



**Aboriginal Health Council**  
of South Australia Ltd.

Sexual  
Health  
& BBV Program

# Strong Foundations for Sexual Health

ASRH Invited Speaker Session: Epidemiology, prevention & public health: Policy and implementation of education programs: challenges and opportunities

# Acknowledgement of County



# AHCSA Sexual Health Program

## Community engagement and clinical capacity

Clinical support – developing clinical capacity to address the issues of sexually transmitted infections and blood borne viruses in the South Australian Aboriginal community.

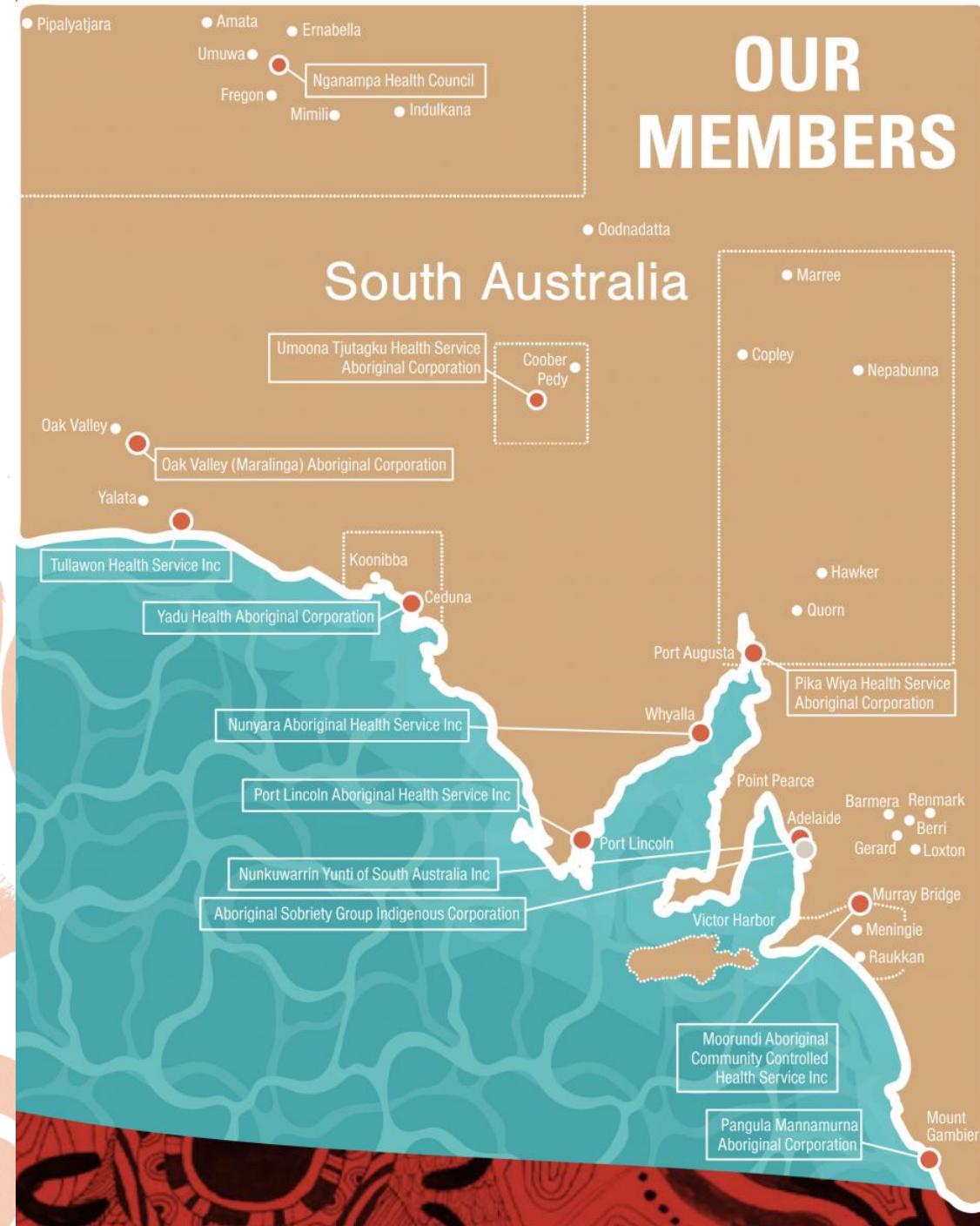
Education and training for services – providing individualised training and education to services to address sexual health issues in their communities

Community education – supporting the delivery of sexual health education to community groups.

