Quick Fact: The LGBTQ+ community is very diverse and has many subgroups, each of which can be represented by the flags you see here and many more. You can use the links under each flag to learn more about that flag. If you’d like to learn more about the groups in the LGBTQ+ community and their corresponding pride flags, visit the following websites: LGBT Wikipedia, The Full Acronym, LGBTQ+ Flags.
The CDU Monthly Webinar is held every 3rd Tuesday of every month from 2-3 PM MT via Zoom. Please see the calendar at the end of this newsletter.

National HIV Testing Day

The NHTD theme for 2022 is “HIV Testing is Self-care.” Self-care has been a particularly important topic during the COVID-19 pandemic as the need for individual and community actions to promote physical and mental health remain critical.

HIV testing is an act of self-care. Encouraging people to get tested and know their HIV status can help them stay healthy. Today, there are more free, easy, fast, and confidential HIV testing options available than ever before. Testing, including self-testing, is the first step to engaging in HIV prevention or treatment services. HIV testing is a critical tool to helping us end the HIV epidemic in the United States.

Prevention Supplies

The Prevention Supply Order Form is available on the CDU Prevention webpage at https://health.wyo.gov/publichealth/communicable-disease-unit/hiv-prevention-program/.

For those of you who will be offering testing events or would like “I Got Myself Tested” stickers at your office, they can be ordered on the Prevention Supplies Order form along with tons of other prevention materials. There are several new posters available, as well as What Is Safer Sex and Rate Your Relationship pocket paks.

340B

Thank you to everyone who completed their 340B Recertifications by the deadline. We just have two left!
Reducing Stigma and Improving Our Work with People Who Use Drugs Webinar

NASTAD’s Drug User Health Team and the National Coalition of STD Directors (NCSD): This session aims to increase participants' knowledge of stigma and cultural competency around both drug use and people who use drugs (PWUDs). Join presenters from NASTAD's Drug User Health team who will discuss how drug-related stigma impacts health and access to care and ways to dismantle stigma at the individual and organizational levels, including through the use of person-first language and applying a harm reduction lens. This webinar is for health department and community-based HIV, viral hepatitis, and STD staff who are interested in learning more about harm reduction and improving engagement with people who use drugs.

Time: Jun 7, 2022 02:00 PM ET

Registration link:
https://ncsddc-org.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_irL9ba-8S3mBxKs_S4I0DQ

KnoWyo

Please check your clinic's listing on the KnoWyo webpage and submit any changes or updates at https://forms.gle/9J7YjEGKapZRUCSx7.

Curry International Tuberculosis Center – Training Opportunities

June 23: Case Management for Latent TB Infection

July 21: Achieving Treatment Completion for Drug-Susceptible TB: Rarely a Straight Path

https://www.currytbcenter.ucsf.edu/trainings
CDU Monthly Webinar: Condom Fit

This webinar will cover various condom style types and recommendations for overcoming specific barriers to condom use. The intended audience for this webinar is KnoWyo testing site staff and other STI prevention professionals.

Tuesday, June 14th, 2-4pm

Register in advance for this meeting:
https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZAuc--sqjwjG932aLxqs_z-PGu7Q8YNXMVY

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

While we record CDU webinars, your input and interaction is highly valuable to us and we prefer to have participants join the call live whenever possible. Slides and recording of previous CDU Monthly Webinars can be found on the Google Drive.

Prevention Heroes

Brooke Eckstrom at Campbell Co PH for working hard to bring in a reluctant client in for testing.

Victoria in Albany Co PH for working with a local clinic to find the best testing situation for a patient.

Nichole in Washakie Co PH for working to provide thoughtful, patient centered testing experiences to her clients.

Emma in Casper-Natrona Co HD for always being willing to go above and beyond for her clients.

Thank You!
HIV Long-Term Survivors Awareness Day

This Sunday, June 5, 2022, is HIV Long-Term Survivors Awareness Day. On this day, we honor the resiliency of HIV long-term survivors, and remember those who lost their lives to HIV. We appreciate the continued commitment of our Ryan White HIV/AIDS Program (RWHAP) recipients, stakeholders, and partners who help people with HIV receive care, treatment, and support services so they can live long, healthy lives.

In recognition of HIV Long-Term Survivors Awareness Day, HRSA’s HIV/AIDS Bureau (HAB) is hosting a Twitter thread on June 6-9, 2022 via @HRSAgov. We invite our RWHAP recipients, stakeholder organizations, and federal partners to participate in this Twitter thread using the hashtag #HRSAHonorsHIVSurvivors. We encourage you to share your organization’s accomplishments, goals, and resources to support people with HIV.

We also recognize many members of the RWHAP are part of the growing community of HIV long-term survivors. In 2020, nearly 48 percent of RWHAP clients were aged 50 and older. Additionally, approximately 93 percent of clients aged 50 and older receiving RWHAP HIV medical care in 2020 were virally suppressed, which is higher than the national RWHAP average (89.4%). To highlight the stories of people in our RWHAP community, we will launch our new Life Beyond HIV video series this month. We encourage you to visit our website throughout June to view these videos, and hear the inspiring personal accounts of people who are living their life beyond HIV and helping others in their communities.

Additionally, please check out the HIV.gov blog post, I Am a Long-Term Survivor of HIV, authored by Antigone Dempsey, HAB’s Director of Policy and Data. Antigone shared what it means to be a long-term HIV survivor; the role of people with HIV in planning, developing, and providing HIV services; and her thoughts on the next phase of ending the HIV epidemic.

Thank you for your ongoing work to support people with HIV across the country. We look forward to hearing from you “virtually” through the Twitter thread next week.
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