

Increasing Access to Quality STD Services at LAUSD Wellness Centers

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Project Background

- Chlamydia is the most commonly reported infection in LA County
- Disproportionately impacts African American + Hispanic youth
- Delay in diagnosis and treatment can lead to serious health complications and increased risk for HIV infection
- Increased chlamydia screening at Wellness Centers can lead to early detection, treatment, and prevention

Project Methods

- Analyzed STD screening data reported from 13 Wellness Centers (visits vs. screening)
- Identified 4 Wellness Centers to provide technical assistance
 - Washington Prep, Manual Arts, Jordan and Locke
- Conducted clinical chart reviews of male and female patients
- Shared results, identified best practices, and provided recommendations

Project Findings

Identified best practices:

- **Risk Assessments** – EMR criteria for STD screening
- **Screening** – Primary Care, Physicals, Vaccine
- **Treatment** – CDC recommendations
- **Partner Management** – encouraged notification
- **Rescreening** – 3 month recommendation



Next Steps

- Common missed opportunities – extra genital screening
- Partner management – Patient-Delivered Partner Therapy
- HIV Prevention – Pre-Exposure Prophylaxis (PrEP)
- Capacity Building – Confidential Morbidity Reporting (CMR)



Special Thanks

- **St. John's Well Child and Family Center**
 - Washington Prep and Manual Arts Wellness Centers
- **Watts Health Corporation**
 - Jordan and Locke Wellness Centers



Evaluation Results

STD Awareness Campaign
Student Surveys

Project Background

- Campus health fairs
- Wellness Center open houses
- School-wide PSAs
- Poster Contests

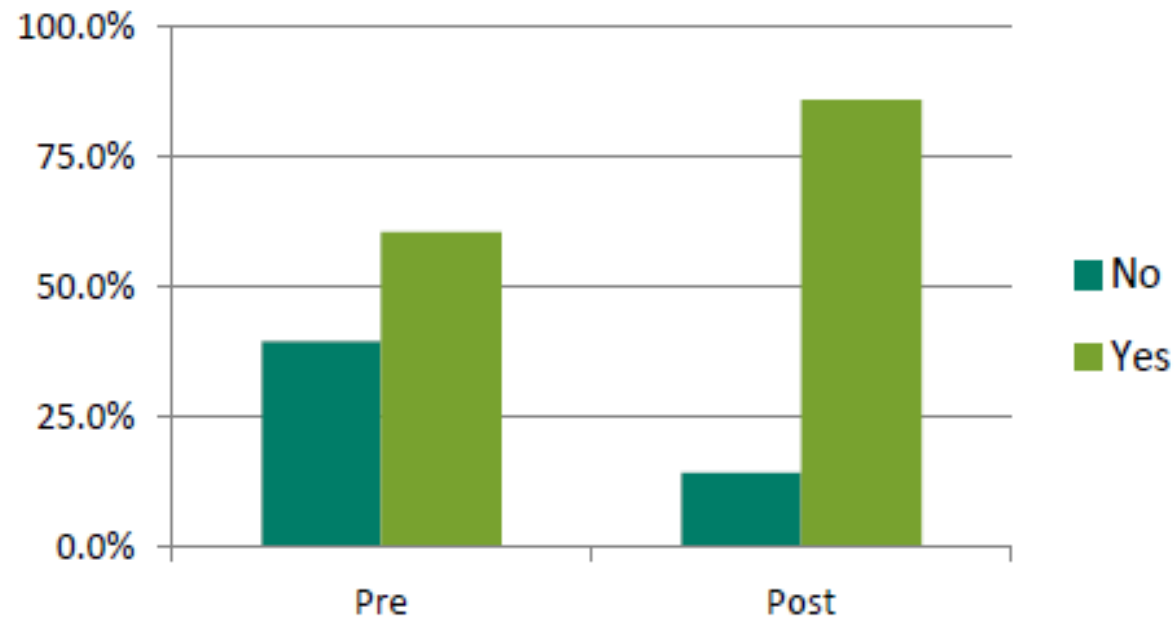


Evaluation

- Pre- and post-campaign surveys evaluated reach + impact of campaign messages (knowledge, attitudes and behavior)
- 3 pilot sites (LAUSD Wellness Network campuses participating in campaign activities)
- Surveys conducted by homeroom teachers
 - Teachers incentivized with gift cards
- 720 pre- and post-campaign surveys collected and analyzed
- Survey respondent demographics were representative of LAUSD's diverse student population

