
June PE 46 Webinar



Working within Faith Communities

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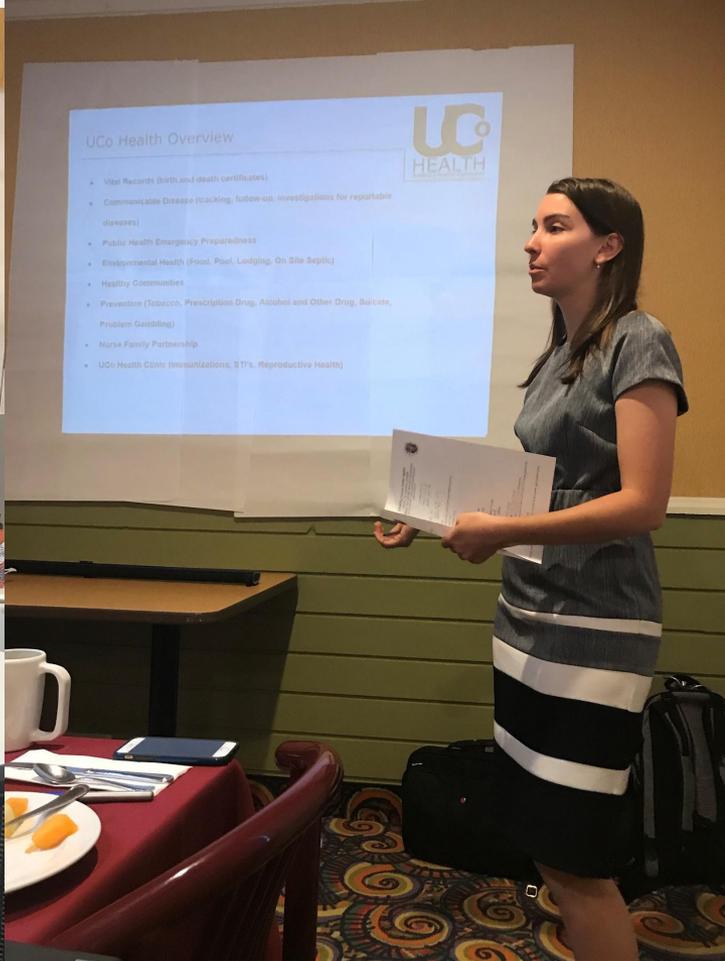
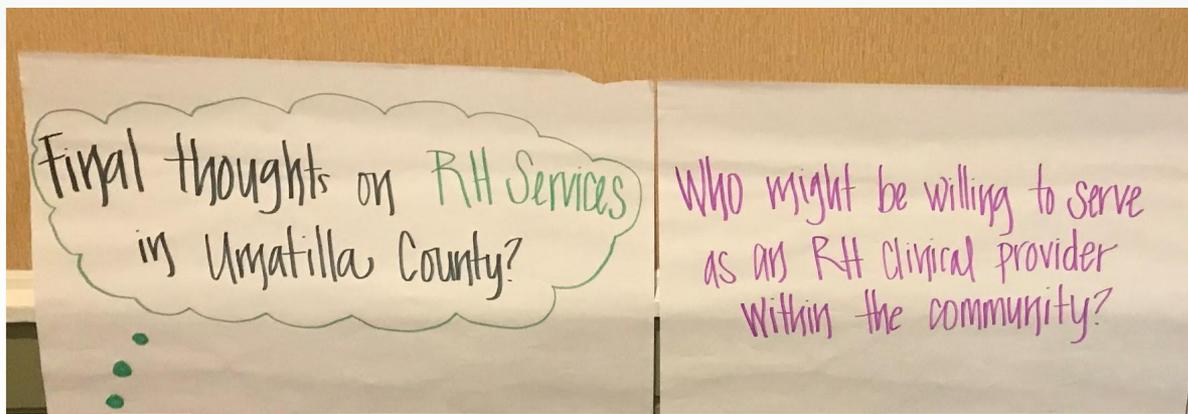
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Umatilla County's Reproductive Health Forum's

Forums held in Pendleton and Hermiston.

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Fiscal Updates



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Fiscal Year20 PE 46 Updates

Contract Period (July 1, 2019 through June 30, 2020)

- Initial Award is 9 Months: July 1, 2019 to March 31, 2020.
 - Make sure this award is fully spent by 3/31/2020
- Due to Title X grant budget period, Award will happen in two stages.
 - **Stage one** is July 1, 2019 through March 31, 2020.
 - **Stage two** is April 1, 2020 through June 30, 2020. An Amendment will go out to all the counties for stage two.

