

Building Strong Networks for Refugee Health Promotion

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History

- 2014: Convened planning group
 - PDPH Library Refugee Planning Group
- November 2014: 1st Annual Refugee and Immigrant Health Seminar
- 2015 and Beyond: Regular planning group meetings
 - Quarterly Health 101 workshops
 - Finding ways to engage attendees between events



Planning Group

- Mission: To bring quality health information and resources to individuals and organizations who serve refugee and immigrant communities.
- Representatives from:
 - PDPH (Immunizations, Hepatitis, TB, Acute Communicable Diseases, BT-PHP)
 - NSC, HIAS
 - AFAHO
 - PHMC
 - Philadelphia Refugee Mental Health Collaborative
 - Philadelphia Office of Immigrant Affairs
 - Department of Behavioral Health and Intellectual disAbility Services



Health 101 for Refugee and Immigrant Communities

- 2015: 2 hours, monthly(ish)
 - January: Hepatitis
 - February: STDs
 - March: Immunizations
 - April: Food Safety and Nutrition
 - June: TB
 - September: Disaster Mental Health
- 2016: 3 hours, Quarterly
 - March: Diabetes and Heart Disease
 - June: Dental and Eye Care
 - September: Mental Health

Refugee and Immigrant Health Seminars

- November 7, 2014: Stop the Spread! Infectious Diseases, Bedbugs, and Fire: A Public Health Preparedness Seminar for Libraries and Refugee Agencies
 - Presentations: Ebola Update, TB Control, Bedbug Control, Fire Safety, Expert panel including Hepatitis, Immunization, STD
- November 4, 2015: Road Map to Health: Navigating the Healthcare Landscape
 - Presentations: Refugee Mental Health Collaborative, Language Access, ACA and Health Choices, Patient Advocacy
- November 1, 2016: Women's Health
 - Proposed presentations: Zika update, Chronic Diseases, Maternal and Child Health, Self-Care for Care Givers

Other Outreach Strategies

- Ongoing health information
 - PDPH Whole Community Blog
(pdphwholecommunityblog.wordpress.com)
 - Advertise events, highlight community resources and health multilingual health information
 - Emails to past attendees and contacts with useful community resources and health information
 - Ex: Community resources for free meals, Information on staying safe during an extreme heat warning

Outcomes

- Increased self-reported knowledge of presented health topic
 - Avg. pre-presentation knowledge: 2.58 on a 5 point scale
 - Avg. post-presentation knowledge: 3.98
 - Avg. increase: 1.4 points
- Increased self-reported confidence in sharing presented health information with clients and friends
 - Avg. pre-presentation confidence: 2.83
 - Avg. post-presentation confidence: 3.99
 - Avg. increase: 1.17 points

Outcomes-Expanding Network

- Increased attendance
 - 2015: Widely variable attendance
 - Lowest: STDs at 3
 - Highest: Disaster Mental Health at 46
 - Other 4 had an avg. attendance of 11
 - 2016: Workshop attendance stabilizing
 - Diabetes and Heart Disease-26 attendees, Dental and Eye Care-18 attendees, Mental Health-53 attendees
- Increased representation from different organizations
 - 2015: Attendees mainly represented organizations on the planning group
 - 2016: Attendees represent organizations serving geographically and demographically diverse communities



Questions?

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