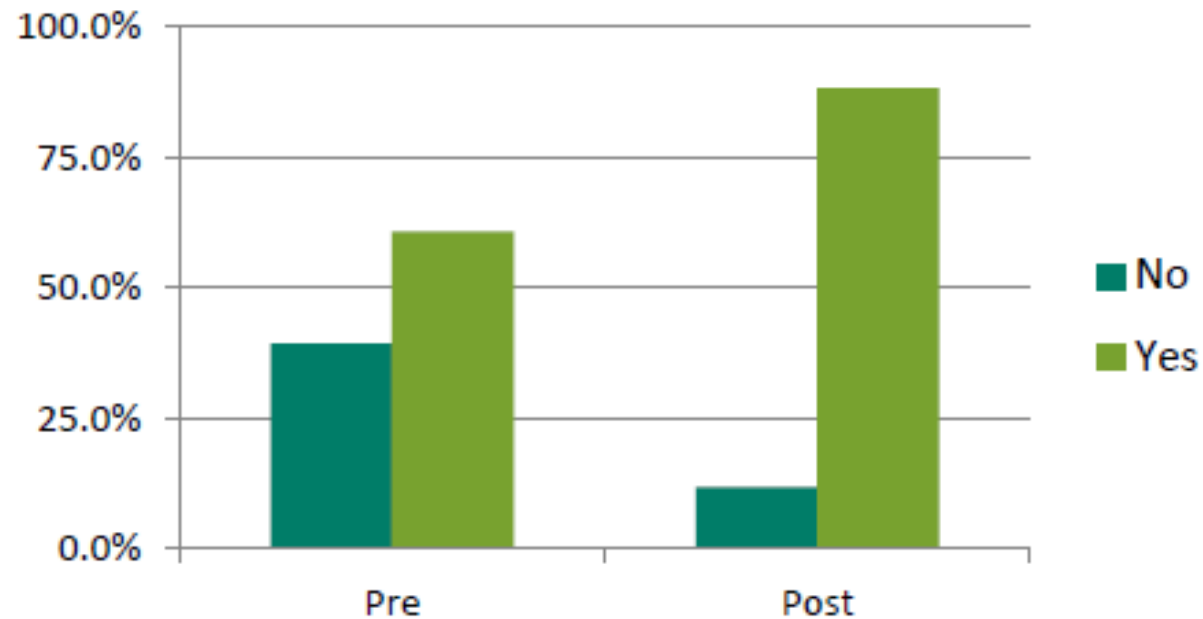
Evaluation Results

“Do you know where the Wellness Center clinic is at on your campus?”



