Advancing Preconception Wellness in Health Systems:
Foundations, Lessons Learned, Next Steps

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Agenda

• Setting the Stage: The Need
• Preconception Wellness Measures
• Health System and Clinic Collaborative (Kellogg)
  • AIM
  • Systems and clinics engaged
  • Overview of initiatives
• Lessons Learned
  • Themes, Barriers, Best Practices?
• Next Steps
1990-2012 Country Comparison
Infant Mortality (per 1000 live births)

US Ranks
26th

Data extracted 2/15/15
OECD.STAT
US Infant mortality by race, 1980-2014

RR = Relative rate
The Big Picture: Sense of Urgency

1990-2013 Country Comparison
Maternal Mortality (per 100,000 live births)

US rate is RISING!

Causes of pregnancy-related deaths, US 2011-2012

- Non-cardiovascular diseases: 15%
- Cardiovascular diseases: 15%
- Infection or sepsis: 13%
- Hemorrhage: 11%
- Cardiomyopathy: 11%
- Thrombotic pulmonary embolism: 9%
- Hypertensive disorders of pregnancy: 8%
- Amniotic fluid embolism: 6%
- Cerebrovascular accidents: 6%
- Unknown: 6%
- Anesthesia complications: 0%

Total: 30%
Ten leading causes of infant mortality: US 2013

Rate per 100,000 live births

- Birth Defects: 121.5
- Prematurity/LBW: 107.1
- SIDS: 39.7
- Maternal Pregnancy Complications: 40.6
- Placenta/Cord Complications: 24.2
- Accidents: 29.3
- RDS: 13.4
- Bacterial sepsis: 14.8
- Circulatory disease: 11.6
- Intrauterine hypoxia/birth asphyxia: 8.0
Figure 1

All Preterm and Late Preterm Births, as Percentage of All Births, 1990-2013

[Graph showing trends from 1989 to 2013 for different categories of birth (All Preterm Births, Late Preterm Births, Preterm: Singleton births only)].

Note: Percentage calculations exclude records missing gestation period data.

Where does your state stand?
2016 Premature birth report cards
How to improve?

• Key drivers of maternal mortality
  => Cardiovascular and other chronic conditions

• Main drivers of infant mortality
  => Preterm birth and birth defects
How to improve?

• Most efforts continue to focus on prenatal or intrapartum care

• Since 2000 (after 40 years of improvement) infant mortality rates have stalled and maternal morbidity is increasing
  • And the health equity GAP is widening

• Further focus on just prenatal and intrapartum care is unlikely to change the trends.
PERINATAL DATA SNAPSHOTs:

In an Average Week in United States

- 75,619 babies are born
- 5,252 babies are born to teen mothers (ages 15-19)
- 24,699 babies delivered by cesarean section
- 8,603 babies are born preterm
- 6,060 babies are born low birthweight
- 451 babies die before their first birthday

United States and US Year 2020 Objectives

- Adequate/Adequate+ Prenatal Care: 74.7% (United States), 77.8% (US 2020 Objective)
- Preterm Births prior to the 37th week of pregnancy: 11.4% (both)
- Low Birthweight Births less than 2500 grams or 5 1/2 pounds: 8.0% (United States), 7.8% (US 2020 Objective)
- Infant Mortality Deaths from birth to one year of age: 6.0% (both)
Preconception Health

Many of the modifiable risks for adverse pregnancy outcomes (for both moms and babies) occur BEFORE pregnancy

BEFORE the 1st missed menses and BEFORE prenatal care begins
Examples of modifiable risks that determine birth outcomes (infant and maternal)

- Pregnancy intendedness
- Interpregnancy interval (<18 months or >59 months)
- Maternal age
- Exposure to teratogenic medications
- Exposure to substances (alcohol, tobacco, drugs)
- Chronic disease control
  - Diabetes, obesity, cardiovascular disease, hypothyroidism, etc
- Congenital anomalies
  - Neural tube defects related to folic acid
"Every system is perfectly designed to achieve exactly the results it gets.”

Dr. Donald M. Berwick
(Former Administrator of the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services)

For U.S. = high costs, rising maternal mortality and stagnate infant mortality and a widening health equity gap
What is the system solution?

Devise a system to reduce maternal and infant mortality through PCC

• Caveats:
  • Most women are not seeking this type of care
  • Many women have no insurance coverage
  • Most women have competing priorities for their attention (children, work, school, etc)
  • Almost half of all pregnancies are unintended
  • Half of unintended pregnancies were using some form of birth control
Recommendations to Improve Preconception Health and Health Care – United States

Recommendation #3:

“As a part of primary care visits, provide risk assessment and educational and health promotion counseling to all women of childbearing age to reduce reproductive risks and improve pregnancy outcomes.”
Select Panel Reconvened 2014

Key recommendations included:

• Engagement of and social marketing to consumers
• Implementation of clinical care supports and tools
• Action to improve provider knowledge, attitudes, and behaviors, and maximize changes in the health care system

• Increase focus on measurement of process and outcomes for accountability
• Also needed to advance preconception health and health care:
  • Augmented resources
  • New partnerships
  • Clearer messages
Content of PCC is well defined
Clinical Work Group 2008

- Systematic review of the evidence in support of the clinical content of preconception care

- 59 experts reviewed > 80 topics using approach consistent with USPSTF
www.beforeandbeyond.org
“Measurement is the first step that leads to control and eventually to improvement. If you can’t measure something, you can’t understand it. If you can’t understand it, you can’t control it. If you can’t control it, you can’t improve it.”

— H. James Harrington
Current System Quality measures

Focused on chronic disease management and preventive service delivery, e.g.

- Immunizations (influenza, pneumococcal)
- BMI assessment and dietary counselling
- Tobacco screening and counselling
- HTN, diabetes, CHF evidence based screens, management, and target goals
- Colon, breast, cervical cancer screening

But none focus on reproductive age women as a special group
Current system Quality measures

• For pregnancy outcomes…

  • **Prenatal care**
    • access, 17-P, STI screening

  • **Intrapartum management**
    • no elective deliveries <39 weeks, hemorrhage, NTSV rates

  • **Birth outcomes**
    • Apgars, prematurity, BW, neonatal and infant mortality, maternal morbidity and mortality
Current system Quality measures

For preconception care…

Actually, there are! Just not being addressed in this way….

Good PCC starts with good women’s health…

- Immunizations, BMI, depression screening, tobacco, STI screening, diabetes management…
Preconception care vs. preconception wellness

- **Preconception wellness** is the state of a woman’s health at the time of conception.
- **Preconception care** is the care provided to promote and achieve preconception wellness.

Preconception care is provided in multiple settings across clinical and public health sectors.

- Thus it is difficult to measure and difficult to hold any one group/domain accountable!
Accountability for Change

• Women are not achieving a high level of PC wellness

• An intermediate measure of a woman’s “preconception wellness” upon entering pregnancy would serve as a surrogate marker of the state of preconception care in the community – this could drive decisions on processes, programs, and quality improvement
PCHHC Clinical Workgroup Consensus PANEL

- Broad expert representation
  - MFM, FM, OB-GYN, CNM, Public Health, Nursing
- Reviewed available evidence based PCC recommendations
- Current quality measure crosswalk (HEDIS, NCQA, NQF, ACO, CMS, PQRS, etc)
- Current EHR collection practices and abilities
- Feasibility and reliability of collecting and reporting data through the EHR
- Impact for improving perinatal outcomes
Clinical Measures for Preconception Wellness*

At the first prenatal visit…

- Intended/planned to become pregnant
- Entered prenatal care in the 1st trimester
- Daily folic acid/multivitamin consumption
- Tobacco free
- Not depressed (mentally well / under treatment)
- Healthy BMI
- Free of sexually transmitted infections
- Optimal blood sugar control
- Medications (if any) are not teratogenic

No single measure alone is sufficient to describe “preconception wellness”

But taken in aggregate can be a marker of wellness and receipt of quality preconception care

*Obstet Gynecol. 2016 May;127(5):863-72

Current Quality Measure
System & Clinic Engagement

- First we have to want to do it
- Next, we need to know what to do
- Then, we need to know how
Thanks to the WK Kellogg Foundation grant funding to support the National Preconception Health and Healthcare Initiative
Purpose: Develop a series of recommendations for system level engagement on preconception health

• **Aim 1:** Health system leaders see preconception care as a driver for achieving the triple aim and quality care / consider PCC to be of value (buy in)

• **Aim 2:** Leaders assess utilizing measures to drive outcomes, improve quality and support program development within their system

• **Aim 3:** Leaders consider and propose possibilities for integrating PCC components into existing system
In seeking possible partners - found many interested champions…

• Initially thought we would spend time “selling the idea” as important
  • After a call for interested systems, the engaged champions found us…
  • **The issue became more: How and what?**

• Lots of work and interest being done around the country
• But relatively silo’d
• Most organizations are working on their own and are unaware of other work being done

*Need for enhanced collaboration and spread of best practices*
Engaged Organizations

- **State Depts of Health**
  - NY State
  - Alabama Title V
- **Veteran's Affairs Health System**
- **Indian Heath Service**
  - Northern Navajo, Shiprock, NM
- **Hospital Associations**
  - Washington State Hosp Assoc
  - Ohio State Hosp Assoc and Perinatal Quality Collaborative
- **MCO**
  - CountyCare, Cook County, Illinois
- **ACO/CCO**
  - Health Share of Oregon
  - Samaritan Health Services, Oregon
  - Mission Health Partners, NC
- **FQHC**
  - The Providence CHCs, RI
  - Codman Square CHC, MA
  - Magnolia Project with AGAPE, FL
- **Family Medicine Residencies**
  - Grant Family Med, Columbus, OH
  - Samaritan Health, Corvallis, OR
  - MAHEC, Asheville, NC
  - Codman Square, Dorchester, MA
A Common Strategy: Pregnancy Intention as a focus

- Momentum has grown across country
  - Clinic
  - System
  - State quality metric
- Foundational strategy of the toolkit
- A simple guide for framing the clinical encounter
- Highlights contraception access and promotes most effective methods
Would you like to become pregnant in the next year?

• If YES: Focus on maximizing preconception health and reducing risks

• If NO: Focus on contraception to reduce unintended pregnancy and general preventive health

• If Unsure: Focus on preconception health, risk reduction, and reproductive life planning
Partners focusing on OKQ strategy

- Samaritan Health Services
- Health Share of Oregon
- NY State DOH, with provider education on PCHHC Toolkit
- The Providence Community Health Centers
- Codman Square Community Health Center
Opportunities and Challenges with OKQ

• Opportunities:
  • Practical and straightforward strategy
  • Engages a systematic approach to routine reproductive care in primary care
  • Viewed as easy to measure
  • Lots of momentum, gaining widespread acceptance
  • In Oregon (and other locations) satisfies an “effective contraceptive use” quality measure

• Challenges:
  • Focused more on the contraception side, reducing unintended pregnancies
  • “We are doing OKQ, can’t do preconception care right now…”
  • EHR builds and reporting still a challenge
  • The measure is often “was the question asked?” – unsure how to measure what was done
Patient response will influence the medical decision making of prescriptions, follow up care, and preventive reproductive health services provided.

