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Monthly Theme: Women's History Month

March 2024

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WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH

Every year, March is designated Women's History Month by presidential proclamation. The month is set aside to honor women's contributions in American history.

The National Women's History Alliance selects and publishes the yearly theme. The theme for Women's History Month in 2024 is, "Women Who Advocate for Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion". [Read more](#)



WORLD TUBERCULOSIS DAY

Each year, we recognize World TB Day on March 24. This annual event commemorates the date in 1882 when Dr. Robert Koch announced his discovery of *Mycobacterium tuberculosis*, the bacillus that causes tuberculosis (TB).

World TB Day is a day to educate the public about the impact of TB around the world. [Read more](#)



New National Suicide Prevention Lifeline: 988

You can still use 1-800-273-8255 and many others are available [here](#).

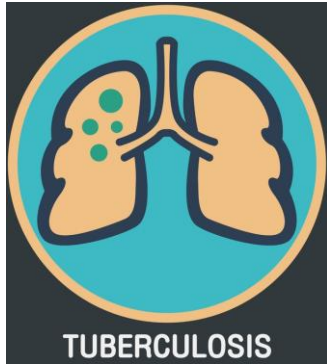
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WY Annual TB Cohort and Advisory Meeting



The 2024 Wyoming TB Cohort & Advisory Meeting will be held March 21st & 22nd at the Wyoming State Public Health Laboratory in Cheyenne, Wyoming.

If you are planning to attend (either virtually or in-person), please fill out and submit the [RSVP form](#).

May 23rd - Sexual Health Is Mental Health Virtual Conference



Celebrating 5 years as a 501c3 non-profit organization, Something Positive for Positive People (SPFPP) will be presenting an analysis of its most recent herpes stigma survey at its very first online conference. The theme of this conference is "Sexual Health is Mental Health", focusing on herpes stigma in healthcare, how one's identity can be interconnected with their sexuality after an STI diagnosis, and the physical expressions of stigma that can sometimes lead to suicide ideation. We will also present SPFPP's proposed solutions to the symptoms of herpes stigma which will have a secondary impact on STD Prevention efforts & Sex Education programs.

This conference is for Public Health professionals, especially who might work with individuals living with herpes, as well as mental health professionals. Anyone can come learn how to be a better ally and support people navigating herpes stigma.

[Register](#)

Quick Fact: National Women's History Month traces its roots to March 8, 1857, when women from various New York City factories staged a protest over poor working conditions. The first Women's Day celebration in the United States was in 1909, also in New York City. [Read more](#)

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Fentanyl Test Strips



The fentanyl test strip kit monthly limit has been lifted, the kits can be ordered by healthcare entities and community organization on the KnoWyo Shop. The KnoWyo Shop is [CDU's prevention](#) supply ordering platform. Eligible locations may order prevention supplies from the KnoWyo Shop. Locations must be pre-approved before orders will be fulfilled. Locations interested in ordering from the KnoWyo Shop may email cdusupplies@wyo.gov. Allow 3 weeks for delivery on all KnoWyo Shop orders.

Curry International Tuberculosis Center Training Opportunities



March 22, 2024 - World TB Day Symposium and CITC 30th Anniversary

In-Person or Virtual Participation

This event is intended for all members of the tuberculosis community including healthcare professionals, researchers and advocates.

<https://www.currytbcenter.ucsf.edu/trainings>

National Coalition of STD Directors (NSCD) Engage



NSCD is a national public health membership organization representing health department STD directors, their support staff, and community-based partners across 50 states, seven large cities, and five US territories.

Annual Meeting: NSCD Engage 2024

June 2nd – 5th, 2024

Washington, DC

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Congratulations



Congratulations to Alicia Johnson for 10 years of service with the state!

Changes in Sexual Behaviors Opposite-Sex Partners and STI Outcomes in the United States



NCSO
National Coalition
of STD Directors

March 12, 2024 – 11 AM MT (Webinar)

Over the last decade, rates of STI diagnosis have been climbing, revealing disparities across age groups and racial/ethnic backgrounds. Although trends in sexual behaviors with opposite-sex partners have shown stability since 2000, there's more to uncover. Our aim was to unravel the national temporal trends in sexual behaviors with opposite-sex partners, dissect sexual network attributes, and examine self-reported STI outcomes from 2008-2019; to grasp how changes in STI testing, condom use, and coital frequency influence STI diagnosis rates. Join NCSO and Coalition for Applied Modeling for Prevention (CAMP) for a webinar event where we'll navigate through these trends and deepen your understanding of their implications. We'll hear from Drs. David Katz and Deven Hamilton at the University of Washington, and Dr. Matthew Hogben of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention – you'll be able to participate in an open discussion with these panelists, so have your questions ready!

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CDU MONTHLY WEBINAR:

CDU TB Program 101

March 19th, 2-3 PM

[Register](#)



CDU HEROES

- Marta at Teton County Public Health for always doing such a great job and having so much compassion for her clients newly diagnosed with HIV.
- Kylie George at Laramie County Health Department for working extremely hard to get a client connected to care!



Engagement Opportunities

Trauma-Informed Care Basics
March 12th 12 – 1 PM PT (Virtual)
[Register](#)

**Addressing Priorities in HIV Testing – Optimizing Service
Delivery in Sexual Health Clinics**
March 20th (Webinar)
[Register](#)

Motivation in Mental Health Recovery
April 11th 10 AM – 12 PM PT (Webinar)
[Register](#)



Upcoming Events

March 21-22
April 26-27
May 6-7

Annual Tuberculosis Advisory Cohort Conf.
CAPPA
Rural HIV Case Management Conference

MARCH 2024

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
					1	2
3	4	5 	6 TB Monthly Meeting 11AM - Noon	7	8 International Women's Day	9
10 National Women and Girls HIV/AIDS Awareness Day Daylight Savings	11	12	13 HIV Case Management Call 1-2 PM	14 	15	16
17	18 	19 CDU Monthly Webinar 2-3 PM	20 CDU Outreach Staff Call 10-11:30 AM	21 TB Cohort 8 AM – 5 PM	22 TB Cohort 8 AM – 1 PM	23
24 World Tuberculosis Day	25	26	27	28	29	30 
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