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Addressing information needs in our communities:

Promoting health literacy through

• patient education
• a youth information needs assessment
• science education
• teaching neighbors to find and evaluate online health information
• HINARI training
Champaign County Public Health Database

The Champaign County Public Health Database is a comprehensive collection of demographic information, health statistics, health behaviors, and health care utilization indicators of the Champaign County and Champaign-Urbana areas, as well as the State of Illinois. This database is a result of a cooperative partnership between the Champaign-Urbana Public Health District, Champaign County Public Health Department, and the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign.
Foster health equity by improving health literacy, thus contributing to the achievement of national health and health literacy objectives
Rudolph Matas Library, School Based Health Center (SBHC) Youth Advisory Committees, and Health Information Seeking Behavior

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Objectives
To explore the information-seeking behaviors and needs of youth needs in a school based health center setting in order to develop a training program which will increase the likelihood that youth will search for authoritative health information.

Method
An IRB-approved formative evaluation process using focus groups was designed to elicit information seeking behaviors and needs among members of youth advisory committees (YAC) linked to five school-based health centers in Orleans Parish.

Literature Search
A literature search of information-seeking behaviors of youth was conducted by a MPH student.

IRB approval process
- Obtaining letters of support from both medical directors and school administrators
- Developing a recruitment process and documents
- Developing a process to obtain parental consent.

Results
Project products included an IRB approved research protocol, a literature review, and relationships with school-based health center and school administrators. Meeting the ethical and methodological requirements to obtain IRB approval expended all of project time to the exclusion of being able to conduct the research. A positive result is that co-leaders are well versed in research terminology and IRB standards and have current CITI certifications. An effective strategy to reach youth was working with a social worker (direct gatekeeper) who regularly convened a Youth Advisory Council. A negative result is that focus groups were not conducted during the project period.

Discussion
- Ethical considerations and requirements of working in a school setting created unanticipated barriers to project implementation.
- The project required full-time outreach staff and mature relationships with administrators within partner organizations.

Conclusions
- It may be easier to ethically interact with youth in a young adult group affiliated with a public library.
- The Matas Library will seek to continue the project as a practicum-partnership with the Tulane University School of Public Health which trains students to conduct social/behavioral research.

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Tulane Community Health Center at Covenant House will reopen as the Ruth U. Fertel / Tulane Community Health Center at a new facility at 711 N. Broad St (corner of N. Broad St. and Orleans Ave.) on April 2, 2012.

Current patients of TUCHC at Covenant House will now be patients of the Ruth U. Fertel / Tulane Community Health Center.

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References:
New Orleans HINARI Training: Access to Global Health Resources

• **HINARI**, the Access to Research in Health Programme: a collaboration between the World Health Organization and major publishers
  • Up to 13,000 journals (in 30 different languages)
  • 29,000 e-books
  • 70 other information resources are available in over 100 countries, areas and territories.

• **Thursday, February 5, 2015: 7:00 pm – 9:00 pm:**
  • Panel discussion: Tulane University global public health scholarship.

• **Friday, February 6, 2015: 8:00 am – 5:00 pm** HINARI Training

• **Where:** Tulane University School of Public Health and Tropical Medicine

• **Registration:** Attendees: $25.00 (Day of is $50) | Students: $10 (Day of is $20)

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