*Patient already screened for medical eligibility: age 18-45, reproductive capacity, etc.*
Broader system approaches

• Washington State Hosp Assoc
  • Safe Deliveries Roadmap (but not yet able to incorporate the PCC and ICC components)

• Health Share of Oregon
  • Contraceptive and Preconception Care Quality Checklist for providers and clinics

• Magnolia Project and AGAPE
  • Partnership of Family Planning site and FQHC, reproductive life planning into primary care
Readiness to use the PCW measures

- Mission Health Partners
  - Care Process Model
    - Diabetes
    - Preconception Wellness
  - County level priority engagement
- CountyCare MCO
  - Claims based database and developing PCC quality metrics
- VA Health System
  - Retrospective national data review
  - Prospective data collection at entry assessment
  - PCC visit template for designated women’s health providers
Lessons learned about engagement

- Identification and communication with champions
  - Outsiders need insiders
  - Insiders drive change
  - The higher the insider the bigger the influence
  - Admin leadership is crucial for buy-in
  - Providers are key to promoting culture change

- Direct conversations and presentations are most powerful in person!

- The more team members engaged - the stronger the program
Common systems barriers/challenges to promoting PCW measurement

• EHR limitations, logistics of template building and reporting, variability within systems
• Time (clinical and administrative)
• Competing priorities
• Finances/incentives
  • Incentives not yet aligned with preconception care
• Data capture for certain PCW indicators will be difficult
  • Pregnancy intention
  • Preconception multivitamin with folate use
  • Teratogenic medications at time of conception
Additional lessons learned in promoting adoption of the PCW measures

• Confusion on PCW “indicators” vs clinical care measures
  • Often focus continues to be on prenatal care
  • Hard to get people to think about “indicators” as the first step to developing programs and measures upstream

• Confused messaging around the use of “prenatal vitamins” rather than standard MVI with folate for all reproductive aged women

• Provider culture change and education
  • “I’m already doing that…”
  • “People still not understand what PCC is…”
Our Story: MAHEC, Mission Health Partners, and Buncombe County, NC

• Physician champion: Dan Frayne, MD (Family Medicine)

  • Engaged MAHEC OB department to collect PCW measures
    • Interested QI and research department
    • Thought it might be fairly straightforward
    • Challenged with follow through
    • Not ready to change workflow
    • No dedicated physician champion

  • Engaged Jenni Mullendore, MD (Med Dir Health Dept) though initial didactic work for contraception, then at County Maternal Safety Net group
Engaged Valerie Garrett, MD (Internist, Diabetes Inpatient Lead)
  • Incorporate preconception measures into Diabetes CPM
  • Standardize the care of diabetes across system
  • Recognize the difference in quality care needs for women of reproductive age
  • Measure outcomes of OKQ, MVI use, MFM referral for those desiring pregnancy, effective contraception for those who do not; inpatient and outpatient

Engaged Kellett Letson, MD (OB/GYN, Vice President, Women and Children’s Services, Mission Health Systems)
  • Prioritize women’s health and preconception wellness as a means to reduce unintended pregnancies, reduce infant mortality, and enhance domestic violence screening and intervention
  • Buncombe County Board of Health engagement on community level due to infant mortality focus
    • PCW now a priority area for program development
Mission Health Partners: CPM

• Care Process Model (CPM) System
  • Ensure that all care delivered by a hospital and its caregivers is medically necessary, the leading edge in medical science and the appropriate treatment intensity
  • Put into effect, these models will systemize treatment processes across all hospitals and practices, improving consistency as well as effectiveness

• What are the benefits of a CPM?
  • Reduces variation
  • Utilizes the best practice from literature and expert opinion
  • Improves care delivery repetition
  • More readily exposes errors
  • Variation study informs revisions to CPMs
Mission Health Partners: Priority Setting

• Once a CPM was decided upon, the resources for system engagement in the IT world came into being

• Reworking existing data
  • Creating a reproductive age element to reporting modules
    • Diabetes, HTN, Chronic Pain, Depression, CHF, etc
    • Screening for tobacco, depression
    • Excluding women without a uterus
  • EHR template building – outpatient
  • Inpatient decision support alerts tied to age, A1C results

• System wide education built into CPM roll outs, CME credit and incentive for ACO participation
Next Steps

• Need for enhanced platform for sharing system work across the country
• Prioritized incentives for PCW and PCC
• A universal framework to integrate and measure PCW and PCC on a clinic and system level
  • Serve as a guide for interested systems – the what and how …
The Task

I am a clinic or a health system who wants to incorporate PCC with quality metrics. How do I do it? Where should I start?

Design a widely applicable framework of how to engage, implement, and measure preconception wellness in a health system
A basic structure underlying a system, concept, or text
Kotter’s Eight Steps of Change

1. Increase Urgency
2. Build the Guiding Team
3. Get the Right Vision
4. Communicate for Buy-in
5. Empower Action
6. Create Short-term Wins
7. Don’t Let Up
8. Make it Stick

Creating a climate for change

Engaging and enabling the whole organization

Implementing and sustaining change

Design a widely applicable framework of how to engage, implement, and measure preconception wellness in a health system

(1) What are the core categories that make up the framework
   e.g. Leadership, IT, incentives, education, etc.

(2) For each category what are the key components?
   e.g. IT = EHR builds, data extraction and reporting, etc.

(3) For each of the components what are granular elements?
   e.g. EHR builds – reminders, templates, OKQ, etc.
Creating a universal recommendation for system integration of PCC - ideas

- **Step 1: Finding a champion – provider and system leadership**
  - Difficult to effect change from the outside

- **Step 2: Creating a sense of urgency**
  - Focus on infant and maternal mortality, need for system change to achieve different results, value based cost reimbursement, health equity

- **Step 3: Valuing data – and struggle to obtain it**
  - Much data already exists – report out for reproductive age women
  - Choose measures to focus on, but need to expand beyond contraception
  - Build on existing EHR template structures

- **Step 4: Provider education, systematic approach**
  - Incentives are key, tied to financials is even more important
  - Struggle to get past the difficulties of culture change and “time barriers”
  - Systematic, non-provider driven responses to identified risk, connection to resources

- **Step 5: Consumer engagement and shared decision making**

- **Step 6: Opportunity for multi-organization/community partnerships for shared goals**
  - Department of Health/local health department, community programs, medicaid MCOs
Show YOUR Love on Social!

Twitter.com/SYL_Today
#ShowYourLoveToday

Facebook.com/ShowYourLoveToday

*Instagram & Pinterest coming late-2016
Welcome!
PCHHC Catalyzing Change

PCHHC Consumer Workgroup Breakout Session
December 13, 2016 | 9-12PM ET
TAG US: #ShowYourLoveToday
Show Your Love Leadership Introductions:

Janis Biermann, SVP, Education & Health Promotion, March of Dimes

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Our Vision: All women and men of reproductive age will achieve optimal health and wellness, fostering a healthy life course for them and any children they may have.
Agenda

- Show Your Love – Phase I & II Overview
- Show Your Love Grantee Showcase & Group Discussion (Phase II)
- Tools to Consider / Spark Innovation
  - Show Your Love App Premier – Linda Squires

Reconvene:

- Consumer Tools from The National Campaign to Prevent Teen & Unplanned Pregnancy – Katy Suellentrop
- Show Your Love – Phase III – Roll Up our Sleeves and Set our Next Steps!
Today’s BIG questions

1. HOW do we authentically – while being firm on science/accuracy – message and engage with all these different groups on preconception health?

2. WHO are the influencers in these communities? Who can help spark actual behavior change? How do we engage them?

3. WHAT do the grantees/our partners need to take their work to the next level (e.g. community campaigns)? What should Show Your Love Phase III look like?
YOU are the Catalyst!

• Flipboards around the room, markers in your hands, get up & post:
  What is your perspective?
  What similarities do you see?
  Where do you see opportunities?
Some Basic History

*Show Your Love*, the first national consumer preconception health resource and social campaign, encourages young women and their support systems to show love to themselves, their loved ones, and future families by taking control of their health and wellness and becoming educated about optimal preconception health practices and accessibility to care.
Show Your Love – Phase 1

- PCCHC and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) with support from Research Triangle Institute conducted formative research and convened thought leaders from across the country to develop the first campaign.

- Launched in February 2013 with a formal partner-based strategy, research-backed resources and campaign products as well an evaluation - [cdc.gov/preconception/showyourlove](http://cdc.gov/preconception/showyourlove). Campaign materials carry the valuable CDC logo and brand.
Core Constructs

- Women are nurturing, juggling many things and caring for others
- Women need to love themselves by taking care of their health
- Good health can help a woman achieve her goals and dreams
- Women can show love to their future baby by loving themselves now
Show Your Love – Phase 1

• The national campaign targets two main audiences: women ages 18–44 who are currently planning a pregnancy AND women 18–44 who are not currently planning to become pregnant (and the significant others of these “planning/non-planning” women)

• Launch Products Included: Preconception posters, check lists, e-cards, videos, PSAs, talking points, image library, etc.
Show Your Love Phase 2

• Funded by the WK Kellogg Foundation 5/15-2/16 (extension to 10/16)
• Allowed PCHHC to hire our first communications director – Suzanne
• Resources to support small media buys, new website and campaign basics as well as mini-grants
• Hope was to change behavior (of course) AND to generate energy and action and PRESENCE to attract additional funding
SYL Public Relations 2016 Tactics

• Work to diversify materials with SYL mini-grants
• Expand our library of shareable multimedia
• Build and launch ShowYourLoveToday.com
• Launch Show Your Love Facebook and Twitter
  • Expand connections and virtually network with targets and influencers
  • Measure the impact of our online presence and conversations
• Unify PCHHC, Show Your Love, and Before & Beyond initiatives
• Raise SYL/PCHHC profile in national media
  • Establish key campaign KOLs
ShowYourLoveToday.com

- ShowYourLoveToday.com website designed to activate consumers to:
  - **Show Your Love** to your friends and family today by sharing realistic healthy goals & tips (easy-to-share social media links).
  - **Learn** about women wellness, preconception health, life planning. Provide a trustworthy resource for men/women ages 18-44 about broad aspects of physical, mental, emotional and financial health.
  - **Talk to your healthcare provider** about your overall health, reproductive goals, and know what to expect before, during, after a doctor’s visit.
  - **Join the campaign:** Show Your Love for yourself & your community by getting involved on social media or as a volunteer, ambassador, partner, donor, etc.
Show YOUR Love on Social!

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*Instagram & Pinterest coming in 2017
Reaching 90MM at Launch!

• Phase II was launched on June 14, 2016

• Over a single week, the Show Your Love launch press release was picked-up by 183 media outlets - reaching nearly 86MM Unique Monthly Visitors online.
  
  • SYL Facebook page posts reached 1,178 people
  • SYL Twitter handle had 33.4K impressions, 1,730 profile visits and nearly 200 followers (organic)
  • Partners across the US promoted news via blogs, newsletters, social
  • Tying Men's Health Week and Month with our Show Your Love launch, PCHHC hosted a Men's Sexual Health Tweet Chat (#PCHChat). Our #PCHchat had over 4.8 MILLION impressions, reaching nearly 325K accounts and had over 100 participants.
Show Your Love Brand Ambassadors
SYL Brand Ambassadors

• Diverse group of young adults ages 18-30 who will help model and promote healthy behaviors and life choices online and in their communities.

• Ambassadors will receive SYL products, share their health journey on their social channels, and be prominently featured on the Show Your Love and partner sites. Very little time commitment.

• To nominate someone, email Sarah Verbiest (SarahV@med.unc.edu). More: www.showyourlovetoday.com/joinus
Want to be featured in the PCHHC newsletter? Submit updates, articles, content, suggestions to Suzannew@med.unc.edu

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PCHHC in the News

Check out our “PCHHC in the News” section on Before and Beyond
Show Your Love App

RTI / CDC / Anthem Health Developed a Preconception Health App for “Planners”
Show Your Love App

Presented by Linda Squiers, PhD
RTI International
December 13, 2016
Show Your Love
Steps to a healthier me & baby-to-be!

