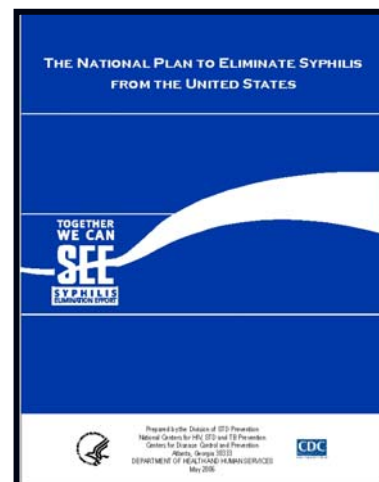




June 23, 2006

Dear Syphilis Elimination Coordinators:

On May 8, 2006 the updated **National Plan to Eliminate Syphilis from the United States: Together We Can SEE** was successfully launched at the 2006 National STD Conference in Jacksonville, Florida. The launch session entitled, *Syphilis Elimination 2006: Where Have We Come and Where Are We Going*, included a history of syphilis prevention and control efforts, an overview of the updated plan, a state health department perspective on the updated plan, and a discussion of the public health implications of the current syphilis elimination effort. An audio recording of the presentation with PowerPoint slides is available via the national STD conference website www.cdc.gov/stdconference. CDC's updated plan is designed to sustain syphilis elimination efforts in populations traditionally at risk, while implementing innovative interventions to control the resurgence of syphilis among men who have sex with men. The updated plan and the Syphilis Elimination Technical Appendix are being printed and will be distributed to all STD project areas; and both documents are currently available at www.cdc.gov/stopsyphilis/plan.



Progress to Date

There have been important accomplishments in Syphilis Elimination since the 1999 national plan was launched, including reductions in disease in key groups, expanded access to quality STD treatment and care, improved public health partnerships with communities, and increased awareness about and knowledge of syphilis. Syphilis Elimination continues to figure prominently in CDC's agency-wide goals related to *Health Promotion* and *Preparedness*, and the effort demonstrates the long-standing commitment to the Division of STD Prevention's goals of preventing adverse outcomes of pregnancy and preventing HIV transmission.

The Syphilis Elimination Effort Expert Group (the SEE-E Group)

CDC is moving rapidly with its partners to implement the updated national plan to eliminate syphilis, and one example is the launching of the SEE-E Group "webinar" series on April 13, 2006. Limited to 8 local areas with the highest burden of syphilis, the SEE-E Group is designed to facilitate peer-to-peer sharing of effective interventions and valuable lessons learned. SEE-E Group participants include STD Program Directors and Syphilis Elimination Coordinators from each of the designated areas, CDC Program Consultants, the Syphilis Elimination Program Coordinator, and is chaired by Thomas A. Peterman, MD, MSc. The "webinars" are conducted monthly, last 1 hour, and follow a structured agenda focusing on a predetermined syphilis elimination topic. The current list of upcoming topics includes: effective partner notification, using the Internet, outreach screening, and health care provider outreach. Notes from the meetings and recorded sessions can be made available upon request.

Technical Assistance and Training Opportunities

The Division of STD Prevention recently announced the 2006-2011 STD/HIV Prevention Training Centers (PTCs). The PTCs provide training in: clinical and laboratory services, behavioral interventions, and partner services. A complete list of the newly funded PTC sites and the respective course content areas is included in Appendix 1. In addition to the PTC training, some STD professionals may want to avail themselves of other STD intervention courses offered by the Division of STD Prevention Program Development and Support Branch Health Professional Training and Education Unit. These courses are primarily designed for Disease Intervention Specialist staff and their supervisors. A complete list of courses, course descriptions, and training sites is

included in Appendix 2. Also the Division of STD Prevention, through the Health Services Research and Evaluation Branch, offers a training workshop entitled, *Practical Evaluation of STD-Related Efforts*. This 2-day program evaluation workshop is designed to complement the evaluation training that was offered at the 2006 National STD Conference in Jacksonville, Florida. Concepts such as: data collection sources and data collection methods, evaluation plan components, data analyses, interpretation and dissemination, as well as how to use evaluation results are discussed. For more information about this important training opportunity, please see Appendix 3.

Remember to Visit the Syphilis Elimination Website! (www.cdc.gov/stopsyphilis).

