Good morning!

Thanks for checking out your WYSHIIN news brief. As we close out 2022, the WYSHIIN team would like to express our sincere gratitude for your partnership and all you do for your communities. We wish you and your loved ones a happy, healthy holiday season!

Questions or suggestions? Want to highlight your work in our next Brief?
Email Nicole.Casanova@doh.wa.gov

The Interview Insights Report is here!

We analyzed eleven partner interviews and identified six key themes, then incorporated additional feedback from our October Partner Summit to understand how we can continue to improve the Network and be responsive to partners' needs. We hope this product will showcase the strengths of the community-informed approaches our partners bring to this work.

Please feel free to share widely!

Thank you for your time and phenomenal contributions to this report!
Upcoming Network Events & TA Opportunities

Reintroducing: Open Network Hour! These are a drop-in virtual space for informal conversation among WYSHIIN partners. Topics are flexible and can change based on attendees' interests - partners are encouraged to suggest topics for future Open Network Hours!

Calendar invitations will also be sent via email.

Open Network Hour

January 19, 12-1pm

February 16, 12-1pm

March 23, 12-1pm

The next semi-annual report will be due in REDCap on January 22nd!

Bonnie and Nicole will host office hours from 9am - 12pm PT on December 15 to answer any questions and provide support.

Youth Create! 2022

Several youth from DOH's WYSHIIN Youth Advisory Council participated in Youth Create!, an initiative from our funder, the Office of Population Affairs. Check out a gallery of creative submissions from youth across the country here!

Sign up for OSPI's Weekly Sexual Health Education Newsletter

This fantastic resource highlights the latest research, policy updates, funding opportunities, conferences and professional development opportunities in sex ed.

Sign up here!
Youth Spotlight

DOH staff hosted a listening and learning session with Youth Advisory Council members to get their thoughts on WYSHIIN Key Informant Interview themes. Click the infographic to the left for the full summary.

Professional Development, Events & Learning Resources

Learning:
- Dec 14: The beauty, complexity, and evolution of Tribal intergenerational relationships is at the heart of everything we do in adolescent health. Let's talk about it!
  - Join our Healthy Native Youth Community of Practice, The Tribal Relationship on Wednesday, December 14th at 10 AM. Register here.
- Jan 12: Social Media & Sexually Explicit Materials training from OSPI (link)
- Racial Justice in Sex Education modules by Advocates for Youth (link)
- Disability-inclusive Sexual Health Network videos explore themes surrounding relationships, disability, and ableism (link)

Conferences:
- Society for Public Health Education, March 21-24, 2023, Atlanta (In-person)
- Association of Maternal & Child Health Programs, May 6-9, 2023, New Orleans (Hybrid)
- Adolescent Health Initiative, May 11-12, 2023 (Virtual)

Honoring Indigenous Cultures: Though November 30 marks the end of Native American Heritage Month, there are numerous ways to celebrate the vast contributions of Native communities year-round. Check out www.wernative.org, a comprehensive health resource for and by Native youth, as well as this Learning & Action Guide from DOH’s Equity & Social Justice Team.

For youth:
- The DOH Adolescent Health Needs Assessment survey is live! Share this info with young people ages 13-22 so their voices can be heard.
- Children and Youth Behavioral Health Work Group has a paid opportunity for youth and caregivers to join a behavioral health Advisory Committee. Click here for more information.

Program Update

DOH and NPAIHB staff will be out of the virtual office intermittently between 12/19/22 and 1/2/23. Please submit November invoices and REDCap reports by 12/14 if you would like to ensure they can begin processing before the new year. Thank you for your flexibility!