Brought to you by CDC Foundation & Anthem.
Powered by W2
Tell us a little about your goals as you trek down this pathway to pregnancy.

None of this information is stored or shared in any way. Answer honestly for your own information. We will suggest topics that you should discuss with a health professional.

When would you like to start actively trying to get pregnant or conceiving?

- I'm already trying
- I'm thinking about trying in the next 3 months
- It will be at least 6 months or more before I try to get pregnant

Now tell us about your lifestyle.

Are you getting at least 2 hours and 30 minutes of aerobic exercise each week?

- Yes, I get the recommended amount of aerobic exercise each week
- No, I get exercise each week but not this much
- No, I rarely get exercise

Are you using reliable contraception (birth control) until you are ready to get pregnant?

- Yes, I'm all set
- No, I'm letting nature take its course
- I'm not sure what reliable birth control is

Next >
Chart Your Course

Do you smoke cigarettes or use any other tobacco products, including hookahs, smokeless tobacco, cigars, pipes, or electronic cigarettes (e-cigarettes)?

- Yes, I do on a regular basis
- Yes, but only socially
- No, never

Next >

Chart Your Course

On an average day, how many servings of fruits and vegetables do you eat?

- 0
- 1
- 2-3
- 4 or more

Next >

Chart Your Course

In the last six months, have you had an appointment with a doctor that focused specifically on what you need to do to be healthy before trying to get pregnant?

- Yes
- No
- I'm not sure

Next >
Your preconception health (health before pregnancy) can affect the health of your future baby. By making a plan before getting pregnant and taking the time to get healthy, you can increase your chances of feeling good during pregnancy and having a healthy baby.

Based on your answers to these questions, it looks like you're doing a great job on these important preconception health behaviors:

- Eating enough fruits and vegetables every day
- Getting enough sleep
- Living tobacco free
- Having a preconception health appointment with a doctor
- Talking to a doctor about any drugs or medications you use
We've noticed a few preconception health behaviors that you might want to work on to improve your health:

- Using a reliable method of birth control
- Getting enough aerobic exercise
- Doing enough muscle strengthening
- Taking folic acid
- Managing stress
- Monitoring your caffeine intake
- Limiting alcohol
- Staying away from harmful chemicals and substances
- Learning how to protect yourself from the Zika virus
- Having a regular doctor

Get the tips and support you need to achieve your goals.
If your sleep problems persist, keep a sleep diary for 10 days then see a doc.

Go to Guidebook

If you do not select a time, we will send the messages at the default time.

I'd like to receive my messages at:

10 50
11 55 AM
12 00 PM
1 05
2 10

Finished ›
Your Compass will help you keep track of health-related behaviors that you may want to monitor. You can go to Settings to deselect any of these items you don't want to track. At the end of each day, you can see how well you are doing on your preconception health behaviors.

I did cardio exercise today

I did muscle strengthening exercise today

I had 0 alcoholic drinks today
1 drink = 12 oz of beer OR 5 oz of wine OR 1.5 oz of distilled spirits (e.g. vodka, whiskey)

My stress level felt manageable today
Remind me about

push ups

Remind me when

Daily

Turn off/on

Done
Delete this reminder
My Compass

I ate 4 servings of vegetables today
A serving is 1 cup of leafy vegetables or ½ cup of other vegetables

I ate 2 servings of fruit today
A serving is 1 medium sized fruit (e.g. peach) or ½ cup of chopped fruit

I drank enough water today (goal: 8 cups)

I drank less than 200 mg of caffeine today

You met 5 of 10 of your goals today.

Consider focusing on these behaviors tomorrow:

- Taking your folic acid
- Eating 2 servings of fruit
- Drinking 8 cups of water
- Having less than 200 mg of caffeine
- Getting in some cardio
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Real Talk…

How have we not cracked the code and authentically - while being scientific and accurate - been able to raise awareness that what you do before you’re pregnant matters?
The Word

“PRECONCEPTION”
knowledge without action
Show Your Love
Diversification Grants

WK Kellogg funded 14 organizations nation-wide to expand and diversify our messaging and materials
PCHHC funded 14 organizations nationwide to expand and diversify Show Your Love preconception messages and educational materials for young adults, including videos, public service announcements, posters, digital ads, doctor dialogue toolkit, healthy habits checklists, and more.

Read about the Show Your Love Diversification Grant Program here: www.showyourlovetoday.com

Welcome! We’re thrilled to have you here!
How Grantees Diversified SYL

• Tailored / tested SYL core goals, messages, and materials to:
  • Build engagement and disseminate preconception health information to their target audience.
  • Encourage more interpersonal and community support programs to get involved in the Campaign.

• Made or deepened connections with the community they serve.

• Elicited involvement from the focus population to gauge the relevance and influence of messaging and facilitate the production and evaluation of relevant photos.
Spreading love across the nation
Brigham & Women’s Hospital
Target: Latinas ages 14-45 and their senior support systems ages 45+; Boston

Healthy Teen Network
Target: Black and Latina teenage girls; National Membership Organization; Baltimore, MD (CRUSH APP)

Latino Commission on AIDS
Target: Latina women/cisgender, English and Spanish speaking, ages 18-29; U.S. and territories

Black Women Wellness
Target: Black young women ages 18-29; Los Angeles, CA

LA County Dept. of Public Health
Target: Hispanic men and women ages 18-29 in/around Los Angeles (FAMILIA text campaign)

Ohlone Community College District
Target: Asian Pacific Islander and Latina female students at Ohlone Community College; CA

Health Advancement for Pacific Islanders (HAPI)
Target: Pacific Islander men and women ages 18-29; Alameda County, CA

Florida Department of Health-Duval County
Target: Males ages 19-29, significant others of "planning/non-planning" women, Fathers; Northeast FL
Women Watch Afrika
Target: Refugees from African countries; Georgia

Native American Community Health Center
Target: American Indian women and men ages 18-44; Maricopa County and surrounding areas

Ttaw’axt / Heritage University / Zero to Three
Target: Young women and children enrolled tribal members of Yakama Nation & other families in Yakima Valley; Washington State (Ttaw’axt, indigenous Native American community)

UNC Pembroke & Healthy Start CORPS
Target: Native American and Hispanic women ages 18-29; Robeson County, UNC Pembroke and Community College

Healthy Start Coalition of Jefferson, Madison, Taylor Counties
Target: Young Black women and partners, low-income; Rural North Florida

Family Tree Clinic
Target: LGBTQ patients; Twin Cities, MN
Black Women for Wellness

Get Smart B4 U Get Sexy
BLACK WOMEN FOR WELLNESS
SHOW YOUR LOVE PROJECT
BY: LASHEA BROWN
Black Women For Wellness is committed to the health and well-being of Black women and girls through health education, empowerment and advocacy.
THE TWO UMBRELLAS OF SOCIAL CHANGE

SISTERS IN CONTROL
- Reproductive Justice (RJ) Policy Work
- Get Smart B4 U Get Sexy
- Environmental Justice (EJ)
- VREAM

SISTERS IN MOTION
- Kitchen Divas
- National Diabetes Prevention Program
WORK TACTICS

▪ Recruit 12 Black women ages 18-30 to attend a focus group to test the Show Your Love messages

▪ Create focus group questions and written evaluations to measure the messages accessibility, usefulness and relevance to the group

▪ Photograph 10 Black Women
MY FUTURE, MY CHOICE, MY HEALTH

- Overall the participants in the focus group felt that the message was that women are powerful and capable of taking control of their health.

- They were sure that this campaign material target demographic was African American women.

- They were unsure of the target age and guessed between the ages of 13-50. It was unclear that this campaign was targeting women of preconception age.
SHOW YOUR LOVE-YOUR BODY WILL THANK YOU FOR IT

▪ Some women were unsure about whether or not the model was Black.

▪ The majority of the participants said that this campaign material would be more relatable if she were a ‘dark brown skin black women’

▪ The majority of the women didn't feel like they could identify with the woman in the campaign.

▪ They assumed that the campaign was for the general population or targeting the Latina community.

▪ The whole group agreed that the image of the model hugging herself in the Show Yourself Love campaign seemed ‘forced’ and contrived.
POSTER-LIST FORM

- There is such a thing as too much information. The focus group felt that although it was good information it was a lot of information and wouldn’t hold the reader’s attention for long.

- They would have liked to see more local health resources on it.

- Majority of the women felt that adding Pan African colors (red, yellow, green) would make it more relevant.
PRE- CONCEPTION NON-PLANNER PSA VIDEO CAMPAIGN

- This video was well received by the group
- 6 out of 8 of the women agreed that this campaign would help them positively change their health habits.
- However, only half of the women would be inclined to share this campaign with a friend or family member.
- They thought it would be more relevant if women of different body types and skin tones were present in the campaign.
- The majority of the group agreed that it was not likely share this campaign on their social media pages.
The majority of the women in the focus group thought that this campaign video was pushing a specific agenda about vaccines.

They also disliked the fact that the women in the campaign video stressed using birth control but didn't mention using condoms or getting an STD screening.

The women in the group agreed that the video might exclude lower class women that don't have an advanced degree or have a car like the women in the campaign.

The style and dress of the actress in the video was a major point of discussion. The participants thought that she would be a more relatable character with minor style changes for instance, hoop earrings and a necklace. The majority of the focus group thought that she was not dressed like a Black woman.

Still, the majority of group stated that they had learned something new from the PSA (6 out of 8).
The participants suggested using models that represent the range of Black women of darker skin tones as well as body types to make the campaign more relatable.

Simple style changes were key to identifying with the characters in the campaigns (hair style, outfit color, earrings)

Using vibrant Pan-African colors was also suggested to demonstrate that this campaign is for an African American audience.

Showing the different women in different class backgrounds. (Baldwin Hills to the Hood)

More information on STD screening and condom use in the campaign
Ohlone College – Student Health Center

A World of Cultures
United in Learning

Ohlone Student Health Center
“Show Your Love” Campaign

Ohlone College | February – October 2016

Presented at Preconception Health + Health Care Initiative
Catalyzing Change Meeting, Washington DC
December 13, 2016

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Ohlone College, Fremont, California

- Located in Fremont, CA & Newark, CA
- Around 10,600 students enrolled per year at our two campuses and online
- Nearly 2 out of 3 students are young adults ages 18-24
California Community Colleges
2.1 million students

Ohlone College
Student Population

Ethnically Diverse Student Population

- Asian American: 41%
- White: 24%
- Chicano/Latino: 19%
- African American: 5%
- Other: 11%
American College Health Association
National College Health Assessment
Survey results for Ohlone College students
March 2014
(N=607)
Sexual Behavior
Number of sexual partners within last 12 months

- None: 39%
- 1: 42%
- 2: 9%
- 3 or more: 10%
Oral, vaginal, anal sex in last 30 days

- Oral: 39%
- Vaginal: 42%
- Anal: 6%
Top 4 reported means of birth control

- Male condoms: 61%
- Birth control pills: 57%
- Withdrawal: 25%
- Birth control shots: 12%
Use of emergency contraception within last 12 months*

*Among sexually active college students

13% male

29% female

23% total
Use of emergency contraception within last 12 months*

*Among sexually active college students

- Ohlone 2015: 23%
- National 2014: 15%
- HSACCC 2013: 19%
Unintentional pregnancy or got someone pregnant*

- 2.2% male
- 4% female
- 3.4% total

*Among college students who had vaginal intercourse within last 12 months
Show Your Love

Show Your Love is a national campaign designed to promote wellbeing and support young women and men as they strive to achieve their goals and make healthy lifestyle choices today. Ohlone College is a proud partner in this campaign.