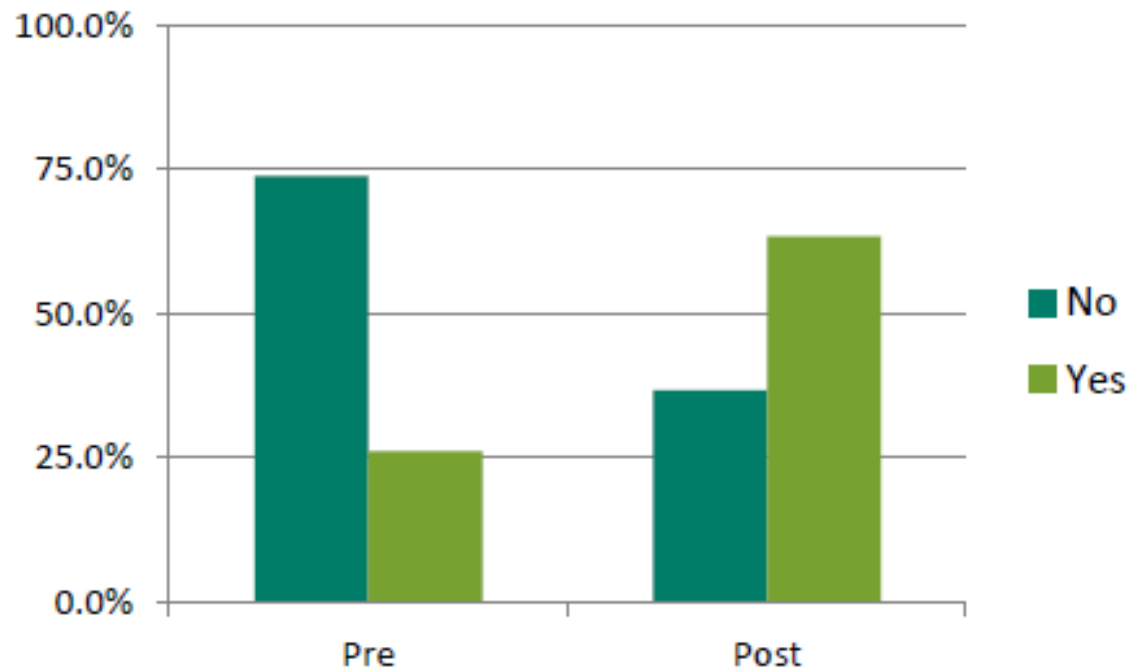
Evaluation Results

“Can students receive some confidential health services at the Wellness Center without parent permission?”



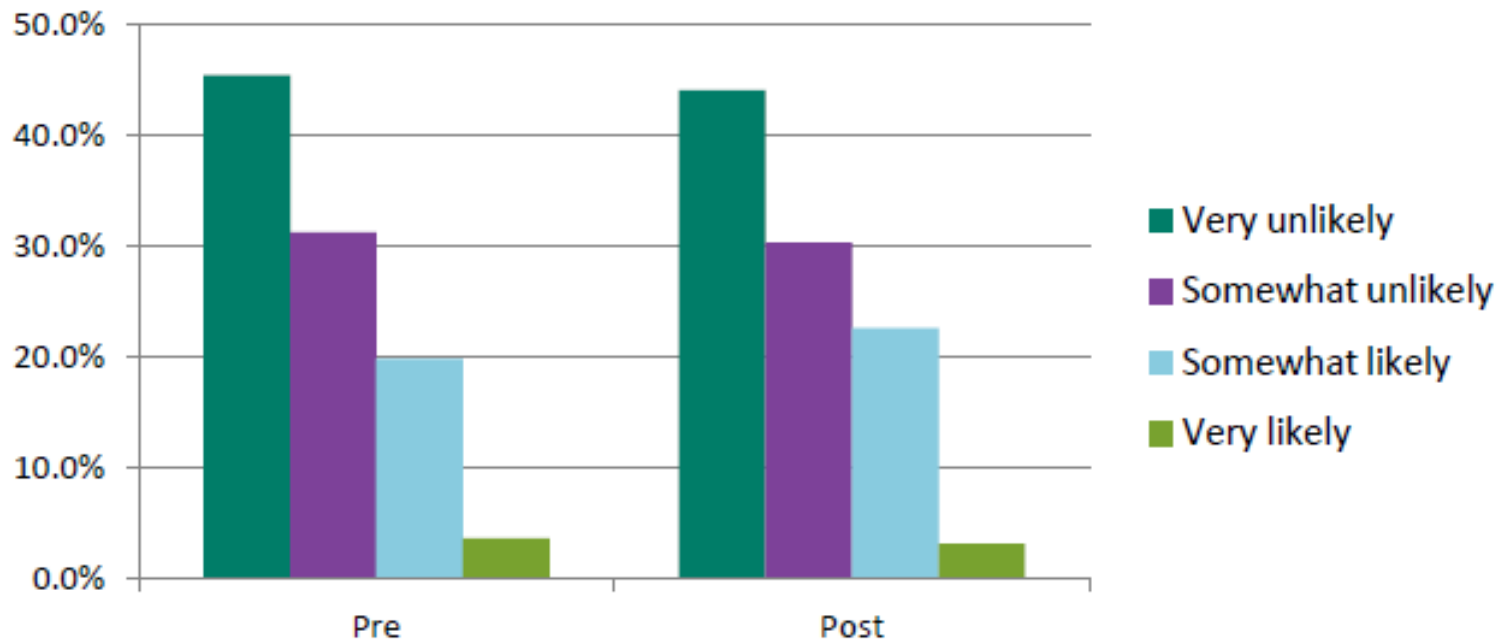
Evaluation Results

“Have you visited the Wellness Center at your campus before?”