Recently posted items include:

- The updated **Together We Can SEE: The National Plan to Eliminate Syphilis from the United States**
- **The Syphilis Elimination Technical Appendix**; and
- The MMWR article, **“Primary and Secondary Syphilis—United States, 2003-2004.”**

Also Recently in Print

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. *Primary and Secondary Syphilis—United States, 2003-2004*. MMWR 2006;55: 269-272.

Condom use with steady and casual partners in inner city African American communities N Chatterjee, GMM Hosain, S Williams, in *Sex Transm Infections* 2006; 82:238-242.

Next Steps

The summer will be productive time for the SEE Coordinating Team. Currently the SEE IMG is involved in setting SEE priority activities for the next year. Should you have any further questions or suggestions we are eager to hear from you. Please contact Jo Valentine directly at (404) 639-8366 or via electronic mail at jvalentine@cdc.gov.

The CDC Syphilis Elimination Effort Coordinating Team



News Notes

Benzathine Penicillin Availability Update 4/11/06

According to King Pharmaceuticals, they are on course with their plans for their new facility which will allow them to manufacture Bicillin-LA at full capacity. We continue to hear about isolated situations where program areas are experiencing delays in receiving supplies of benzathine penicillin. However, each situation that has been brought to our attention has been resolved by following the guidance outlined in the Dear Colleague Letter dated August 22, 2005, <http://www.cdc.gov/std/Syphilis/BicillinLA8-22-05.pdf>. Please note the contact information for King Pharmaceuticals was updated in the letter on February 3, 2006. Mr. Joel Newton is the contact person and he can be reached at 423-990-8373. We encourage program areas to share this information with health care facilities in their areas that provide STD services. Program areas should remain vigilant in monitoring their Bicillin-LA supplies and placing orders in advance to allow for any delays. As a reminder, program areas should be particularly careful to ensure that they receive the proper formulation of benzathine penicillin used to treat syphilis which is Bicillin-LA and **NOT** Bicillin-CR. For program areas that participate in the 340B public health pricing program, the public health price for the second quarter of 2006 is \$118.01 for 10 syringes of 2.4mu Bicillin-LA and \$60.36 for 10 syringes of 1.2mu Bicillin-LA.

Discontinuation of Spectinomycin

An MMWR Notice to the Reader was published April 7, 2006 announcing the discontinuation of Spectinomycin *Morbidity and Mortality Weekly Report*. Please visit <http://www.cdc.gov/mmwr/preview/mmwrhtml/mm5513a5.htm> for more information.

Appendix 1

**The Division of STD Prevention 2006-2011 STD/HIV
Prevention Training Centers**Clinical and Laboratory Training:

- Baltimore PTC – Serving Delaware, District of Columbia, Maryland, Pennsylvania, Virginia, and West Virginia
- Birmingham PTC – Serving Alabama, Arkansas, Kentucky, Louisiana, North Carolina, Oklahoma, and South Carolina
- California PTC – Serving American Samoa, Arizona, California, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, Federated States of Micronesia, Guam, Hawaii, Nevada, Republic of the Marshall Islands, and Republic of Palau
- Cincinnati PTC – Serving Illinois, Indiana, Michigan, Minnesota, Ohio, and Wisconsin
- Denver PTC – Serving Colorado, Montana, North Dakota, South Dakota, Utah, and Wyoming
- Florida PTC – Serving Florida, Georgia, Mississippi, New Mexico, Tennessee, and Texas
- New York (NYC) PTC – Serving New Jersey, New York, Puerto Rico, and U.S. Virgin Islands
- PTC of New England – Serving Connecticut, Maine, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, Rhode Island, and Vermont
- St. Louis PTC – Serving Iowa, Kansas, Missouri, and Nebraska
- Seattle PTC – Serving Alaska, Idaho, Oregon, and Washington

Behavioral Interventions Training:

- California PTC – Serving Alaska, American Samoa, Arizona, California, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, Federated States of Micronesia, Guam, Hawaii, Idaho, Nevada, Oregon, Republic of the Marshall Islands, Republic of Palau, and Washington
- Denver PTC – Serving Colorado, Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Kansas, Michigan, Minnesota, Missouri, Montana, Nebraska, North Dakota, Ohio, South Dakota, Utah, Wisconsin, and Wyoming
- New York (Rochester) PTC – Serving Connecticut, Delaware, District of Columbia, Maine, Maryland, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New York, Pennsylvania, Puerto Rico, Rhode Island, U.S. Virgin Islands, Vermont, Virginia, and West Virginia
- Texas (UT-Southwestern) PTC - Serving Alabama, Arkansas, Florida, Georgia, Kentucky, Louisiana, Mississippi, New Mexico, North Carolina, Oklahoma, South Carolina, Tennessee, and Texas

Partner Services Training:

- California PTC – Serving Alaska, American Samoa, Arizona, California, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, Federated States of Micronesia, Guam, Hawaii, Idaho, Nevada, Oregon, Republic of the Marshall Islands, Republic of Palau, and Washington
- Colorado PTC – Serving Colorado, Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Kansas, Michigan, Minnesota, Missouri, Montana, Nebraska, North Dakota, Ohio, South Dakota, Utah, Wisconsin, and Wyoming
- New York (Albany) PTC – Serving Connecticut, Delaware, District of Columbia, Maine, Maryland, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New York, Pennsylvania, Puerto Rico, Rhode Island, U.S. Virgin Islands, Vermont, Virginia, and West Virginia
- Texas (Dept. of State Health Services) PTC - Serving Alabama, Arkansas, Florida, Georgia, Kentucky, Louisiana, Mississippi, New Mexico, North Carolina, Oklahoma, South Carolina, Tennessee, and Texas

If you have any questions about the PTCs, please contact one of the project officers:

Rheta Barnes
rbarnes@cdc.gov
404-639-1826

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404-639-8847

Appendix 2



Division of STD Prevention
Program Development and Support Branch
Health Professional Training and Education Unit
STD Intervention Training
2006

Course Schedule

Advanced STD Intervention (ASTDI)

Albuquerque, NM (May 23-26, 2006)
(Completed - 16)
 Montgomery, AL (June 6-9, 2006)
(Completed - 7)
 Fort Lauderdale, FL (June 6-9, 2006)
(Completed - 13)
 Atlanta, GA (June 27-30, 2006) **(Open)**

Advanced STD Intervention (ASTDI)

Atlanta, GA (July 11-14, 2006) **(Open)**
 Philadelphia, PA (September 26-29, 2006) **(Open)**
 Houston, TX (October 24-27, 2006) **(Open)**

STD Intervention for Supervisors (STDIS) *(Companion Course to Principles)*

Chattanooga, TN (April 4-7, 2006)
(Completed - 16)
 Atlanta, GA (May 16-19, 2006) **(Completed - 13)**
 Raleigh, NC (May 23-26, 2006) **(Completed - 9)**
 Little Rock, AR (June 6-9, 2006)
(Completed - 11)
 Los Angeles, CA (July 25-28, 2006) **(Full)**
 Des Moines, IA (September 26-29, 2006)
(Open)

Principles of STD Supervision (Principles) *(Companion Course to STDIS)*

Atlanta, GA (June 20-23, 2006) **(Cancelled - Low enrollment)**
 Raleigh, NC (July 11-14, 2006) **(Open)**
 Tampa, FL (July 25-28, 2006) **(Open)**
 Los Angeles, CA (September 12-15, 2006) **(Full)**
 Chattanooga, TN (October 17-20, 2006) **(Open)**

Instructions for Registration

Please return the training application promptly! Attendance for each course will be limited. Because of the high demand, each course will fill up quickly. Note: Submit a separate application for each course. When your registration form is processed and you have been accepted into a course, you will be notified and will receive a detailed confirmation letter.

Mail, FAX or E-Mail Training Application to:

Sheila McKenzie
 CDC/NCHSTP/DSTD/PDSB/HPTEU
 1600 Clifton Road, NE, MS E-02
 Atlanta, GA 30333
 Phone: 404-639-8357; FAX: 404-639-5210
 E-mail: spm4@cdc.gov

STD Intervention Course Descriptions

Advanced STD Intervention. This 4-day course is designed to provide Disease Intervention Specialist (DIS) the necessary advanced skills in STD case management/case analysis, including VCA and advanced syphilis interviewing techniques to perform the comprehensive STD intervention required to address syphilis elimination objectives.