Show your Love is about taking care of yourself by doing the following:
Community college students, with an emphasis on Asian Pacific Islander and Latino students who fall in the “emerging adulthood” category of 18-29 years old.
What we are learning

• “Healthier Me” booklet distribution to patients during primary care visits

• Not as well received; students were hesitant to take them

• We’re moving away from paper-based health education materials
Anonymous questionnaire for females

1. Are you planning to get pregnant in the next two years?
   a. Yes
   b. No

2. How important is it for you to avoid pregnancy now?
   a. Very
   b. Somewhat
   c. Not at all
Show Your Love – Questionnaire (males)

Anonymous questionnaire for males

1. How important is it for you to avoid pregnancy now?
   a. Very
   b. Somewhat
   c. Not at all

2. Are you and your partner planning to get pregnant in the next two years?
   a. Yes
   b. No
   c. Maybe
Show Your Love – key messages

Show Your Love Campaign
Key messages for a healthy lifestyle

Stay Active
1. Stay active, stay attractive!
2. I take the stairs!
3. I love my body; I move my body.
4. I draw the line at 2 hours of screen time

Eat Healthy Foods
1. You are what you eat – be a colorful character!
2. I eat the way I live – colorfully!
3. Green, Orange, Yellow, Red – Eat a rainbow every day.
4. I “carrot” about myself.

Update vaccinations
1. Vaccinate before you populate!
2. Protect yourself. Protect others. Vaccinate!
3. I get my shots to give myself the best shot

Take 400 mg of folic acid
1. Folic acid is my friend.
2. “Orange” you glad you take folic acid?
3. Fruits, veggies, or vitamins. Get your 400.

Planned Pregnancies
1. Planning is half the fun!
2. I decide when I’m ready!
3. We decide when we’re ready!
4. I plan my life; I plan my family.

Manage and reduce stress and get mentally healthy
1. I breathe deep for wellness!
2. Healthy mind + healthy body = Healthy me
3. I’m worth meditating over!
4. Self-care is sexy.
5. Run, eat, sleep, repeat.
6. I sleep; I study; I play. I thrive.
Most resonant messages included:

**Stay Active**
- Stay active, stay attractive!

**Eat Healthy Foods**
- You are what you eat -- be a colorful character!

**Planned pregnancies**
- I decide when I’m ready!

**Update vaccinations**
- Protect yourself. Protect others. Vaccinate!

**Take 400 mg of folic acid**
(no message really resonated)

**Manage and reduce stress and get mentally healthy**
- Healthy mind + healthy body = Healthy me
Step & Repeat photograph backdrop
Thank you

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"THOSE WHO CANNOT CHANGE THEIR MINDS CANNOT CHANGE ANYTHING."

GEORGE BERNARD SHAW
Brigham & Women’s Hospital
Show Your Love:
Reaching Latina Women Across Boston

Ariel Childs, MPH CLC
Program Manager, Health Equity Programs
Presentation Overview

• Brief Overview: Brigham and Women’s Hospital, The Center for Community Health & Health Equity
• Our Show Your Love Strategy
• Project Outcomes and Deliverables
• Successes, Challenges and Opportunities
We are committed to advancing systems of care, research, and community programs that elevate the health status of the communities we serve.

We believe that a person’s health should not depend on where they live work or play, their socio-economic status, or their race.

We collaborate with community health center partners, community-based organizations, and other hospital departments to successfully implement programs aimed at serving those who need us most.
Stronger Generations
A lifetime of health begins at birth

A multi-pronged approach designed to improve birth outcomes and address disparities among communities served by BWH.

Clinical Programs

• Stronger Generations seeks to promote protective factors and reduce risk factors by leveraging individual, community and cultural assets to promote equity in:
  – Clinical Care
  – Health and Social Services
  – Social opportunity

• Educate, engage, and empower women and their families to enhance physical, mental, and social health outcomes through social support, patient engagement, leadership development and peer education.

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Show your Love:
Who did we try to reach?

• Boston-based Latina women (all ages)
• Started with women connected to our BWH licensed/affiliated health centers (via Stronger Generations)

Show Your Love Participant Demographics:
• 30 women
• Represented 17 diverse urban neighborhoods across the city
• Self-identified Latina
• 85% Spanish primary language
• Age range 18 – 72 years old
Our Show Your Love Strategy

Phase 1
- Community Conversations
- Gather Feedback on SYL Materials and Messaging

Phase 2
- Community conversations to refine preconception health messaging for Latina women
- Preconception Health Promotores Training
- Photo shoot

Phase 3
- Report of recommendations for diversifying the SYL campaign for Latina women (messaging)
- Utilize trained community members to disseminate the campaign
- Recommendations for marketing and campaign materials
SYL Community Conversations

• Preconception Health—Understanding and Experiences
• What is necessary for good health now and in 3 years
• What does “Show Your Love” mean to you
• What are your hopes and dreams for your daughters, nieces, granddaughters (etc.)? How does preconception health fit into your vision for these young women?
• What is the most effective way to get health information?
• Preconception Health Messages
• Feedback on Show Your Love Marketing Materials
What did we learn?

• **Preconception Health—Understanding and Experiences**
  – “I heard of all the things you’re supposed to do before you get pregnant but I didn't know, or didn’t think it mattered for the population that is of reproductive age that doesn't want children or isn't trying to have children. I always thought that once you’re trying to get pregnant, then you need to start taking care of yourself.”

• **What is necessary for good health?**
  – Education and awareness from parents, teachers, and providers.
  – Positive messages
  – “The number one thing is self-love. Because if you love yourself you’re going to try and take care of yourself in all the ways that make you healthy. If you don’t have a positive outlook in life then you aren’t going to care about keeping yourself healthy”
What did we learn?

- **What is necessary for good health?**
  - Community Resources (access to affordable food, exercise, healthy community spaces, transportation to get to health-related resources, etc.)
  - More opportunities for social cohesion and support

- **How does health affect your hopes/dreams for young women?**
  - Educational/professional goals, personal achievement, family goals, community service, stability
  - “When I talk to my daughter about her health I don’t talk at all about her physical body. I talk to her about what she wants for herself. I tell her ‘do you want to stay down here or do you want to come out on top? Look at your goals, your aims and stay healthy to get where you are going.’”
What did we learn?

• **What does Show Your Love mean to you?**
  – Without your health you have nothing
  – Love yourself
  – If you do not love yourself, you will not show love to another person
  – Love yourself so you can transmit that love
  – Prepare yourself, physically, mentally, emotionally and when you are ready you will be able to give the love to someone else too.
  – **Prepárate**: Prepare yourself, Prepare for the future
What did we learn?

- **SYL Campaign Recommendations**
  - Campaign needs accompanying information
    - Healthy Eating Example: Suggestions on sample meals, info on most important nutrients, cultural considerations like salt substitutions, community resources like local food pantries.
    - Should include a texting service, app, link to local website with resources by zip code, etc.
  - Pair taking care of your health with the other ways women practice self care—example: Visit your doctor after your mani/pedi
  - Needs to be paired with on-the-ground health education/information that incorporates social opportunity
What did we learn?

- **SYL Campaign Recommendations**
  - Acknowledge women through positive messaging and grounding campaign in reality
  - “The media gives these images of a lifestyle or image that is unachievable and it makes you feel hopeless. It not only makes you ignore what they are advising, but it affects your mental health. It actually makes everything harder.”
  - Acknowledge prioritization of needs—people often have to choose between food and medication (short term versus long term needs).
# Messaging Recommendations

- **Messaging Feedback:**
  - Where do people get health information: Word of mouth, providers, technology

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Marking Recommendations

• **Images**
  – Photos featuring healthy eating, doctor visits and self-care were well received
  – Want more images featuring women supporting each other, younger women, and women practicing good health behaviors with their teens

• **Marketing Materials**
  – Love colors, love catchy phrases, love goal-setting component
  – More diverse, fewer tips (only top 6), more information about what Show Your Love is, more youth-friendly, bilingual
"Having the right information to make informed decisions about my reproductive health, the ability to buy healthy foods and knowing who to go to about health questions/concerns without feeling judged."

"Positive Messages
- Peer support
- Time outdoors
- Running (for fun)
- Access to quality healthcare
- Community support

Women need to have access to community support and positivity!"
Successes, Challenges & Opportunities

• **Successes**
  – Rich community conversations
  – Intergenerational discussion
  – Information sharing/myth busting

• **Challenges**
  – Logistical Challenges
  – Translation
  – Incorporating SDOH frame in solutions

• **Opportunities**
  – Program Development
  – Enhanced Show Your Love Campaign
Questions/comments
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Health Advancement for Pacific Islanders
Florida Health Dept. of Duval County
Women Watch Afrika, Inc.

Show Your Love Campaign Presentation

National Preconception Health and Healthcare Initiative Meeting

December 13, 2016
We were able to introduce preconception “concepts” to a cohort of 20 African Refugee women through the Preventative Health Leadership Program.

WWA implemented their first annual “Show Yourself Love” Day in the spring of 2016.

WWA was able to create a new website https://womenwatchafrika.org/

WWA developed health communication products for the targeted communities.
WWA SYL Products

- Products for Public Use:
  - WWA SYL Campaign Video
  - WWA SYL Infographics
  - WWA SYL Healthy Living Brochures
HOW do we authentically message and engage with all these different groups on preconception health - while being firm on science/accuracy?

- Using our Healthy Family Healthy Relationship techniques, to discuss the benefits of child spacing and small family size, leading to healthy family and good quality education for the children, and healthy family as a whole.
  - This helps to improve the knowledge, attitudes and behaviors of low income underserved refugee and immigrant women related to preconception health.
- “Steps to a Healthier me and Baby to be”. Participants were taught how to take proper care of themselves and their babies, before, during conception and after birth.
  - In a refugee friendly culture and language we encouraged women to take proper care of their bodies, and allow it to heal in the same manner of time it took before delivery.
- Physical Activity for Healthy Living Everyday: Eat healthy foods, drink plenty of water, eat more fruits and vegetables and exercise 30 minutes a day 5 days a week.
  - Program address cultural and religious barriers that negatively affect the health of women, youth and children
WHO are the influencers in these communities? Who can help spark actual behavior change? How do we engage them?

- The influencers in the Clarkston, GA African refugee communities are the women that participated in the past three cycles of WWA’s Preventative Health Community Advocates program.
- As participants in the program, they not only learn about health issues that impact their community but also learn culturally appropriate techniques in community health education.
- They are best engage through stipend programs administered by organizations like WWA.
Finalize WWA SYL products to be translated in Arabic and Swahili.

Make plans to implement another SYL Day in 2017 and to include social media activity.

WWA would like to engage previous program participants to serve as FGM/violence prevention Community Advocates.

- Subject matter includes preconception health, family planning, general reproductive health, and FGM prevention awareness training.
- Topics require a higher literacy level and experience from program participants in engaging in community health promotion activities.
- Stipends to compensate Community Advocates and properly engage them in qualitative evaluation activities.
Show Love to Yourself and Your Children by practicing Good Nutrition!
Eat Fruits and Vegetables instead of Junk Food!

Kuonyeshia Upendo kwa Yourself na Wata Wako na kufanya mazoezi Lishe nzuri
Kula Matunda na mboga badala ya Junk Food

Engaging in Cultural activities and participating in community events is how we
Show Love to Ourselves and our Community

Kushiriki katika shughuli za kitamaduni na kushiriki katika matukio ya jamii ni jinsi sisi
Onyeshia Upendo kwa Ourselves na Jumuiya zetu

Share your love in the community. Make Joint Decisions as a Family and decide on what
will be done at home. Participate in community activities and cultural activities.