Questions

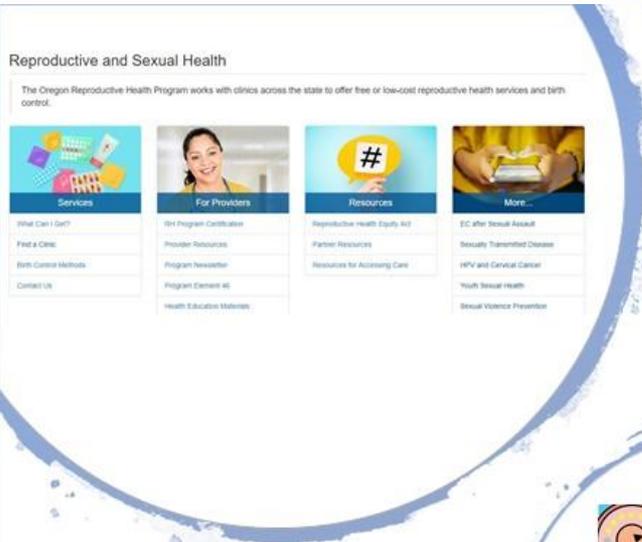


Technical Assistance Calls Available

- Available for TA Calls: Email to schedule a time!!!



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Dolly's Community Engagement Moment



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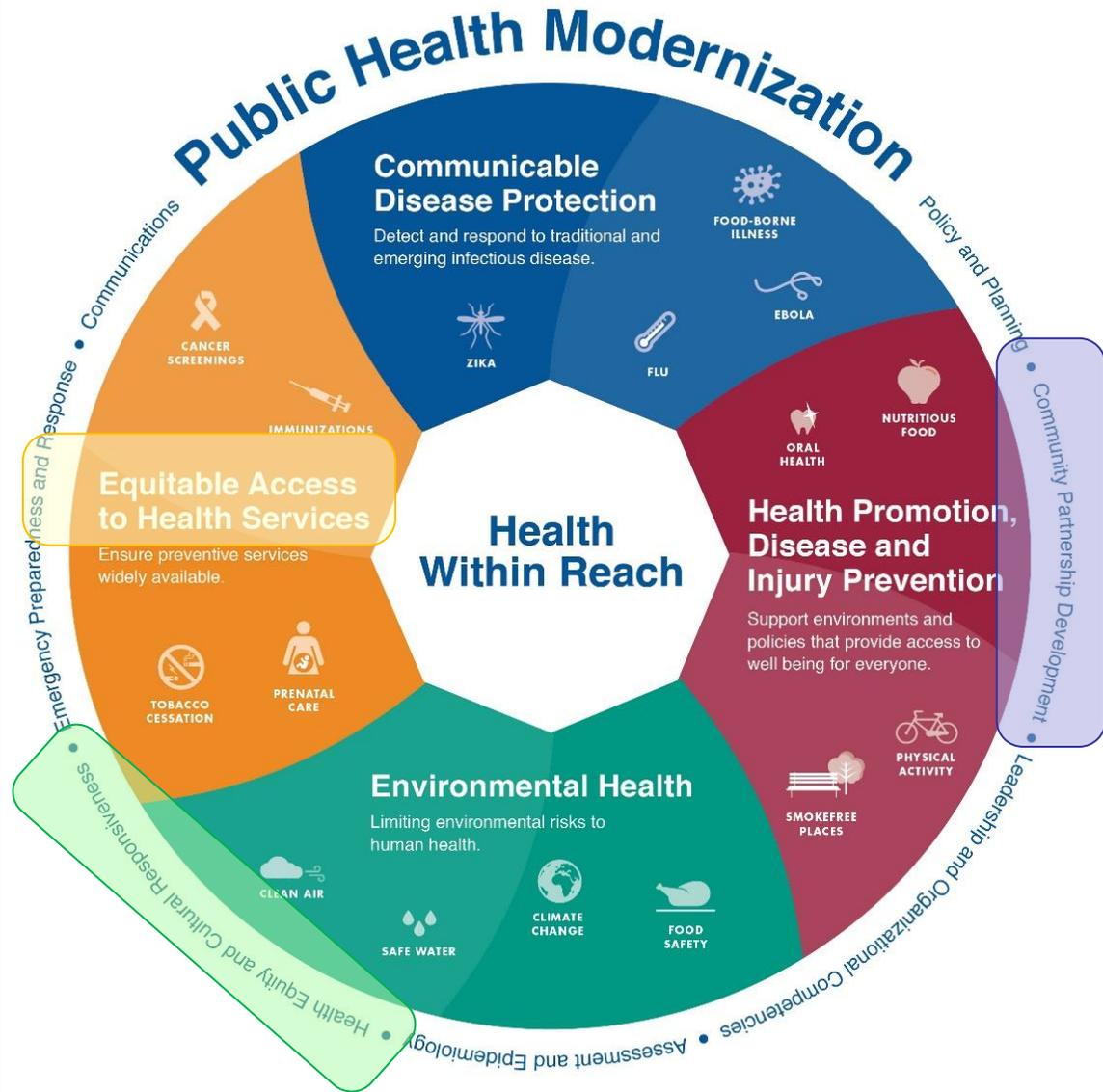
Worship in Pink