Eligibility and Pre-requisites: Participants must be DIS with more than 6 months experience and have successfully completed the “Introduction to STD Intervention” course.

STD Intervention for Supervisors. This 4-day course is designed to develop supervisory technical skills in modeling, guiding, instructing, reviewing and evaluating STD intervention activities. Since the emphasis of this course is on *how to* review, evaluate, and facilitate STD intervention efforts, participants must be technically competent in DIS activities and the disease intervention process.

Eligibility and Pre-requisites: This course is designed for Supervisors or lead DIS responsible for formal technical evaluation of STD intervention. Priority candidates are new (within the last year) or soon-to-be federal, state or local FLS of DIS. Participants are strongly encouraged to have completed the “*Employee Development Guide*” and the “*Introduction to STD Intervention*” course.

Principles of STD Supervision. This 4-day course concentrates on involved supervision (day-to-day) performance review, observation, and feedback skills), and the development of associated communication and problem-solving skills. The Principles participant must be technically competent in the disease intervention process and in all steps of case management.

Eligibility and Pre-requisites: This course is targeted for supervisors of DIS. Priority candidates are new (within the last year) or soon-to-be federal, state or local FLS of DIS. Participants are strongly encouraged to have completed the “*STD Intervention for Supervisors*” course.

For more information about the Division of STD Prevention STD Intervention training visit:
www.cdc.gov/std/training/courses

Application for Training			
CDC/NCHSTP/Division of STD Prevention/PDSB			
Health Professional Training and Education Unit			
Course Desired (complete a separate form for each course):			
Course: <input type="checkbox"/> Advanced STD Intervention (ASTDI) <input type="checkbox"/> Principles of STD Supervision <input type="checkbox"/> STD Intervention for Supervisors			
Date (if known):		Location (if known):	
Participant Information			
Last Name		First Name	MI
Agency or Organization			
Agency or Organization Address (line 1)			
Agency or Organization Address (line 2)			
City		State	Zip Code
Country	Work Phone	Fax	E-mail
Ethnicity (Select one): <input type="checkbox"/> Hispanic or Latino <input type="checkbox"/> Not Hispanic or Latino Race (Select one or more): <input type="checkbox"/> American Indian or Alaska Native <input type="checkbox"/> Asian <input type="checkbox"/> Black or African American <input type="checkbox"/> White <input type="checkbox"/> Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander			Sex: <input type="checkbox"/> Female <input type="checkbox"/> Male
Education Level (highest level attained)	Organization Type (check one)		Primary Occupation Type (check one)
<input type="checkbox"/> Some high school <input type="checkbox"/> GED <input type="checkbox"/> High school diploma <input type="checkbox"/> Some college <input type="checkbox"/> Associate's degree <input type="checkbox"/> Bachelor's degree <input type="checkbox"/> Some graduate coursework <input type="checkbox"/> Master's degree <input type="checkbox"/> Doctoral degree <input type="checkbox"/> Other--specify:	<input type="checkbox"/> CBO (non-clinical) <input type="checkbox"/> Government-funded public health program (city, state, national) <input type="checkbox"/> Family-planning clinic <input type="checkbox"/> Managed care organization <input type="checkbox"/> Private practice <input type="checkbox"/> Corrections facility <input type="checkbox"/> Military installation <input type="checkbox"/> Indian Health Service <input type="checkbox"/> Migrant health clinic <input type="checkbox"/> Public/University hospital <input type="checkbox"/> Other--specify:		<input type="checkbox"/> Nurse <input type="checkbox"/> Nurse Practitioner <input type="checkbox"/> HIV Counselor <input type="checkbox"/> Health Educator <input type="checkbox"/> Disease Intervention Specialist <input type="checkbox"/> Case Manager <input type="checkbox"/> Outreach Worker <input type="checkbox"/> Surveillance Coordinator <input type="checkbox"/> Special Projects Coordinator <input type="checkbox"/> STD Program Manager <input type="checkbox"/> Other--specify:
Percentage of Time Devoted to STD: <input type="checkbox"/> None <input type="checkbox"/> 1-25% <input type="checkbox"/> 26-50% <input type="checkbox"/> 51-75% <input type="checkbox"/> 76-99% <input type="checkbox"/> 100%			Length of time in current position:
List your major STD/HIV-related job responsibilities:			
Supervisor's Name		Phone Number	E-mail
Supervisor's Signature and Date (Applicants must obtain supervisory approval and go through proper chain of command).			

