

How Policymakers Support STD and HIV Testing in Communities

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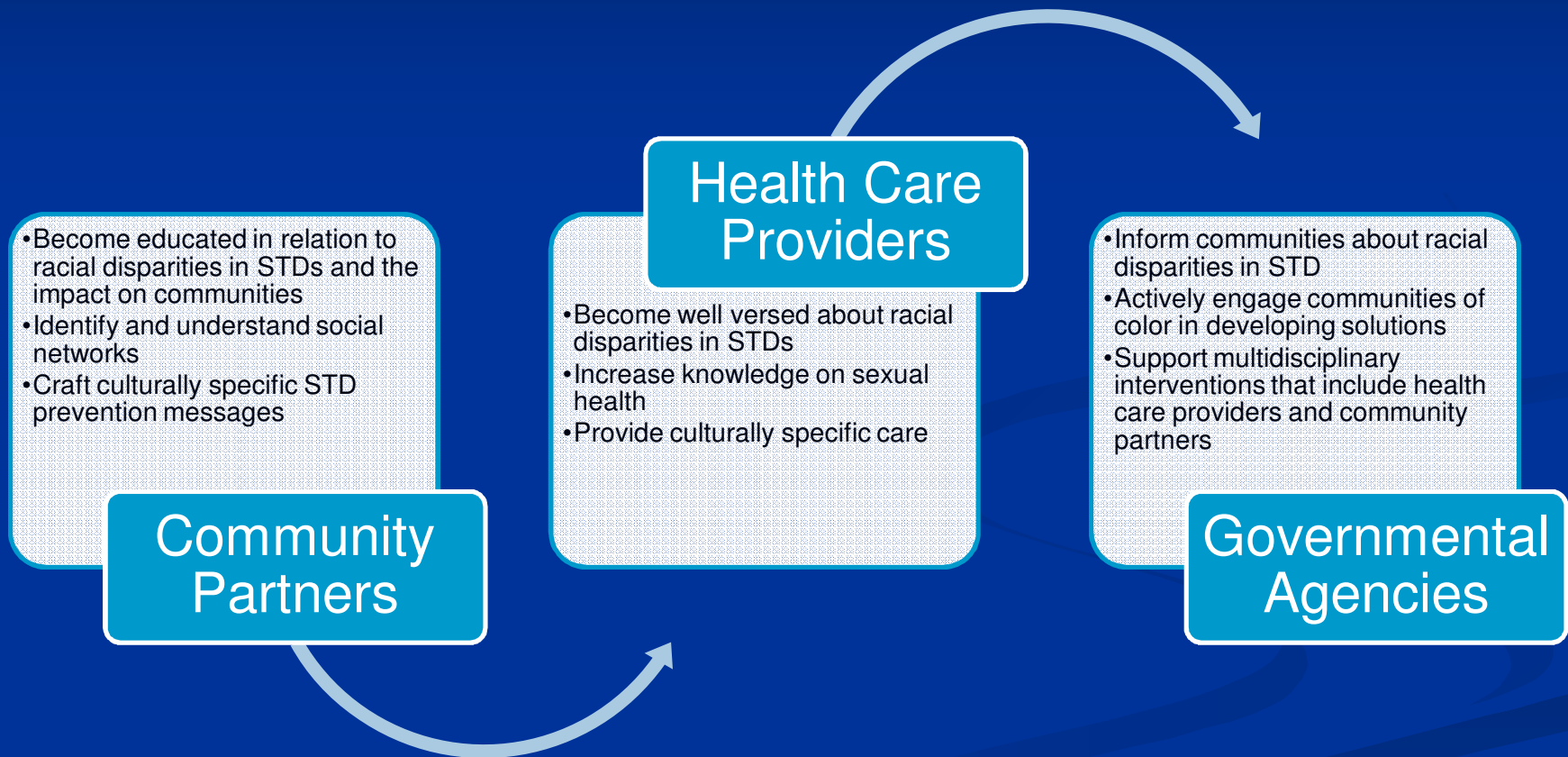


Objectives

- Discuss the interplay between community partners, health providers, and policymakers to affect HIV/STD testing behavior
- Provide examples of interventions that promote HIV/STD testing



Interplay between individual, social, and structural Interventions for STD Prevention



Health Providers

Objective: Conduct research to inform the development of behavioral, social, and structural interventions aimed at improving the sexual and reproductive health of African Americans

Collaborated with DHAP/DSTDP and the NMA to develop a simple tool to facilitate and standardize routine sexual history discussions with African American male patients

Pilot-tested tool with NMA physicians from 10 U.S. cities with high HIV and STD prevalence (Atlanta, Miami, Chicago, Los Angeles, San Diego, Philadelphia, Bronx, New Orleans, Virgin Islands, Washington DC, and Detroit) in February 2010



Governmental Agencies

Objective: Initiate and expand communication and collaboration with external governmental agencies, non-governmental agencies and organizations, and non-traditional partners to reduce STD disparities among African Americans and promote sexual health



Conducted assessment of the availability of STI Curriculum at Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCU) Medical Schools



Developed outline for STI Curriculum- STICER (STI Curriculum: Education & Research)



Collaborated with SisterLove, Inc. to enhance “Healthy Love Program” (Diffusion of Effective Behavioral Intervention) for use with HBCU students



**“Never allow a person to tell
you no who doesn't have the
power to say yes.”**

Eleanor Roosevelt



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