

Health Education Unit

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Outreach & Education

Toll-Free STD Hotline 1-800-758-0880 The HEU's STD Hotline is an automated system that operates 24 hours per day, 7 days a week. Recorded information is available on STDs and other related topics in both English and Spanish. Callers can request free condoms by mail or get information on clinics that offer free or low-cost STD and HIV tests. Trained health educators are also available to answer caller questions 9am—5pm, Monday through Friday.

STD Educational Materials The HEU offers free bilingual STD brochures and other educational materials to community organizations and health clinics, and for distribution at presentations and outreach events. Order forms and brochure samples are available online at www.lapublichealth.org/std. For more information, please contact Sally Villanueva at (213) 744-5238.

STD Audio-Visual Resources All of our STD curricula, publications, and photos are available on CD or via email for your presentation and educational needs. Contact Philip Phan at (213) 744-5952 for more information.

Condoms The Health Education Unit distributes over one million condoms each year free of charge to non-profit, community-based organizations. Limited quantities are available to agencies serving individuals at high risk for STDs and HIV. Please contact Philip Phan at (213) 744-5952 for more information.*

"The mission of the Health Education Unit is to increase the capacity of individuals, organizations and the community to prevent STDs, limit adverse physical and psychosocial consequences of STDs, and promote sexual health."

Community Resources

Staff Trainings STD workshops and other specialized trainings (listed on the reverse side of this sheet) are available year-round at the STD Program office. Please contact Ana Delia Hernandez at (213) 744-3057.

STD Presentations* STD presentations provided by HEU staff are available to students, clients, patients, teachers and other community members in English and Spanish. Presentations cover basic STD information and can be tailored to meet audience needs. To schedule a presenter, download the presentation request form from our website at www.lapublichealth.org/std. For more information, contact Philip Phan at (213) 744-5952.

Health Fairs and Outreach Events* Staff are available to attend community fairs and other outreach events. Staff can answer STD questions, distribute condoms and educational materials, and play interactive games with booth visitors.

Contact Philip Phan at (213) 744-5952 for more information.

Continuing Medical Education (CME) STD-related CME in-services are offered nine months per year for STD clinical staff, health educators, social workers, public health investigators, and other providers of STD services. Three CME credits are offered for each class, usually held on the 3rd Friday of the month. For more information, please visit www.lapublichealth.org/std or call Ana Delia Hernandez at (213) 744-3057.

**Limited availability, based on funding and staff.*

Internship Opportunities

Opportunities are available for students and volunteers who want to learn more about STDs, gain experience in program development, and assist the unit with its goals. For more information, please contact Jane Steinberg at (213) 744-3086.

Other STD Program Services

Los Angeles County STD Clinics: Free and confidential STD diagnosis and treatment are provided at all twelve County STD clinics. Visit www.lapublichealth.org/std or call the STD Hotline at (800) 758-0880 for clinic locations and hours.

STD Statistics: STD morbidity data for Los Angeles County is available from the Epidemiology Division. Call (213) 744-3120 or access reports at www.lapublichealth.org/std/reports.

Assistance for Providers: The Nursing Division provides medical consultation and in-services to clinicians and other health care providers in the public and private sectors on the diagnosis, treatment, follow-up and referral of patients with STDs. Call (213) 744-3106.

STD/HIV Partner Services: The Field Services Unit provides Partner Counseling and Referral Services, which ensures confidential notification, appropriate medical attention, and appropriate referrals for STD/HIV positive individuals and assistance with partner notification. Please call (213) 744-5915 for more information.

School Support: Materials, workshops, and support services to schools and other youth-serving agencies are available. Call Harlan Rotblatt at (213) 744-5903 for assistance.

Youth & Schools

Resources, curriculum and related technical assistance are available for teachers and other school staff on providing STD information to students and helping young people reduce risky behaviors. Staff can also work with schools to provide on-site STD screening for students. For more information, please call (213) 744-5949.

STD Program Health Education Unit Workshops for 2010

The STD Program Health Education Unit provides a variety of workshops and trainings designed to meet the needs of HIV test counselors, health educators, program directors, case managers, teachers, and other health professionals.

STD 101 This workshop has been redesigned to include an overview of the most common STDs, client-centered risk reduction counseling, and sensitivity toward the unique issues of the STD client. This workshop is a basic level training for agency staff with little to no prior knowledge of STDs, and is recommended as a prerequisite for all workshops listed below (8 hours).

Herpes and Warts This workshop provides an in-depth look at the two most prevalent viral STDs. The focus is not only on transmission, symptoms, diagnosis, and treatment, but the psychosocial aspects of managing these diseases (3 hours).

The schedule/registration form is available on the web at www.ph.lacounty.gov/std

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