

CDU NEWSLETTER



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A monthly newsletter brought to you by the Wyoming Department of Health, Communicable Disease Unit

Monthly Theme: Women's History Month

MARCH 2021

Top stories in this newsletter



Dr. Susan La Flesche Picotte

Key 2021 Open Enrollment dates



Dr. Ruth Westheimer

Special Enrollment Period available for Marketplace health coverage.

World TB Day is coming up! See below for resources and Prevention Program updates.

Two Harm Reduction meetings are scheduled in the coming months. See below to sign up.

Updates to condom dispenser locations needed!

CDU Monthly Webinar held the **3rd Tuesday of every month from 2-3 pm** via Zoom (check calendar below)

Marketplace Open Enrollment



Mazy Breckenridge

Key 2021 Open Enrollment dates

One can now enroll in Marketplace health coverage during the special enrollment period from **February 15 to May 15**. Visit healthcare.gov to learn more.

Prevention Program



Prevention Supplies, including new KnowWyo and W(h)Y PrEP Matters campaign material, can be ordered via this [Google Form](#). [Prevention Program website](#)

STD Prevention

- Check out the [KnowWyo website](#) (updates featured below).

HIV Prevention

- The 2021 Funding Opportunity Application from can be found [here](#), and the [Funding Opportunity Evaluation](#) has now gone digital for 2021!
- Check out the [W\(h\)Y PrEP Matters website](#).
- Clinicians can make referrals for PrEP navigation assistance by completing [this form](#) (this is the same form used for Hep C navigation).

TB

- The Curry Center is our regional Tuberculosis Center of Excellence (TCE). They offer routine educational activities, you can enroll in their list serve on their website at: [Curry International Tuberculosis Center website](#)
- Find World Tuberculosis Day resources and content below.

340B and EPT Programs

- We are working on adding reporting log clarification to the guidance and updating the EPT Program to reflect the CDC revised gonorrhea treatment guidelines.

Tuberculosis Resources



World Tuberculosis Day is **Wednesday, March 24th**.

The CDC has a page dedicated to finding TB educational materials for patients and providers: [Find TB Resources](#).

For additional resources and information visit the following sites:

- [World TB Day Website](#)
- [Stop TB Partnership](#) (will soon announce 2021 World TB Day theme)
- [US TB Elimination Partnership](#) (now accepting nominations)
- [World TB Day digital toolkit](#) (features graphics and videos to help spread the "End TB" message)
- [World TB Day News and Events Timeline](#) (to add your own event/s, go [here](#))

Harm Reduction in Indigenous Communities



Hosted by NHRC and facilitated by Annette Hubbard
Friday, April 9th from 10:00 am to 12:00 pm PDT

Description: What does harm reduction look like in Indigenous communities? While harm reduction has become a "catch all phrase" for many things in western culture, Indigenous Communities have been doing harm reduction work for centuries. Harm reduction work is much more than syringe access programs, and many tribal communities do not have access to syringe service programs. In this presentation we will explore what it means to do harm reduction work in tribal communities, models of Indigenous harm reduction, and promising practices.

About our facilitator: Annette Hubbard is an Alutiiq woman who resides and works in Ninilchik, Alaska. She has personal experience in harm reduction as an entry point for her recovery. Annette works as a MAT case manager for the Ninilchik Traditional Council. She is also a volunteer and board member at the Homer Syringe Exchange which is the only rural syringe access program in Alaska.

[Register in advance for this meeting here](#)

After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the meeting.

Cultural Humility and Harm Reduction

NATIONAL HARM REDUCTION COALITION

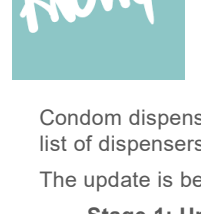
Hosted and Facilitated by NHRC
Friday, May 21st from 10:00 am to 12:00 pm PDT

Description: This online training seeks to create space for reflection and conversation with participants about the concept of cultural humility with the goal of initiating and sustaining a culture of continuous learning, reflection, and humility while helping training attendees explore and understand the following: what is the concept of cultural humility, why is it relevant to harm reduction and why it is a needed practice in our day to day work/life.

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KnowWyo Website and Condom Dispenser Updates



West Edge will be starting animation on the new KnowWyo Interactive Quiz next week, then it will roll into development. We anticipate the quiz will go-live before the end of the March. Look for updates on the [KnowWyo website](#), and the KnowWyo [Facebook](#) and [Instagram](#) pages.

Condom dispensers are funded by a CDC grant. We are working to create an updated list of dispensers in service before grant reporting is due in June.

The update is being completed in two stages:

Stage 1: Update the dispensers that are currently on the KnowWyo.org condom locator. Complete an update form for dispensers on the KnowWyo site by Dec 31, 2020 using this [Condom Dispenser Update Form link](#).

There are 137 dispensers on the KnowWyo condom locator; 108 have been updated; 29 dispenser locations (7 counties) still need an update.

Stage 2: Update remaining dispensers. Complete an update for EACH individual condom dispenser in your county by **Friday, April 30, 2021** using the [Condom Dispenser Update Form link](#).

By the end of Stage 2 on **Friday, April 30, 2021**, all CDU dispensers in the state must be updated.

After these updates are completed, any dispenser that is added, moved, or goes out of service must be updated using the Google Form to ensure there is always an accurate list of dispensers in service.

We appreciate your support in placing and maintaining condom dispensers in an effort to increase access to prevention supplies!

First 2021 CAPPa Meeting



The Wyoming Comprehensive Care and Prevention Planning Alliance (CAPPa) will hold its first meeting of 2021 on **April 9th and 10th** via Zoom.

Please look for meeting details and the agenda on the [CAPPa Page of the CDU Website](#). On the website you will also find information about CAPPa and how to become a member.

New Toolkit for STD QCS

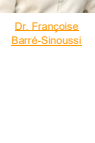


Click [here](#) to learn more about the new planning toolkit for using CDC's recommendations for providing quality STD clinical services.

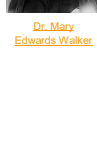
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Women's History Month

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
28	1	2	3	4	5	6
7	8 International Women's Day	9	10 National Women and Girls HIV/AIDS Awareness Day	11	12	13
14 Daylight Savings	15	16 CDU Monthly Webinar 2-3 PM	17	18	19	20 Spring Equinox National Native HIV/AIDS Awareness Day
21	22	23	24 World Tuberculosis Day	25	26	27
28	29	30 Doctor's Day	31	1	2	3
4	5	6	7	8	9	10



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Fun Fact: Dr. Lillian Heath was Wyoming's first female physician and one of the first to practice west of the Mississippi River. To learn more about Dr. Heath other influential women in medicine, click the following links or the names beneath the portraits throughout this newsletter. [US National Library of Medicine](#), [Women in Public Health and Medicine](#)



Dr. Lillian Heath