Show Your Love Preconception Health

WWA

Preconception Health + Health Care Initiative

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Ttaw’axt / Heritage University / Zero to Three
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How will you #ShowYourLoveToday?
UNC Pembroke / Healthy Start CORPS
Healthy Start Coalition of Jefferson, Madison, Taylor Counties - FL
Healthy Start Coalition
of Jefferson, Madison and Taylor Counties, Inc. (Rural Florida)
The Healthy Start Coalition set out to improve poor birth outcomes in Jefferson, Madison, and Taylor Counties, Florida using the original CDC Campaign "Show Your Love" materials at women’s health workshops.
In February 2016, the Coalition teamed up with PCHHC to evaluate preconception knowledge and attitudes and tailor preconception messages and materials for African American females, ages 18-24.
83 individuals participated in the Coalition's preconception events during April-June; a subset of 34 individuals completed the entire course and an evaluation.
Participants were given four pamphlets to evaluate messaging and elements of each:

- The “A Healthy Baby Begins with You,” National Office of Minority Health
- Show Your Love – “Steps to a Healthier Me” 6-part glossy workbook, CDC
- A new, locally developed tabbed handout “Taking Care of Me”
- Additional handouts supporting the “Steps to a Healthier Me,” cited in the workbook
After the workshops, 82% of the participants felt their understanding of unplanned pregnancy prevention was ‘Excellent.’ Over 80% also marked their understanding the harm of drugs/alcohol and smoking topics as ‘Excellent.’
The Coalition sent a follow up evaluation to participants.

After the workshop, 73% of participants agreed that how a woman feels is a good measure of her health.
“I feel like the “Show Your Love Campaign” is very helpful! I love the fact that it teaches how to work towards being a better “you”! I would love to see younger adults having a chance to experience the group and the instructor. I think having the appropriate resource and someone to talk with would make a major difference, for the better!” – Kayla Williams
“It gave me knowledge about how to take [care] of myself better.” – L’Kerah H.

“I can write in my personal goals. When I write it down I’m more accountable.” – Tomica S.
“Solutions are offered for the problem”. – C. Allen

“This handout breaks down the certain things (steps) to a healthier life.” – K. Davis
Taking feedback from the workshops and follow up survey, the Coalition provided recommended edits to the Show Your Love “Steps to a Healthier Me” resource and messages.
The Coalition created an informational kit specific to their target audience and community.

This pamphlet incorporates information from the Show Your Love guide and CDC website.
To view their Show Your Love tailored messages & pamphlets, log-on to:
www.healthystartjmt.org/preconception-campaign
Get Involved!

www.ShowYourLoveToday.com
www.Facebook.com/ShowYourLoveToday
www.Twitter.com/SYL_Today

Learn more!

http://healthystartjmt.org/preconception-campaign

Email Tonya Bell for information about the workshops and preconception pamphlets:
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Welcome to FAMILIA!

To join, text LAFAMILIA to 55000

The FAMILIA text messaging program focuses on family planning, active living, maintaining a healthy weight, improving nutrition, reducing stress, and addressing abuse. Each message links here to the FAMILIA website, which has more information, apps, blogs, and videos related to that topic. You'll receive three healthy living texts each week for three months. You can choose to receive messages in English or Spanish.

By taking charge of your health, you are taking charge of your future.

FAMILIA Topics:

Active Living
Tips for an Active Life
Stretching and Streness

Maintain a Healthy Weight
What is a Healthy Weight and Why Should You Achieve It?
Healthy Ways to Lose Weight
Achieve a Healthy Weight by Managing Stress and Sleeping More

Improve Nutrition
Recommendations for Eating Healthy
Healthy Eating Out
Healthy Beverages

Loss Stress
What is Stress?
What is Depression?
What is Anxiety?

Address Abuse
Healthy Relationships
Abusive Relationships

Questions? Contact us:
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Healthy Teen Network

Making a difference in the lives of teens and young families
IUD
This T-shaped device is inserted in your uterus by a doctor or nurse. It stops sperm that is moving toward an egg dead in its tracks! Some IUDs have hormones to stop you from...
Family Tree Clinic
Show Your Love

You're ready to get pregnant. It's time to nurture and love yourself by planning and preparing your body for pregnancy. Take these steps to improve your preconception health:

What is preconception health?
• Preconception health is simply your health before you get pregnant.
• How healthy you are before getting pregnant can affect the health of your baby.

What can you do?
• Eating a healthy diet, being physically active and taking folic acid every day is awesome!
• Reevaluate your habits around drinking alcohol, smoking and drugs. Considering stopping if you’re planning on getting pregnant.
• Get screened and tested for possible medical problems, like infections or diabetes.
• Talk with your health care provider about how to best manage your medical conditions and any medicines you’re taking.

For more information visit www.cdc.gov/showyourlove.

FamilyTreeClinic.org
PCH in LGBTQ Communities

• Guidance for reaching LGBTQ communities with preconception health messages (these are not the messages themselves, but some guidance when thinking about messaging, and clinic patient care in receiving preconception health):
  • Recognize that not all people with a uterus identify with the word woman
  • People in same sex relationships also need preconception health
  • LGBTQ communities have the highest rates of unintended pregnancy
  • Ensure representation in clinic waiting rooms, magazines and outreach materials of diverse gender identities and sexual orientations/partner pairings
  • Offer opportunities for people to self identify their sexual orientation, gender identity, names and pronouns in clinic settings: ensure you are asking people for their gender pronouns, and have options for people to use their preferred name which may not be their legal name
  • Improvements that are focused on LGBTQ communities in health have the potential for improving the care, health and wellbeing of all people. This is called targeted universalism: meeting the needs of marginalized or excluded groups (targeted) can meet the needs of the broader whole more effectively (universalism).
Catalyzing Change

Open Dialogue Brainstorm
Today’s BIG picture

Catalyzing Change in Communities
• Authentically engaging women that may be left out.
• What would you need to take it to the next level? Specifically, what ideas would you have – media buys, point person?

Keeping our eye on the ball:
• How do we talk about PCH in a different way that resonates?
  • What stays the same universally, what’s different? Is it better to stick to planners?
• Who are the influencers? Who can influence behavior change?
• How does a national Initiative support diversity and respond to new topics while holding firm to science / accuracy?
THANK YOU!

TOGETHER we are GREAT

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The National Campaign
to Prevent Teen and Unplanned Pregnancy

Tools for Consumers
BEDSIDER
rebranding birth control
Welcome to the free support network for birth control.
The explorer is a place to learn about all your birth control options. We cover every available method, from the IUD (and others on our most effective list) to condoms, the pill, the patch, and more. Click on any method for more details. Want a more apples-to-apples way to compare? View a side-by-side comparison.
IMPLANT /

The implant (Implanon or Nexplanon are the brand names) is a teeny-tiny rod that’s inserted under the skin of your upper arm. It’s so small, in fact, most people can’t see it once it’s inserted—which means it can be your little secret, if you’re so inclined. The implant releases hormones that keep your ovaries from releasing eggs and thicken your cervical mucus, which helps to block sperm from getting to the egg in the first place. Plus, it prevents pregnancy for three years. Not too shabby. view all methods »

real stories /

Get it and forget it

If you’re a busy person who doesn’t want to worry about remembering birth control, the implant just may be for you. Once it’s in, it lasts for up to 3 years.
WHERE TO GET IT /

from a health center /
Some methods require an appointment or prescription. And sometimes it’s just nice to get answers in person.

over the counter /
You can buy certain types of birth control over the counter, without a doctor’s prescription.

emergency contraception /
We hope you’ll never need it, but it’s actually good to have emergency contraception on hand. Just in case.

How easy is it to get free birth control?

If you’re eligible for it, it’s really easy. (And yes, that includes your favorite method.) Find out if free birth control is an option for you.
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Real Stories / Videos

Hear real women and men share their very real experiences with different methods of birth control.

Theresa, 21, the ring

The first time Theresa used the ring, she was a little unsure how to insert it. But now she's a pro, with a twist method to get it in and a fishhook move to get it out. No sweat.

"It's like a little invisible secret protection plan that I'm on."

Easy to insert, works like the pill, keeps you protected for a month at a time.
Can guys buy Plan B? Some guys are cool picking up your tampons from the store. Some avoid the lady products aisle like the plague. Still, it's good to know that any guy can buy over-the-counter emergency contraception without a prescription.

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Explore the most effective methods to find one that is right for you.

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Go under the hood of some great birth control methods.

Don't forget that Planned Parenthood sometimes provides free birth control of both reversible and permanent methods.

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Reminder: Your appointment at the Lloyd Health Center is on Thursday at 11:00am. Please call 5551234567 if you cannot attend.
This is the section where we post articles written by your fellow Providers to keep you informed about the latest developments in birth control and healthcare for young women. Speaking of your fellow Providers, allow the Chair of our Medical Advisory Group, Dr. Eve Espey, to welcome you to Bedsider Providers.

Got an idea for an article? Contact us if you're interested in contributing.

Here are the topics we've tackled so far:

- **Got a health condition? Know your birth control options!** Period problems, obesity, diabetes, high blood pressure, breast cancer... There's a method that can work for you.

- **IUDs, STIs, and PID: What's the deal?** Some health care providers refuse to give young women or women without children an IUD for fear of STIs and PID. Science tells us that this is just plain wrong: women can safely use an IUD regardless of age or how many babies they've had.

- **Hello, Skylar! Getting to know the newest IUD.** Birth control has many wonderful qualities—but being one-size-fits-all isn’t one of them. So when a new birth control option becomes available—especially one that’s long-acting anduper-effective—it’s kind of a big deal.

- **Abuse by birth control sabotage.** About twelve years ago, I was working as a doctor in a clinic in California. A young woman came in and requested a pregnancy test. Her test was negative. I asked her if she wanted to be pregnant: “No.” Was she using birth control? “No.”

- **Earth Day Reminder: Birth Control is Green!** We applaud anyone who wants to use an eco-filter to choose a method. But before you ditch your pill, make sure you have the facts right. And remember, any birth control is better than no birth control when it comes to helping the planet.

- **IUDs are OK: The best new birth control...**
free material to use in-person with your patients /
posters, tear sheets /
GET TO KNOW THE IMPLANT.
Nexplanon is the brand name, but you can just call it the implant. This tiny rod gets inserted under the skin of your upper arm and works for years. After you get it, you don’t have to think about it. It just works. And you can get it removed whenever you want.

HOW DOES IT WORK?
It releases progesterin, a hormone that keeps your ovaries from releasing eggs (no eggs, no pregnancy) and thickens your cervical mucus (which is like a roadblock for sperm).

ARE THERE SIDE EFFECTS?
There may be anouch moment during insertion and your arm may be sore or bruised for a day or two. There is unpredictable bleeding with the implant. Some may bleed more, some less. And it may change over time.

WHAT WOMEN LIKE.
Once in, it’s totally invisible and you can only feel it if you press on it. Most women don’t even notice it’s there.

CONSIDERING IT?
Hear about the implant from real women who use it at Bedsider.org/RealStories.

Visit BEDSIDER.ORG for free info on all your birth control options.
WHOOPS PROOF
BIRTH CONTROL

How to Reach Women and Increase Their Positive Regard for the Most Effective Methods of Contraception
## Our Challenge

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© The National Campaign to Prevent Teen and Unplanned Pregnancy
The “his ninja sperm can’t touch this” birth control.

This is an IUD. You and your partner can’t feel it (and no VVD armoring).

The “my love life is epic enough so I needed a method with no drama” birth control.