This application may be faxed to Sheila McKenzie, (404) 639-5210 or e-mailed to spm4@cdc.gov.

Appendix 3

Workshop: Practical Evaluation of STD-related Efforts

If you can't attend the evaluation training at the National STD Conference in Jacksonville, FL or want to learn more about the topics to be presented at the aforementioned event as well as additional evaluation concepts, this will be an excellent opportunity!

Purpose: This is a 2-day program evaluation workshop that will be offered at 4 different locations. In this workshop we will expand on the evaluation topics to be discussed in Jacksonville, and address new concepts such as: types of data collection sources/methods, evaluation plan components, types of data and analyses, data interpretation and dissemination, and use of evaluation results. This workshop will also cover how to use the *entire set of 16 tools* that DSTDP developed, and apply their content to design/implement evaluations from beginning to end through a step-by-step approach.

Location:

- Atlanta, GA (June 8-9)
- Oakland, CA (June 22-23)
- Washington, DC (July 13-14)
- Detroit, MI (July 20-21)

Target Audience: STD program staff, Infertility Prevention Programs, Prevention Training Centers, individuals directly engaged in the management, coordination and evaluation of STD programs, Public Health Advisors, and those interested in building their capacity to engage their staff in program planning and evaluation.

Learning Objectives: At the end of this workshop, participants will be able to:

1. describe the key steps necessary to evaluate STD programs,
2. develop *SMART* objectives,
3. distinguish between process and outcome evaluations,
4. develop a logic model,
5. formulate evaluation questions and indicators,
6. select data sources/collection methods
7. select type of data analysis
8. develop an evaluation plan
9. interpret evaluation data
10. disseminate results
11. use evaluation results for decision making
12. identify resources available for evaluation technical assistance.

Pre-Registration: There are no registration fees and the workshop will be limited to 25 participants. Please pre-register by the noted deadlines: **Atlanta (June 1); Oakland (June 15); Washington, DC (July 6); Detroit (July 13)**.

1. Download the [Registration Form](#) (to download, right-click the preceding link and choose Save from the menu). Open the form in Microsoft Word, fill it out and save.
2. Send an email to eval@cdc.gov with the completed form attached.

For more information contact Yamir Salabarría-Peña at CDC-Division of STD Prevention, via email (yvs8@cdc.gov) or phone (404.639.8175).

Practical Evaluation of STD-related Efforts Workshop Registration Form

Directions: Please complete all sections and submit the form to eval@cdc.gov by the deadline (see workshop description).

Please select the location you plan to attend:

- Atlanta, GA June 8-9
- Washington, DC July 13-14
- Oakland, CA June 22-23
- Detroit, MI July 20-21

Name: _____

Job Title: _____

Organization: _____

Organization type:

<input type="checkbox"/> Clinical Laboratory	<input type="checkbox"/> Migrant Health Clinic
<input type="checkbox"/> Corrections Facility	<input type="checkbox"/> Non-Clinical Care Community Based Organization
<input type="checkbox"/> Family Planning Program (Not Government Funded)	<input type="checkbox"/> Private Practice, Clinical Care Organization Including Hospital or Clinic
<input type="checkbox"/> Government Funded Public Health Program (City, County, State, National)	<input type="checkbox"/> University, College or Other School
<input type="checkbox"/> Indian Health Service	<input type="checkbox"/> Other (specify) _____
<input type="checkbox"/> Managed Care Organization	

Address 1: _____

Address 2: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Daytime Telephone: (_____) - _____ - _____ (ext. _____)

Fax Number: (_____) - _____ - _____ Business Email Address: _____

Have you received training on program evaluation?

- Yes. (specify topics)
- No.

How did you hear about this workshop?

What do you hope to learn by attending this workshop?

If you prefer to FAX this information, fill in the form, then "print" it and FAX the completed form to (404) 639-8607. For more information about the workshop contact: Yamir Salabarría-Peña, Dr.P.H. at 404-639-8175, EVAL@cdc.gov