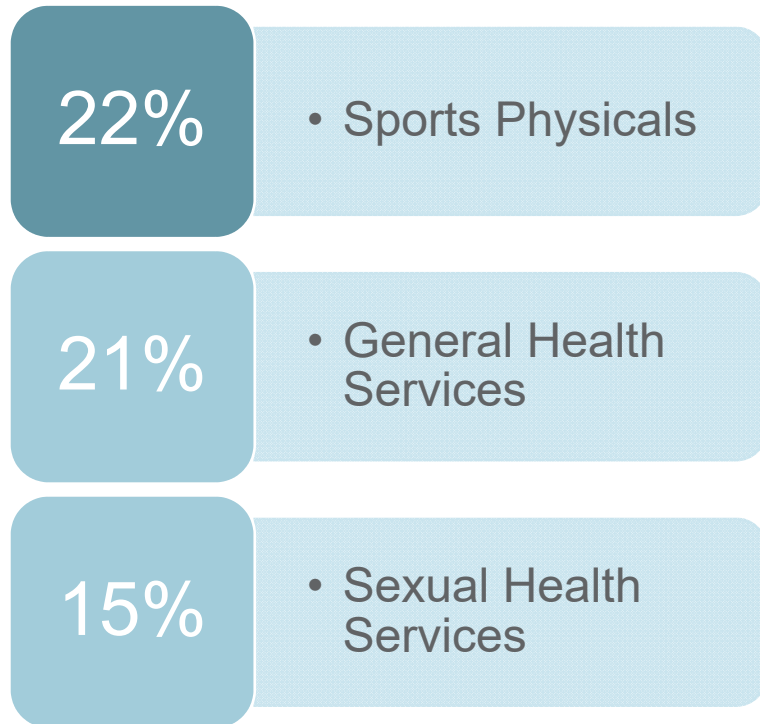
Evaluation Results

“How likely is it that you will go to the Wellness Center for health or counseling services this year?”

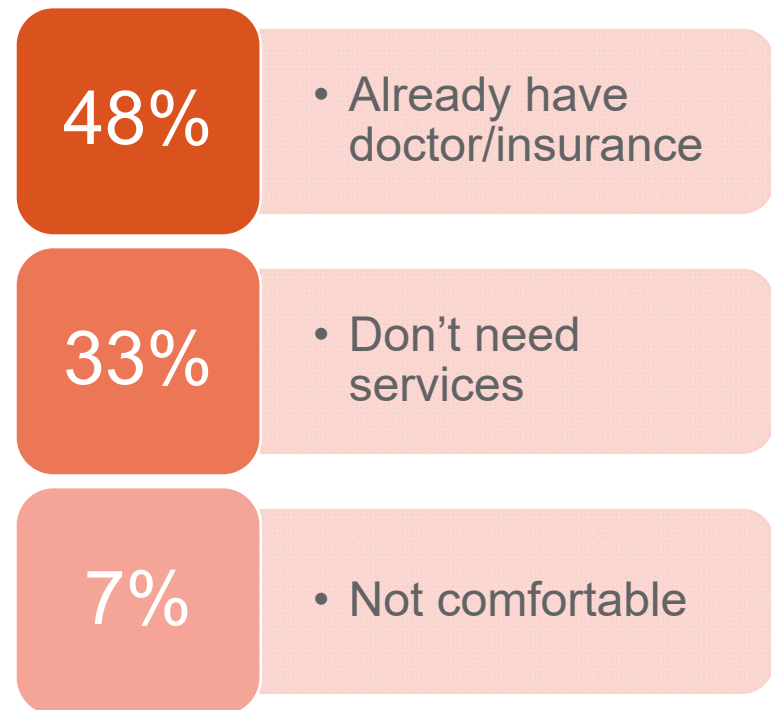


Evaluation Results

Why students would seek services at Wellness Center



Why students would not seek services at Wellness Center



Evaluation Results

- Major themes:

- Campaigns increased student knowledge about the Wellness Centers, but not intention to seek services
- Wellness Centers are strongly associated with sexual health services
- Students have concerns regarding confidentiality + receiving respectful treatment from staff

- Recommendations:

- **Address stigma** associated with seeking services at Wellness Centers
- **Promote comprehensive services**, rather than emphasizing only sexual health
- **Provide technical assistance** on adolescent-friendly service provision