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Today’s Presentation

- Alaska Comprehensive Cancer Control Program
- The Power of Collaboration
- Data Options and Challenges
- Lessons Learned:
  - Cultural Competency in Public Health
  - Welcoming Oncology Offices
Vision:
A Cancer Free Alaska

Mission:
Working Together for a Cancer Free Alaska
State Cancer Plans

https://www.cdc.gov/cancer/ncccp/ccc_plans.htm

Alaska: Objective 6.5
Continue to increase data collection and monitoring efforts for minority populations who may experience health disparities.

Strategy 6.5.1 Increase use of LGBTQ data collected by the Alaska BRFSS.
Comprehensive Cancer Control required work with state coalitions.

Identity, Inc. our local experts

Starting with cultural competency training for public health staff.

- Cultural competency training for coalition
- Partnership training on LGBTQ best and promising practice
- Welcoming oncology offices
Competency Training

- Collaboration with Identity, Inc.
- Focus on Public Health Staff

Outcomes:

- Increased collaborations.
- Example: Identity Inc. presentation to School Wellness Conference.
Welcoming Oncology Office:

- Open training to Cancer Partnership
- Collaboration between oncology providers

Outcomes:

- List of training needs
- Goal is access to best treatment and high quality of life.
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<td>Three oncology offices</td>
<td>Barrier to care: electronic medical records</td>
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Data Options

- Behavioral Risk Factor Surveillance System
  - Nation wide
  - Identify gaps
- Working with local University for data collection
- Key informant interviews
Action Plans

- Providing education
  - Promising Practice
  - Practical steps: updating forms, grand rounds, staff meetings

- Call to Action:
  - Electronic Medical Records options
  - Insurance forms
Lessons Learned:

- **Strategic Partners**
  - Public Health – BRFSS
  - Cancer Coalition/Partnership
  - Local Expert

- **Relationship Building**

- **Option of building your own survey**
Thank You!

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