Building Capacity to Implement Culturally Responsive Sexuality Education in School and Community Settings

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Project Overview

Goal: reduce sexual health disparities in Multnomah County

- 5 school districts
- 3 culturally specific organizations
- 5 years (originally!)
- 12,000 youth (5,000 youth of color)
Capacity Building

• Cultural expertise for institutions with white-dominant culture (health dept, school districts, Planned Parenthood)

• Sexuality education skills for schools and community organizations
Community Partnerships

- Four community based organizations
- Positive youth development
- Relationship building
- Understanding each organization
Adaptations to curriculum

- Effort to increase cultural relevance, LGBTQ inclusivity and be trauma informed
- Strict funder requirements to follow
- Linkage to student health clinics
- Examples
Lessons Learned

• Adaptations
• Facilitator background & relationships
• Planning year
• Capacity building, trainings & turnover
• School relationships
• Parent classes
2016-2017 Impacts and Outcomes

- 8,000 youth
- 53 educators
- 250 parents
- 19 schools

- Youth demonstrate increased knowledge of key topics and increased comfort discussing sexual health with trusted adult or partner
Thank you!

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