This is the implant. It’s conveniently in your arm, set it and forget it.
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Family Planning Association of NEO
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What IS Show Your Love phase III?

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The Well-Woman Project:

Presentation by Arden Handler and Regan Johnson, Dec. 13, 2016

A Project of the University of Illinois at Chicago School of Public Health and CityMatCH
Funded by the W.K. Kellogg Foundation
The Well-Woman Project

A collaboration between UIC-SPH & CityMatCH

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The Goal

To elevate women’s voices about what makes them healthy and able to receive well-woman care within the context of their lives, neighborhoods, and cities
Background of the Project

- Increased public health focus on improving women’s health for its own sake and to prevent adverse reproductive/perinatal outcomes

- Many women now have access to preventive health care through the Affordable Care Act
  - Even though preventive health care is covered for many women, to what extent do women know about and utilize the well-woman visit?

- To leverage the preventive health visit in an effort to improve women’s health/preconception health, it is also necessary to focus on the realities of a woman’s life (social determinants of health) that allow them to be healthy and facilitate their access to care

- This project brings an essential component to the research on well-woman care: women’s voices
Why is Well-Woman Care Important?

A focus on women’s health before/between/independent of pregnancy supports:

- Screening and treatment for acute and chronic conditions
- Opportunity for controlling reproduction and appropriate birth spacing
- Changes in health behaviors
- Opportunity to focus on the social determinants of health
What Can Well-Woman Care Do?

- Smoking Cessation
- Screening and Treatment for Substance Abuse
  - Drugs & Alcohol
- Health Behaviors Counseling
  - Promoting good nutrition, exercise, and healthy weight
- Family Planning/Contraceptive Access
  - Reproductive Life Plan counseling and provision/ Birth spacing
- Chronic Disease Screening
  - Hypertension, Obesity
- Acute Treatment for Infections
- Response to Social Determinants of Health
Eight in ten women have had a recent general check up, but rates are lower among some groups

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NOTE: Among women ages 18-64. The Federal Poverty Level (FPL) was $19,530 for a family of three in 2013. *Indicates a statistically significant difference from Private insurance; 200% FPL or greater; Excellent, very good, good health, p<.05.
SOURCE: Kaiser Family Foundation, 2013 Kaiser Women’s Health Survey.
The Affordable Care Act &
Well-Woman Care

Women’s Health Amendment:

- IOM Clinical Preventive Services for Women Committee made recommendations with respect to which services should be covered without cost sharing.

- Requires *new* health plans and Medicaid plans covering *newly eligible* women to cover *preventive healthcare services for women* with no cost sharing requirements.
Affordable Care Act: Women’s Clinical Preventive Services Coverage

Coverage with no cost-sharing

- Breastfeeding support, supplies, counseling
- Well-Woman Visit
- Gestational Diabetes Screening
- HPV DNA Testing
- Family Planning Counseling
- Interpersonal Violence Screening & Counseling
- STI/HIV Screening & Counseling
- Interpersonal Violence Screening & Counseling
Well-Woman Project: Objectives

Attempting to leverage the focus on the Well-Woman Visit in the ACA and in MCH National Performance Measure #1 to **build support** for the **Well-Woman Visit** and **Well-Women** by:

1. **Gathering women’s stories** with respect to Well-Woman Visit
   - Paying close attention to the conditions of women’s lives that affect their ability to be **Well-Women** and seek **Well-Woman Care**

2. **Developing a profile of women’s health** in each of eight participating cities based on input from women

3. **Developing actionable recommendations** to support well-women and to support a women-friendly health system
Well-Woman Project: Participating Cities

- Boston
- Chicago
- Detroit
- Jackson
- Nashville
- New Orleans
- Oakland
- Omaha
Well-Woman Project: Capturing Women’s Voices

**Listening Sessions**
- Host two listening sessions in each of the eight participating cities

**Blog & VOIP Line**
- Utilize a secure phone line and a confidential blog where women nationwide can leave their stories
Well-Woman Project: Listening Sessions

- Guided conversation facilitated by UIC/CityMatCH staff
- At least two sessions in each city (3 in one city)
  - English & Spanish
  - ~10 women per session
  - Targeted women of reproductive age
  - Conducted at the City Health Department or an associated agency

- For participation, women received:
  - Stipend
  - Community health resource guide
  - Navigating Insurance guide

- Conversations recorded, transcribed, and analyzed using Dedoose by UIC researchers
Well-Woman Project: Blog

- Secure & confidential website where women could write their stories related to their health and health care:
  - English: [www.wellwomanstory.org](http://www.wellwomanstory.org)
  - Spanish: [www.mujerbienestar.org](http://www.mujerbienestar.org)

- Women provided their phone numbers or email addresses on an additional “form” on the site to enter into a monthly raffle
  - Monthly $50 raffle
  - Additional incentives were offered in May and June 2016

- Stories were downloaded and analyzed by UIC researchers
Well-Woman Project: VOIP Phone Line

- Secure & confidential toll-free phone line
  - 844.221.1893

- Women could share their stories 24/7 nationwide (initial focus was 8 cities but quickly expanded)
  - Each woman was entered to win a monthly raffle

- Audio files of stories were automatically sent to private email address
  - Downloaded, transcribed, and analyzed by UIC researchers
Well-Woman Project: Outreach to Women

- Flyers
  - Distributed to partners throughout the United States including city partners

- Memes
  - Distributed to partners throughout the United States including city partners

- Magnets
  - Distributed at conferences and to city partners

- Twitter Account
  - @Well_WomanStory
  - Recruitment & informational tweets
TELL US YOUR STORY

We want to hear your stories about the things in your life affecting your ability to be healthy and get health care. Make your voice heard!

JOIN US FOR A group discussion

Call 312-355-3551 or email wellwomanstory@gmail.com to sign up

Participants will receive A $25 GIFT CARD

Group discussions will be in English or Spanish

Must be 18-35 to participate

Participation is 100% voluntary

The Well-Woman Project

Research project by: Funded by:

Listening Session Recruitment Flyer
Tell us your story

What does being healthy mean to you?

844.221.1893/wellwomanstory.org

Research project of UIC and CityMatCH
Funded by the W.K. Kellogg Foundation

English Meme for Blog/VOIP
Cuéntenos sobre las cosas que afectan su habilidad de ser saludable y obtener cuidado de salud.

Cuéntenos su historia
mujerbienestar.org
844.221.1893

Proyecto de investigación académica por la Universidad de Illinois en Chicago y CityMatCH
Fundo por W.K. Kellogg Foundation

Spanish Meme for Blog/VOIP
Results

**Listening Sessions Conducted in Conjunction with 8 Urban Health Departments**

- Women received Target or Walmart gift cards (ranging $25-$40) for their participation
- A total of 17 listening sessions were conducted in 8 U.S. cities: Boston, Chicago, Detroit, Jackson, Nashville, New Orleans, Oakland and Omaha in either English or Spanish
- 156 women (ages 18-47) participated in Listening Sessions
- Audio recordings of sessions were professionally transcribed
- Listening Sessions were analyzed in Dedoose using a hybrid of a priori and emergent codes

**Website & Message Line**

- Women were entered into a raffle for a $50 gift card. Additional incentives were offered during May and June 2016
- 99 women shared their stories through the website and 4 shared over the message line
- Message line stories were downloaded and transcribed. While the intended sampling frame was women ages 18-45, all stories were analyzed excluding one woman who was > 64 years of age
- 102 remaining stories were annotated and memoed by four researchers
- Stories were analyzed in Dedoose using a hybrid of a priori and emergent codes
+ Themes from Listening Sessions and Stories
1. The healthcare delivery system is not woman-friendly.

2. Women’s competing demands and priorities make accessing healthcare difficult.

3. Women weigh costs vs. benefit when deciding to access care.

4. Relationships with providers are key to women’s decisions about accessing care.

5. Health and insurance literacy empower women to advocate for themselves and others.
6. Positive mental health is integral to being a “healthy” woman.

7. Healthy food, safe environments, and opportunities for physical activity are vital for women.

8. Social support systems facilitate women’s willingness and ability to seek care.

9. Lack of childcare and transportation are major impediments to accessing healthcare.

10. Fear is a pervasive component of many women’s healthcare experiences.

Overall Themes
The healthcare delivery system is not woman-friendly.

“Sometimes as we have low resources and we don’t have enough money, we prefer to take something at home and if you feel better there is no need to come here. Besides, you come here and you spend the little you have and honestly, you have to wait for a very long time to be able to see the doctor. You have to spend the whole morning here or the entire afternoon and that is one of the reasons why sometimes I don’t come.” (Omaha)

“Knowing how to find which doctors are in-network and which doctors are not in your network, you have to have internet access for 98 percent of that stuff. What if somebody doesn’t have internet and they go to whatever doctor they know that does this thing and that provider’s not covered by the insurance when they get the bill? Now it’s a whole other thing because they never knew and there’s no way for them to know.” (Nashville)
The healthcare delivery system is not woman-friendly.

Recommend City Health Departments to:

- Adopt and promote a Charter which delineates the components of a women and family friendly health delivery system.

- Engage in dialogue with large health systems and FQHCs to encourage increased availability of appointments outside of traditional hours, drop-in/walk-in appointments, more time per patient to facilitate patient-provider interaction, increase in on-line or phone consultation.
Women’s competing demands and priorities make accessing healthcare difficult.

“I guess it’s not necessarily that women don’t think it’s important. It’s just it’s too much. It’s a hassle to figure out. You have to put too many things in place, and then, it’s kind of like you’re weighing the worth of it versus the cost of it. Is it worth it? Am I going to gain anything from putting everything else I have to do on hold to do it?” (New Orleans)

“Competing priorities get in the way of my ability to be healthy. Between work, childcare, and home duties--there is little time leftover for me to take care of myself. I worry about making sure that everyone else is well taken care of that I often leave myself out.” (Decatur, Georgia)
Women’s competing demands and priorities make accessing healthcare difficult.

Recommend City Health Departments to:

- Develop policy and educational materials focused on city-specific sick and personal leave policies.
- (As needed), create a city-wide task force to include key stakeholders to consider adoption of paid sick leave for both public and private employees.
Women weigh costs vs. benefits when deciding to access care.

“If it’s not part of your insurance and it’s gonna come out of your pocket and you’re not working it’s just like, forget it. I’m not even gonna go through with it. There’s certain things that came up as far as health issues where if insurance didn’t cover it, well okay, I’m just gonna leave it alone.” (Nashville)

“I don’t think that a lot of people think that it’s not important and brush it off. I think they think it’s important but it costs a lot and some people just try to avoid it because of the bills. So it’s not that they are just brushing it off. They just don’t want to pay or they can’t afford it.” (Detroit)
Women weigh costs vs. benefits when deciding to access care.

Recommend City Health Departments to:

- Partner with major health systems, FQHCs, and other key stakeholders to provide women and families with access to insurance navigators on a year round basis. Initiatives such as city-wide insurance navigation hotline and on-line insurance navigation support can help women understand insurance and network options.

- Develop a city fund to cover uninsured women and families and/or help women and families struggling with high deductibles for their privately obtained insurance.

- Partner with major health systems and FQHCs to sponsor “One Day” Medicaid/free care several times a year for all.
Relationships with providers are key to women’s decisions about accessing care.

