and secondary syphilis in 2018
 - 117.2% increase since 2014
 - 16.2% increase since 2017





Syphilis is on the Rise

Protect Yourself and Your Baby

If you are pregnant, you can
pass syphilis to your baby.
You need to be tested three
times during pregnancy:

- ☒ First visit
- ☒ 28 Weeks
- ☒ Delivery

Congenital Syphilis

- In 2018, Nevada ranked 2nd in the nation for congenital syphilis rates.
- 31 cases of Congenital Syphilis in 2018
- 41 cases in 2019
 - 32.3% increase since 2018
 - 413.5% increase since 2015



Innovative Approaches Action Plan Nevada Congenital Syphilis

- Group formed to develop new ideas
 - Nevada State Public Health Lab (NSPHL)
 - Division of Health Care Finance & Policy - Medicaid
 - Substance Abuse Prevention and Treatment Administration (SAPTA)
 - Division of Child/Family Services (DCFS)
 - Maternal, Child, and Adolescent Health (MCAH)
 - Office of Public Health Investigations & Epidemiology (OPHIE)
 - Office of Analytics (OOA)
 - Aging & Disability Services Division (ADSD)





Jumping off point

- Researched previous efforts
 - Statewide syphilis workgroup formed
 - CS Technical bulletin
 - Launch of NV 211 Site
 - Online digital ads, printed materials
 - Provider toolkits/education
 - Community engagement, outreach
 - Promotion of LARC contraception
 - Early access to prenatal care





Jumping off point

- Researched other states/districts
 - Louisiana
 - Los Angeles County
 - Alaska
 - Canada
 - California
 - Texas





Focal points other programs

- One shot grant money for testing kits partnered with home visitor/case managers
- Targeted education and intervention to high prevalence regions
- Updated testing laws – 1st visit, 3rd trimester, delivery
- Improved reporting and surveillance
- Congenital Syphilis Case Review Board
- Implementation of case management model
- Increased education
- Enhanced partner services





Focal points other programs

- Focus on substance use disorder services/programs
- Focus on incarceration programs
- Focus on homeless population
- Expand testing opportunities on non-clinical settings
- Webinars/Grand Rounds
- Dating apps – Tinder, adam4adam
- Penicillin delivery program





Focus group goals

- Primary prevention
- Increase testing
 - Early identification & treatment
 - Reduce missed opportunities
- Strengthen follow up
 - Positive patients
 - Partners
 - Neonates



Big lens 30,000-mile view





Nevada focus group ideas

- Expand testing requirement language – BDR
- Provision of testing kits
- Targeted education MAT providers & LADC's
- Expansion of ability to perform rapid point-of-care testing
- Internal, multidisciplinary review committee
- Additional clean needle stations – TracB
- Syphilis titers/follow up





Nevada focus group ideas

- Offer testing at positive pregnancy test – clinics, FQHC's
- Consider home testing kits
- High risk areas – shelters, pregnancy centers, needle exchange areas
- Embed with HIV program testing sites
- Embed testing with SAPTA grantees
- Project ECHO trainings
- Technical bulletin for MAT providers





Nevada focus group ideas

- Testing expansion to county correctional facilities
- Provider information/treatment warmline
- Strengthen case management/follow up neonates
- Consider adding to newborn screening
- Strengthen partner testing and treatment
- CS Case Review Board contract





Nevada focus group ideas

- Embed awareness and education with social service programs
 - WIC
 - SNAP
 - Medicaid,
 - TANF
 - Community Health Workers





Ongoing plan?

- Continue to vet out ideas for expected benefit, barriers to implementation, cost, etc.
 - We have already identified priorities short/med/long term.
 - Barriers to implementation, cost
- Present plan to DHHS DO





Your Ideas?

- Any ideas
 - Education
 - Testing
 - Treatment
 - Prevention



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