Health promotion events – promoting sexual health at community events.

Sexual Health Module – delivered through AHCSA's RTO as an elective module in the Certificate IV Aboriginal and/or Primary Health Care Practice.

# OUR MEMBERS



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REGISTRATIONS CLOSE 2ND MAY 2018

RESPECT TEST

Respect yourself.  
Respect your partner.  
Respect your mob.

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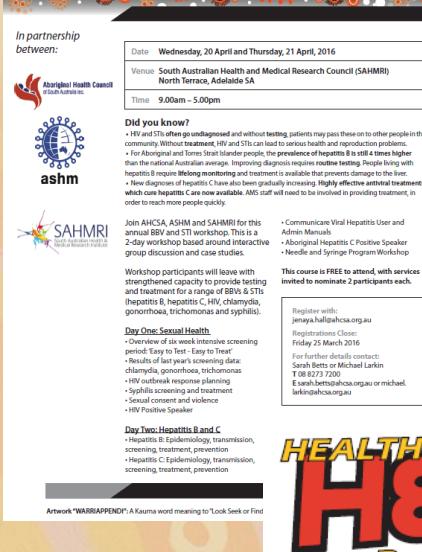
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Supporting the HIV, Viral Hepatitis and Sexual Health Workforce

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Ask your local GP or Aboriginal Community Controlled Health Service for an STI/HIV Respect Test

 <p><b>TABOO OR NOT TABOO?</b> BBV and STI Workshop 2016</p> 
<p><i>In partnership with:</i></p> <p> Aboriginal Health Council South Australia</p> <p> ashm</p> <p> SAHMRI South Australian Health Medical Research Council</p>
<p><b>Date</b> Wednesday, 20 April and Thursday, 21 April, 2016</p> <p><b>Venue</b> South Australian Health and Medical Research Council (SAHMRI) North Terrace, Adelaide SA</p> <p><b>Time</b> 9.00am – 5.00pm</p>
<p><b>Did you know?</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• HIV and STIs often go undiagnosed and without testing, patients may pass these on to other people in the community. Without treatment, HIV and STIs can be serious health and reproductive problems.</li> <li>• For Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people, the national rates of HIV and STIs are consistently higher than the national Australian average. Improving diagnosis requires routine testing. People living with hepatitis B require lifelong monitoring and treatment is available that prevents damage to the liver.</li> <li>• New diagnosis of hepatitis C have also been gradually increasing. Highly effective antiviral treatments which can cure hepatitis C are available. AMS staff will need to be involved in providing treatment, in order to reach people.</li> </ul> <p>Join AHCE, ashm and SAHMRI for this annual BBV and STI workshop. This is a 2-day workshop based around interactive group discussion and case studies.</p> <p>Workshop participants will learn how to strengthen their capacity to provide prevention and treatment for a range of BBVs &amp; STIs (hepatitis B, hepatitis C, HIV, chlamydia, gonorrhoea, trichomonas and syphilis).</p> <p><b>Day One: Sexual Health</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Overview of sex workers' screening panel and treatment</li> <li>• Results of last years screening data: chlamydia, gonorrhoea, trichomonas</li> <li>• Outbreak response planning</li> <li>• Syphilis screening and treatment</li> <li>• Sexual consent and violence</li> <li>• HIV Positive Speaker</li> </ul> <p><b>Day Two: Hepatitis B and C</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Hepatitis B: Epidemiology, transmission, screening, treatment, prevention</li> <li>• Hepatitis C: Epidemiology, transmission, screening, treatment, prevention</li> </ul> <p><b>Workshop "WARRAPPENDO". A Kaurna word meaning to "Look Seek or Find</b></p>
<p><b>This course is FREE to attend, with services invited to nominate 2 participants each.</b></p> <p>Register with: jenaya.hall@sahealth.sa.gov.au</p> <p><b>Registrations Close:</b> Friday 25 March 2016</p> <p>For further details contact: Sarah or Michael Larkin T 08 8273 7209 E <a href="mailto:sarah@ashm.org.au">sarah@ashm.org.au</a> or <a href="mailto:michael.larkin@sahealth.sa.gov.au">michael.larkin@sahealth.sa.gov.au</a></p> <p><b>HEALTH</b> <b>H</b> <b>Respo</b></p>

# MPARNTWE ABORIGINAL SEXUAL HEALTH NT/SA WORKSHOP

Desert Knowledge Centre  
475 Stuart Highway, Alice Springs NT 0873  
10 - 11 September 2022

This workshop will bring together mob from NT and SA to share experiences, challenges and learnings from their work in sexual health.