“I think it would be helpful for all providers to get some kind of cultural competency training just to understand when you’re talking to someone, you should be able to read their body language and know if they are truly understanding what you’re talking about. They [patients] should be able to repeat it back to you. They [providers] should be able to break it down into layman’s terms. The doctor oftentimes talks over your head and if you’re not comfortable with asking questions or you have asked questions, which has happened to me a few times, and the doctor gets a little antsy like, ‘I don’t have time to answer your questions.’” (Jackson)

“I’ve found that the biggest barrier for accessing health care for me has been coming up against bias from providers. It’s rare, but sometimes I’ll walk away from an interaction with a doctor or mental health provider feeling that they weren’t really listening to me, and had decided when I walked in the door what my problems were rather than working with me to figure things out. I don’t feel listened to, and thus don’t necessarily trust that the doctor is doing what’s best for ME. It’s then really hard to challenge them, so I usually just end up switching providers.” (Boston)
Relationships with providers are key to women’s decisions about accessing care.

Recommend City Health Departments to:

- Explore approaches to the development of a women-centered, consumer-driven mechanism to enable reviews of providers (similar to YELP) and enable women to recommend women-friendly provider sites.

- Partner with major health systems to develop and offer training to increase the cultural competency/humility of the clinical workforce.

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- Explore approaches that enable women to have their health histories available on personal “apps” so that providers can readily access this information.
Health and insurance literacy empower women to advocate for themselves and others.

"I guess it’s all about the information... And so asking and calling to make sure you get information and knowing about the different services and what you want because it’s all about questions. If you call and ask, you’re going to get your services how you want them." (Boston)

"We have to speak up. We have to say something because I think the current stance of our healthcare is not acceptable for anyone... Helping the people who do write into laws what we have to pay at the end of the day understand this is not sustainable for any of us and it’s not keeping our society healthy... I think that we all live in certain confines of society and you know how the systems work. But you can still work around it. Because the political system, it’s not going away but, we can change the people who sit in those seats. And if they’re not taking care of us – one voice can’t but if there’s 100 of us – or 1,000 – that are like, ‘I’m tired of paying $100 for my insurance. How is that acceptable? And I’m not even getting proper healthcare with that.’" (Nashville)
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- Partner with health systems and other key stakeholders to support and develop health education campaigns, including the Show Your Love campaign, that focus on women's understanding of the importance of their own health and health care.

- Ensure the availability of a city-wide Women's Health Hotline as a go-to-resource for up-to-date information on changing health and health care recommendations and guidelines.

- Explore the development of a cadre of women's health peer advocates (volunteer or paid) who can be present at women's appointments and advertise availability through mobile technology.

- Provide resources and trainings for women and families focused on how to advocate for oneself/family with both providers and insurance companies.
Positive mental health is integral to being a “healthy” woman.

“As an African American woman I have encountered many traumatic experiences such as rape, physical abuse and verbal abuse. All of which have taken a toll on my mental health. I learned early in life that seeking psychological counseling is not accepted in the black community. But as I got older I realized how important it is to make sure my entire body is healthy including my mind and emotional state. So I sought out counseling over twenty years ago. Since then I have been able to learn how to cope with life struggles and recognize when I need help from a professional. I have even encouraged friends and family members to protect their mental health and seek counseling when needed.” (Oakland)

“I would say the biggest factor that affects my overall health is my mental health. After having my first child over 6 years ago, I have really struggled with depression and anxiety. I had severe postpartum depression and have continued to have depression and anxiety since then. When I am mentally well, it is easier to be physically well - I have the energy to cook, exercise, and care for myself. When I am not mentally well, I have a really hard time being physically well. I gain weight, I stay indoors, I sleep. All of my energy is used up simply trying to survive. Recently it has taken me 4 months just to call the doctor to get an appointment. It is one more thing and one more thing that gives me anxiety. I don’t know the solution. But I think a recognition that mental health is important to overall health is a starting point.” (Olympia, Washington)
Positive mental health is integral to being a “healthy” woman.

Recommend City Health Departments to:

- Work with community partners to ensure the availability of community-based resources for self-care and respite (e.g., yoga, mindfulness, stress reduction, exercise, drop-in centers, etc.).

- Support increased access to mental health care through initiatives such as psychiatric consultation line for primary care providers and telemedicine options for patients.
Healthy food, safe environments, and opportunities for physical activity are vital for women.

"In today's society it is challenging to be a woman and be healthy. To make ends meet in the high cost of living area of the SF Bay Area, I work full time for a local health department. Our work site is located in a high crime area, which makes it difficult to be outside during breaks, and impacts our stress level as we seek to avoid becoming a victim." (Oakland)

"The cost of healthcare and being healthy, in general, is a challenge, even as a middle class citizen...Let's not forget the crazy costs of healthy foods. Our frugal family manages to get most of the health foods we want/need, but we do so by shopping sales mainly. That's a tough one when Walmart is the only option for 10-15 miles. Otherwise, we're talking extra money for gas to grocery shop too." (Hiawatha, Kansas)
Healthy food, safe environments, and opportunities for physical activity are vital for women.

Recommend City Health Departments to:

- Work with community partners to ensure the availability of community-based resources for self-care and respite (e.g., yoga, mindfulness, stress reduction, exercise, drop-in centers, etc.).

- Explore “food prescription” approaches and/or community supported agriculture (CSA) programs through partnerships between local farms, providers and health departments to increase accessibility to fresh fruits and vegetables.

- Work with health systems, FQHCs and other stakeholders, to explore ways to improve women’s and families’ ability to apply for SNAP through their healthcare provider.

- Work with community partners to support the provision of community based programs focused on how to use and cook healthy foods (e.g., Cooking Matters).
Social support systems facilitate women’s willingness and ability to seek care.

"Overall, because of lack of knowledge and shame, I kept a lot of mental and physical health experiences to myself and when I did seek help, stigmatizing and culturally insensitive providers/workers made it even harder for me to reach out to these venues for health services. I am only now, through knowledge and support from friends, books, and organizations at school starting to take charge of my health and demand what I need unapologetically." (Chicago)

"Unfortunately we live in a time and place where many of us are separated by long distances from our family, and do not have a good support network to help raise our families and get through life. The lack of this type of support system that people have had in most generations before ours is a huge barrier to maintaining a healthy lifestyle.” (Anchorage, Alaska)
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- Work with health systems, FQHCs, and other stakeholders to increase “group” approaches to care for specific types of care (prenatal, family planning, diabetes, obesity, cardiovascular health etc.).
Lack of childcare and transportation are major impediments to accessing healthcare.

"Safe and reliable transportation is crucial to seeking care. Certain cities don’t have good transportation—this makes it extremely difficult." (Atlanta, Georgia)

"So I’ve skipped an appointment because I say how are they going to be examining me with two children there? I don’t have any place to leave them." (Oakland)
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Recommend City Health Departments to:

- Encourage large health systems and FQHC’s to explore partnerships with organizations such as Uber, Lyft to pick up patients and their families and transport them to and from their medical appointments.

- Work with Department of Transportation to explore and develop plans to provide women and child friendly public transportation including special seating that allows for the placement of car seats and strollers.

- Work with large health systems and FQHCs to encourage the provision of free parking vouchers or free or discounted bus/train cards to attend appointments.

- Work with large health systems and FQHCs to encourage them to provide play areas or supervised childcare facilities in health clinics/provider’s offices.
Fear is a pervasive component of many women’s healthcare experiences.

“I know some people who think that people will judge them, like if you go to the doctor it must be something wrong with you. So if you’re not going to the doctor you must be healthy. People think doctor treatment – you’re already sick.” (Detroit)

“ Especially if you’re not comfortable or your mother is in the room when you’re a teenager and you’re kinda afraid from that stage on in life. You kinda grow up like that, afraid to talk to your doctor, being afraid for confidentiality. Do I really tell her that I have a history of STIs or do I not share that information? Or I’ve had an abortion; do I tell my doctor this? Even though that’s an important part of education and knowing your body, you know, reproductive health.” (Jackson)
### City-Specific Themes

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Next Steps…

- **CityMatCH** and UIC-SPH will:
  - Talk with cities about recommendations and city-specific indicators
  - Develop city-specific Well-Woman Profiles/Infographics
  - Develop policy Briefs & Manuscripts
  - Present findings at national conferences
  - Develop Well-Woman Project Webinar
  - Develop Well-Woman E-Learning Module

- **Deliverables** will be disseminated to our partners, including the city health departments, Preconception Health and Health Care Initiative, and SACIM

- **Hope to seek funding to help cities implement recommendations**
Well-Woman Project Timeline

- **Fall 2015 – Spring 2016**
  - Implementation of the Listening Sessions & VOIP/Blog

- **Summer 2016 – Fall 2016**
  - Analysis of Collected Data

- **Fall 2016 – Winter 2016/2017**
  - Development of Project Deliverables

- **Winter 2017 – Spring 2017**
  - Dissemination of Project Deliverables
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Questions or Comments?
Catalyzing Change
December 13, 2016

Setting the Direction for 2017 & Beyond
Definition of Preconception

“A set of interventions that aim to identify and modify biomedical, behavioral, and social risks to a woman’s health or pregnancy outcome through prevention and management, emphasizing those factors which must be acted on before conception or early in pregnancy to have maximal impact.”
Vision

All women and men of reproductive age achieve optimal health and wellness, fostering a healthy life course for them and any children they may have.
Goals

- Create health equity and eliminate disparities
- Improve the knowledge, attitudes and behaviors of men and women related to preconception health
- Ensure that all women and men of reproductive age receive preconception care services that will enable them to achieve high levels of wellness, minimize risk and enter any pregnancy they might have in optimal health
- Reduce risks among women who had a prior adverse maternal, fetal or infant outcome through interventions during the postpartum and interconception period.
PCHHC Purpose

- Public-Private Partnership
- Foster connection & push momentum
- Multiply local impact through national collaborative efforts
- Support development of key PCC resources, science, policy, surveillance and messaging
Preconception Health - The Connector

- Links chronic disease and MCH
- Lifecourse & Social Determinants
- Links adolescent health to women’s wellness
- Creates a space for men
- Links family planning to MCH
- Creates an opportunity to model collaboration and collective impact!
We’ve been working for a while!
Key Growth Areas (NOLA - 11/14)

- Address the social determinants of health to create improved conditions for all men and women of reproductive age
- Expand social marketing and consumer engagement
- Focus on implementation of the ACA’s coverage of well-woman visits and clinical preventive services
- Improve clinical care support, provider and health system changes
- Increase the use of health information technology
- Expand measurement to increase accountability
- Develop more resources and partnerships
Major Directions 2015-16

- CDC Workgroup on PCC indicators
- Clinical preconception wellness metrics published
- Learning collaborative on integrating PCC into health systems
- Communications coordinator hired with marketing resources
- New website & interactive social media
- Partnered with 14 new agencies across the US to reach diverse consumers
- Increased voice in the media
Postpartum Think Tank Meeting, Themed Issue, New Research Studies, ACOG Guidelines

Formed the Policy Action Network

Published reproductive health and social justice movement paper to push the field on equity, life course and social determinants

Well Woman Story Research Project

International Meetings – Sweden & Cairo

Connecting, presenting, technical assistance – across a variety of groups
Considerations

- CDC Contract is in Place – core infrastructure to keep our heart beating (webinars, meeting coordination, conference call line, some staff hours)
- WK Kellogg Foundation grant – Funding our major initiatives and this meeting – ends April 2017
- Our group (collectively & as agencies) can do a lot with a little but we still need resources.
- Preconception remains a hard sell but we are making progress
- Many messages – need to teach & activate widely
Break Out Group Report In

- Major Findings / Lessons
- Top Level Next Steps
Cross Cutting Opportunity: The Well Woman Visit

