

DISTRICT PRIORITIES FOR CHANGE

Public Health Solutions District Health Department Needs and Priorities Identified through the Maternal and Child Health Strategic Plan 2005

Strategic System Needs

1. There is a need for more community education regarding the importance of maternal and child health, particular aspects of maternal and child health, and the times and locations of where services and supplies are available.
2. There is a need for more case management in relation to maternal and child health.
3. There is a need for more health care providers (including dentists), available to women and children. This is a particular problem for low income women and children.
4. There is a need for means to handle a rapidly-increasing Spanish-speaking population.

Priorities for System Change

1. Establish a District-Wide Information and Referral Data Base and System
2. Develop means to encourage and support breastfeeding
3. Establish ways to improve communication among service providers
4. Encourage and implement actions to decrease teen pregnancy
5. Enhance and support cultural competence within the community

Strategic System Priorities Reported as Previously Addressed, PHSDHD Maternal and Child Health Strategic Plan 2005

The following were addressed through a Maternal and Child Health Grants from the State. This involved a Women's Health Steering Committee that met regularly to identify priorities for health education directed towards women in the workplace. Workplaces were identified for regular contact along with media outlets. Based upon the Committee selections, health education and information materials on selected topics were produced for distribution through the worksites and the media. The distribution of materials and the conduct of programs were done in a coordinated manner to increase the impact of the messages and material. The activities were concluded when the funding solicited for the activity was expended.

1. *Promote healthy lifestyles for women through the workplace focusing on the identified top three health objectives.*
2. *Develop a system for coordinating and communicating provider resources in the District*
3. *Establish a Women's Health Steering Committee for ongoing coordination efforts and to develop future goals and objectives for the maternal child health and women's health of the District.*