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Addresses Public Health Modernization

- Equitable Access to Health Services
- Community Partnership Development
- Health Equity and Cultural Responsiveness



Rev. Kentina Washington- Leapheart



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What is Reproductive Justice?

Reproductive Justice is defined as:

- The right to maintain bodily autonomy
- The right to have children
- The right to not have children
- The right to parent the children we have in safe and equitable communities

RJ is at its core a human rights framework, based on the UN *Universal Declaration of Human Rights*.



Herstory of RJ

- The term Reproductive Justice was coined in 1994 by 12 Black women who were gathered in Chicago preparing to attend the International Conference on Population and Development.
- The women who were gathered – activists, educators, clergy, etc – were concerned that the conversations up to that point around women’s rights were excluding the lived experiences of Black women and non-Black POC and other marginalized communities
- In 1997, SisterSong was formed to create a national, multi-ethnic RJ movement.



Why RJ?

- RJ is about much more than abortion access and choice
- Women are not single-issue people leading single-issue lives
- Power systems are always at play (race, gender, class, etc.)



How can faith communities integrate the RJ model into the life of the congregation?

- Break the silence!
- Don't be afraid to engage sacred texts
- Recognize the wealth of knowledge and life experiences present in the congregation
- Ask people for what they need
- Interrogate fears and theological struggles (for clergy)



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Engagement of Faith & Spiritual Based Communities



- Most faith communities draw from holy books and source documents regarding health, healing, and wholeness
- Most faith communities have stated commitments and ministries regarding health and well-being, especially about reproductive health and rights, and aged related education from their

- International
- National
 - regional
 - State
 - Local

“To talk about these issues openly and honestly—that is life-affirming, God-affirming, and human-dignity-affirming. And that is the heart of what all religion is about.”

– Rabbi Jessica Kirschner

Engagement of Faith & Spiritual Based Communities



- Local congregations or practicing communities may have parish nurses or a health ministry committee
- Local congregations or practicing communities have medical and health professionals in the pews, membership, or leadership
- Local congregations or practicing communities have ministries for and by women, youth, men
- Multicultural, race and ethnic specific, immigrant and refugee congregations and practicing communities may know that their women (youth and men) are more at risk not having full access to comprehensive health services

Pathways to Engagement



- Health care providers in the faith and practicing communities
- People in the pulpit – Clergy and Lay leaders
- People in the pews- Elder adults, women, men, young adults, youth
- Link engagement to a liturgical phase or Holy Days or Observances – may be Advent or Lent, or Health Sunday
- Invite Health providers on Health Sunday to speak from the pulpit, or have a congregational presentation
- Invite pastors and congregational leaders to be part of public health policy discussions, share wisdom, cultural perspectives
- Bridge with community groups like Momentum Alliance for youth (Portland)

Caring Considerations for Engagement



Discussion starters – Creating a safe space with agreements for confidentiality, trust, empathy, sharing space and time, etc.

Discussion starters – Guided session with a ritual start, middle, ritual end

Discussion Starters – Sharing stories, music, art, etc.

Discussion starters – One Key Question

Discussion resources – Provide multicultural or culture-specific, faith based, health and science, informational and educational resources

BRAVE Video



Questions?



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