

# Community Health Improvement Worksheets

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**Local Public Health Department:**

**Date:**

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Instructions

<b>1</b>	<b>Area of public health responsibility:</b>	Promote Healthy Communities and Healthy Behaviors and Pre
<b>2</b>	<b>Community health issue:</b>	Rising STD rates and consistently high teen pregnancy/unintended pregnancy rates due to early and unsafe sexual practices.
<b>3</b>	<b>What about this community health issue needs improvement?</b>	County Public Health does not have an in-house family planning program. There is a local Planned Parenthood that is contracted with to provide a small amount of family planning services every year. Because this is not a specific program within the department it has not been high priority to seek out and send staff to training related to STDs and family planning. Years ago it seemed there was more statewide training available on these topics and some staff were always sent. Public Health staff has lost knowledge and capacity over the years as we have been aware of fewer opportunities.
<b>4</b>	<b>What does the LPHD plan to invest to improve this community health issue?</b>	County Public Health intends to specifically seek out training for our MCH, school and possibly WIC staff. Ideally this training would be local or possibly regional and designed to increase awareness for family education opportunities, not for clinical practice (such as in a clinic setting). This training will be repeated every 2-3 years depending on staff turnover and changes in the field to keep staff current on methods, trends and other relative information.
<b>5</b>	<b>What action steps does the LPHD plan to take?</b>	County Public Health intends to assess what STD and Family Planning training is currently available and who provides it. It will then be determined if staff are sent to an organized training or if County Public Health alone or with others in the region organizes their own training to meet the needs of public health nurses and family home visiting.
<b>6</b>	<b>Which target populations or audiences does the LPHD plan to reach with these activities, strategies, or interventions?</b>	Target populations to be served with staff with increased knowledge in this area is families receiving home visiting services, and potentially WIC participants. Condoms are available free in the public health office with an educational brochure, but that is the extent of family planning services provided by public health staff.
<b>7</b>	<b>How was or will the affected community be involved in making decisions about what needs to be done?</b>	Individual clients will be impacted with education from more qualified staff in the topic. The agency serves many teen parents and families of all types through our family home visiting programs and WIC program. Decisions about family planning, preventing pregnancy and STDs and/or seeking treatment for STDs will be a choice that the client will ultimately make armed with up to date accurate information.

<b>8</b>	<b>How will the activities, strategies, and/or interventions be measured (process measures/indicators)?</b>	The Assistant PHN Supervisor will play a significant role in measuring the outcomes of this intervention. Documentation from family home visits will be reviewed and data will be monitored over time for changes in STD and unintended pregnancy rates.
<b>9</b>	<b>What are the anticipated short-term outcomes of these activities?</b>	Family Health staff are trained in up to date information related to family planning methods and STDs.
<b>10</b>	<b>What are the anticipated intermediate outcomes of these activities?</b>	Family Health Staff use the information gained through the training with families that they interact with on their caseload.
<b>11</b>	<b>What are the anticipated long-term outcomes of these activities?</b>	Staff are confident in educating families on these topics and over time we see fewer STDs with clients, a reduction in unintended pregnancies and adequate spacing of pregnancies.
<b>12</b>	<b>What measures or indicators of outcomes will be used?</b>	STD and pregnancy and birth data from the MDH will be utilized as well as population reports from our PH Doc nursing documentation system to track results.
<b>13</b>	<b>Technical assistance needs identified?</b>	County Public Health will ask for assistance in locating trainers if needed.
<b>14</b>	<b>Has the CHB approved these plans?</b>	Yes, 11-17-09

**1 is submitted to MDH**

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