- **Consumers**: Education about importance of visit, covered services and quality of care to be expected = activated clients
- **Providers**: Encourage use of One Key Question TM, establishment of preconception wellness measures, resources for practice integration
- **Policy**: Developing measures and metrics to hold providers and health systems accountable for delivering care
- **Population**: Benchmarking and monitoring to assess national improvements in health and birth outcomes over time.
- **Public Health**: Resource alignment - one of two maternal health National Performance Measures for Title V Block Grant
Importance of the well woman visit

- Aligns with Healthy People 2020 objectives:
  - Increase the proportion of persons who receive appropriate clinical preventive services
  - Increase the percentage of women delivering a live birth who discussed preconception health with a health care worker prior to pregnancy
- Opportunity for the provision of preventive services that can improve women’s health immediately and long-term
- Women, ages 18-44, in the US have unmet health needs
  - Recent MMWR CDC report on [Core State Preconception Health Indicators](https://www.cdc.gov) highlights many opportunities that exist for improving women’s wellness
Preconception Wellness measures

- [http://journals.lww.com/greenjournal/Citation/2016/05000/Health_Care_System_Measures_to_Advance.8.aspx](http://journals.lww.com/greenjournal/Citation/2016/05000/Health_Care_System_Measures_to_Advance.8.aspx)

- Paper includes a table describing each measure, its intent, reported data, target and clinical quality measure crosswalk

- Measures are reported at the first prenatal assessment as a surrogate for preconception wellness and an indicator for receipt of preconception care
A 'Well Visit' is an annual appointment with a health provider to check on a person's physical and mental wellbeing and to prevent future health problems. Your insurer will likely call these “preventative visits”.

www.ShowYourLoveToday.com
Released: June 2016
Consumer engagement strategies

- Implement awareness campaigns to educate women on the importance/content of the visit – create demand

- Promote patient/woman driven risk assessments, such as the [Show Your Love checklist](#). Sign up for the PCHHC newsletter for alerts as to newly released tools and products text PCHHC to 22828
Consumer engagement strategies

- Promote and provide women’s health resources, including information about well woman care in “non-traditional” places where women receive services
  - Pediatrics, daycares, early intervention programs, WIC, home visiting programs, community centers, food pantries, social services, businesses, etc.
- Conduct focus groups and listening circles with women who are least likely to access care and learn about their needs
Core Considerations

- **Access to Care / Receipt of Services**
  - Insurance, hours, location, covered care
  - Preventive services without co-pay

- **Quality/Content of the Services**
  - Needs to be woman-centered

- **Connection of Clinic Visit to Community & Other Services**
  - Health is only 10-20% determined by clinical care
Title V

National Performance Measure
Strategies
Explore the Title V Federal-State Partnership

As one of the largest Federal block grant programs, Title V is a key source of support for promoting and improving the health of the Nation’s mothers and children. The purpose of the Title V Maternal and Child Health Services Block Grant Program is to create Federal/State partnerships that enable each state/jurisdiction (hereafter referred to as state) to address the health services needs of its mothers, infants and children, which includes children with special health care needs, and their families.

National Data
FY 2015 Expenditures: $4,188,875,668 | FY 2015 Populations Served: 57,064,187

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FY 2015 Population Reach
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NPM 1: Percent of women with a past year preventive medical visit
Baseline Indicators – National

66.0
65.2
65.6
64.0
65.4
66.4

2009 2010 2011 2012 2013 2014

Percent

National - Behavioral Risk Factor Surveillance System
Title V Strategies (all on web now)

- Develop a paper system or EHR reminder alert to inform patients of their needed annual visit
- Develop promotional and educational tools and materials: use social media platforms including Facebook, Twitter and Pinterest and traditional media outlets
- Distribute preconception/interconception health materials at community events: farmers markets, beauty and nail salons, community baby showers and school open houses
Title V Strategies

- Work with Medicaid to improve the process of auto-enrollment into additional coverage or programs after Medicaid coverage expires postpartum.

- Provide a webinar for providers on the importance of annual preventive health visits and how to leverage missed opportunities using the following strategies: (1) provide preventive health visit during sick visit and detail how to properly code visit for proper reimbursement; (2) schedule preventive health visit during sick visit; (3) encourage evening and weekend appointments for preventive care in addition to acute care (which is often available).
And More!

☐ Work with children’s scheduled well-visits to check on the health of women

☐ Analyze data to understand the trends for women's preventive visit utilization; create hot spot map and conduct outreach and enrollment based on map, review enrollment progress

☐ Check out https://mchb.tvisdata.hrsa.gov/ - look under priorities and you can see each state’s proposed actions
Insurance coverage and utilization

www.hhs.gov/healthcare/coverage-to-care
Insurance coverage & utilization

http://www.raisingwomensvoices.net/
Women’s Preventive Services Guidelines

Affordable Care Act Expands Prevention Coverage for Women’s Health and Well-Being

The Affordable Care Act – the health insurance reform legislation passed by Congress and signed into law by President Obama on March 23, 2010 – helps make prevention affordable and accessible for all Americans by requiring health plans to cover preventive services and by eliminating cost sharing for those services. Preventive services that have strong scientific evidence of their health benefits must be covered and plans can no longer charge a patient a copayment, coinsurance or deductible for these services when they are delivered by a network provider.

Women’s Preventive Services Guidelines Supported by the Health Resources and Services Administration

Under the Affordable Care Act, women’s preventive health care – such as mammograms, screenings for cervical cancer, prenatal care, and other services – generally must be covered with no cost sharing. However, the law recognizes that HRSA understands the need to take into account the unique health needs of women throughout their lifespan.
Womenshealth.gov

Be your healthiest you!

Pledge to take at least one step for better health.

Steps for better health by age

Whether you’re in your 20s or your 90s, we’ve got you covered. Choose your decade below to find out what steps you can take for good health.

Select your age group

- 20s
- 30s
- 40s
Collaborative efforts with an alignment of health care organizations invested in women’s health, reproductive health strategies and maternal care

Health Resources and Services Administration – convener, conscious, mortar
Who Can List All the Initiatives?

AIM
ACOG Guidelines – Postpartum, Interconception
Defining the content of the well woman visit
WPSI will update the 2011 Clinical Preventive Services for Women guidelines by closely following the IOM recommended process for developing trustworthy guidelines, establishing a coalition of national professional organization involved in women’s preventive health services, and building consensus among relevant stakeholders in delivery and promotion of women’s health care.
Well Woman Health Care!

- To form a consensus about well woman visits
- It may be a Family Physician, a Nurse Practitioner, an Internist, a Midwife, an Obstetrician Gynecologist or a Physicians Assistant who provides well woman care
- Can WE, the organizations representing diverse providers, agree to the elements of well woman visits, so that regardless of who a woman sees, she can be assured we DID WHAT IS RIGHT, what is needed to optimize her health...
The Intent

Health plans must cover preventive services by eliminating cost sharing for those services.

Preventive services that have strong scientific evidence of their health benefits must be covered and plans can no longer charge a patient a copayment, coinsurance or deductible for these services when they are delivered by a network provider.
WPSI: 2016-2021

- SYNTHESIZE existing evidence
- DEVELOP recommendations on additional services
- DISSEMINATE and PROMOTE these recommendations
Advisory Panel

- American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists
- American College of Physicians
- American Academy of Family Physicians
- National Association of Nurse Practitioners in Women’s Health
Multidisciplinary Steering Committee
Membership includes representatives from:

- Academy of Women’s Health
- American Academy of Family Physicians
- American Academy of Pediatrics
- American Academy of Physician Assistants
- American Cancer Society
- American College of Nurse-Midwives
- American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists
- American College of Physicians
- American College of Preventive Medicine
- American College of Radiology
- American Geriatrics Society
- American Osteopathic Association
- American Psychiatric Association
- Association of Maternal and Child Health Programs
- Association of Reproductive Health Professionals
- Association of Women’s Health, Obstetric and Neonatal Nurses
- National Comprehensive Cancer Network
- National Medical Association
- National Partnership for Women and Families
- National Association of Nurse Practitioners in Women’s Health
- National Women’s Law Center
- Patient Representative
Multidisciplinary Steering Committee

- Coalition of national level provider organizations, public health professionals, consumer organizations, patients and other stakeholders
- Methodologists, content experts, and providers with expertise across a woman’s lifespan—adolescent, early, middle and late adulthood, including reproductive health and pregnancy
- Year 1 update 8 recommendations for women’s preventive services from 2011 IOM “Closing the Gaps” report.
- Years 2-5 years identify gaps in care that need additional or clarifying recommendations
Aim #1

Establish a process for developing and regularly recommending updates to the guidelines for women’s preventive service

Adherence to IOM Standards for Developing Trustworthy Guidelines.
Aim #2

Obtain participation from health professional organizations on developing recommended guidelines for women’s preventive services

- Convene and coordinate Advisory Panel and Multidisciplinary Steering Committee to develop recommendations

- Panel and Committee comprised of health professional organizations with expertise in adult women’s health, public health professionals, patients, consumer organizations, and other stakeholders
Aim #3

Review and synthesize existing guidelines and new scientific evidence for women’s preventive services

- Breast Cancer Screening for Average Risk Women
- Breastfeeding Services and Supplies
- Contraception and Contraceptive Counseling
- Counseling for Sexually Transmitted Infections (STIs)
- Screening for Cervical Cancer
- Screening for Gestational Diabetes Mellitus
- Screening for Human Immunodeficiency Virus (HIV)
- Screening for Interpersonal and Domestic Violence
- Well-Woman Preventive Visits
Aim #4

Develop recommended guidelines for women’s preventive services

Consensus

- MSC subcommittee summarizes evidence with standardize tool, develops recommendation
- Evidence and recommendation presented to full MSC
- Full MSC votes with 75% needed to reach consensus
- If less than 75%, re-vote or return to subcommittee
New Topic Selection

- Consider associated morbidity and mortality
- Impact on women’s overall wellness
- Availability of quality evidence
- Conditions specific to women, more common or serious in women, or have different outcomes or treatments in women
- Avoid duplication with USPSTF, Bright Futures, ACIP recommendations
- IOM identified potential topics for future guidelines
Aim #5

Disseminate HRSA-supported women’s preventive services guidelines for use in clinical practice

**Coordinated, consistent messaging**
- For both providers and patients

**Implementation Steering Committee**
- Organizations already active in consumer awareness, and Federal agencies to spearhead implementation and dissemination

**Multidisciplinary Steering Committee**
- Outreach to provider organizations through MSC members, with links to patients, educators, policy makers, and payers

**Web Presence**
- Interactive website as cornerstone. AAP Bright Futures website as model. Clinical Practice, Patient Education and Materials and Tools as core features
PRECONCEPTION HEALTH

- Is already a covered benefit
- Falls immediately into the Implementation Plan
- How to cross all guidelines, implement across all providers AND engage the public in their personal health promotion?
- How do we build on our accomplishments?
Table Discussion

Given all the energy & work on the well woman visit, what is our role? How should we engage? Should we engage? Where are we needed in this work?

Be real and concrete
Brain Kickstarters

- Research – Build the evidence for what works
- Voice – Bring attention to the issue. Shift people’s perceptions. Create new sound bytes and framing.
- Surveillance – Watch, Report, Adjust
- Connectors
- Emerging Issues
- Holding the Torch
- Hitching a ride
BIG QUESTIONS

Where is the gap? The need?
Where is there a space that we can fill?
Tomorrow

- Our own version of “Cup of Joe” starts at 8am
- Focus on specific areas of our work that need strategic ideas
- Setting the Course for 2017
- Flip Charts of Ideas – Open for Business All AM
  - TEDxUNC voting
  - Partners
  - Funders
GO CONNECT, EAT & BE MERRY!

See you at 8AM for Breakfast!

Take Pictures!