



COMMUNICABLE DISEASE UNIT

February 2025

NEWSLETTER

Monthly Theme:

Black History Month
National Condom Month



Black History Month

The theme for 2025 Black History Month is African Americans and Labor. It focuses on various and profound ways of working of all kinds – free and unfree, skilled and unskilled, vocational and voluntary – that intersect with the collective experiences of Black people. [Read More](#)

Since 1976, every U.S. president has officially designated February as Black History Month. It is an annual celebration of achievements by African Americans. It is also a time to recognize their role in U.S. history. [Read More](#)



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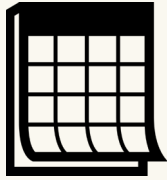
“The Black Angels” were African American nurses who risked their lives to work in tuberculosis wards.

[Read More](#)



New National Suicide Prevention Lifeline: 988

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



Upcoming Events

March

World TB Day

April

Easter



Engagement Opportunities

Sexual Health Update

February 19, 2025 (Webinar)

[Register](#)

Shared Decision Making in Sexual Health

February 25, 2025 (Webinar)

11:30 AM – 12:45 PM PST

[Register](#)

Addiction Medicine Webinar: A Model for Diagnosis and Mgmt. of Hep C in Rural Areas

February 19, 2025 (Webinar)

12:00 – 1:00 PM PST

[Register](#)



National Condom Month

February is National Condom Month, with the aim to spread awareness of the importance of condoms. Currently, condoms are the only widely available method to reduce the transmission of HIV and other sexually transmitted infections. For more information about internal and external condoms, please click [here](#).



CDU Monthly Webinar:

2025 TB Program Updates, Active TB Protocols, Q&A

For the February CDU Monthly webinar, the CDU TB Program will provide updates regarding recent TB program changes, review active TB protocols, and address TB-related questions.

CDU Webinar: [2025 TB Program Update, Active TB Protocols, Q&A](#)

Tuesday, February 18 · 2:00 – 3:30 PM

Most CDU webinars are recorded. Available CDU webinar slides, resources, and recordings are shared in the CDU Prevention Resources Google Drive.



CDU HEROES

- Jennifer Rinker at CNCHD for improving access to testing for incarcerated individuals in Natrona County.
- Sweetwater County Community Nursing for their continued efforts on syphilis provider detailing.
- Heidi Smith at Sheridan Co PH for her amazing work with a local provider to expand and improve access to HIV care.
- Shout out to the following clinics for meeting all the KnowWyo benchmarks for Q4 2024: Carbon Co PH, Fremont Co PH – Riverton, Johnson Co PH, Lincoln Co PH – Afton, Sublette Co PH, Unita PH, and Washakie Co PH.



Mary Eliza Mahoney



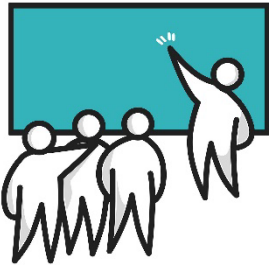
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2025 HIV Peer Support Navigator Applications

Open February 1 – March 16, 2025 - [Application](#)

- The term for the 2025 HIV Peer Support Navigators cohort will be August 1, 2025, to July 31, 2026.
- Being a Wyoming HIV Peer Support Navigator is a time commitment of about two hours a week.
- A small annual stipend payment is available to CDU HIV Peer Support Navigators. If Peer Navigation reporting is completed in a timely manner and the Peer Navigator's payment information is up to date, the stipend payment will be processed at the end of the HIV grant year (currently July).
- Applications will be selected based on the current needs of clients requesting CDU HIV Peer Support Navigators.



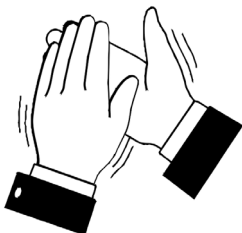
PEP Training Session

Advancing PEP Knowledge and Practices: A Comprehensive Guide for Effective HIV Exposure Management, February 26, 2025, 1:00 – 2:00 PM, [registration link](#).



2025 TB Program Patient Services Changes








On December 27, 2024, we received our award for the new iteration of the CDC TB grant. The 2025 funding level requires significant budget cuts, including a 63% cut in funding available for patient services. To view the 2025 TB Program Patient Service Changes, please click [here](#).



Congratulations!!

Janna Lee on 10 years of service.

FEBRUARY 2025

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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9	10	11	12 HIV Case Mgmt Call 1-2:00 PM	13 	14 Valentine's Day	15
16 	17 President's Day CDU Closed	18 CDU Monthly Webinar 2-3:30 PM	19 CDU Outreach Staff Call 10-11:30 AM	20	21 	22
23	24	25 	26 WY AETC PEP Training 1-2p	27	28	

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