# Adapting models to meet local need

- Ongoing education and support is essential for workforce
- Communities have diverse needs, contexts and priorities

# Education and Training

**Tailored support packages provide support that is**

- **Individualised:** Tailored to staff and community needs
- **Ongoing:** Not one off; builds skill over time
- **Responsive:** Adapted to local context and emerging issues
- **Data-informed:** Incorporates provision of routine reports to ACCHS and advice on opportunities to improve practice

# Cert IV Sexual Health Elective

- Delivered as part of the Certificate IV Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander Health Care Practice
- Topics covered include
  - STIs and BBV testing, treatment
  - Syphilis outbreak
  - Choices in contraception
  - Sexual assault
  - Pregnancy options
  - Hepatitis

# 2023 Evaluation Feedback

- **100% of respondents found the training/education delivered by the sexual health team to be culturally safe and appropriate**
- **100% of respondents reported they would recommend the team to other services to support their STI screening activities**

# 2023 Evaluation Feedback

**“They are always at the end of the phone or onsite if requested. We use the team as a point of reference if we are unsure, or are interested in how the other ACCHOS approach the screening or work flows.”**

**“AHCSA sexual health team are always approachable and available to us, supportive and advocate if needed.”**

**“These sexual health people have been awesome. I’ve picked up great tips for discussing sexual health.”**

**“A big thanks to these guys for their support to all the ACCHO's, for engaging with staff and community”**

# AHCSA Sexual Health Data Program

## AHCSA STI Data Program

Where is the data from? SA pathology

We analyse ACCHS data and develop reports and graphs

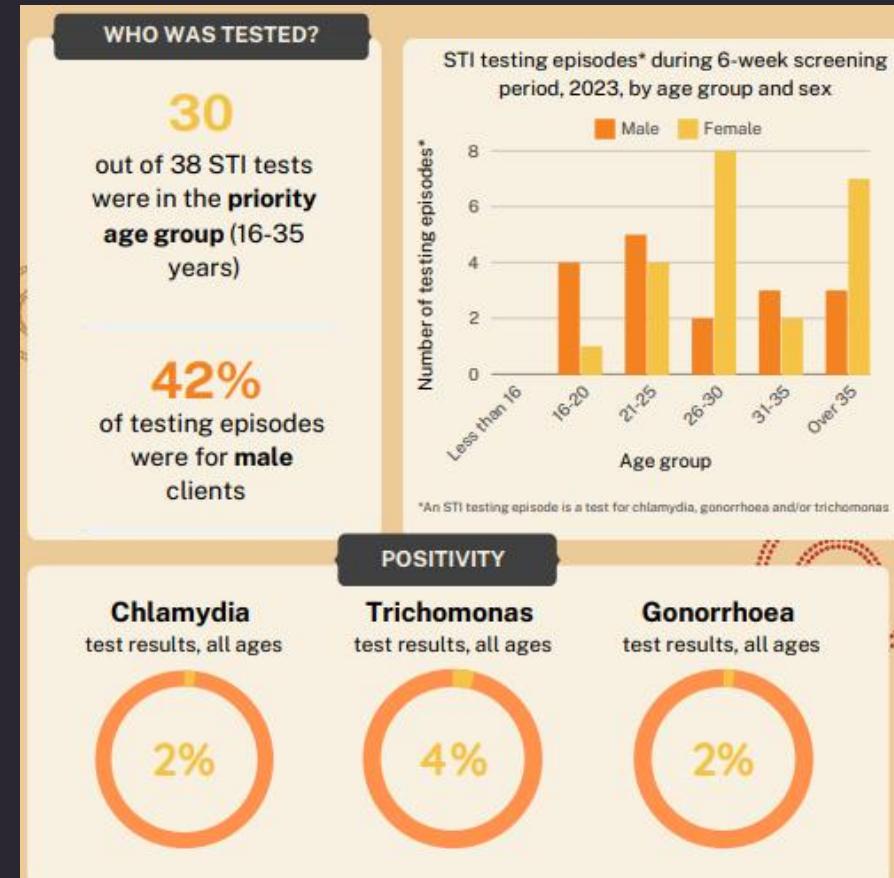
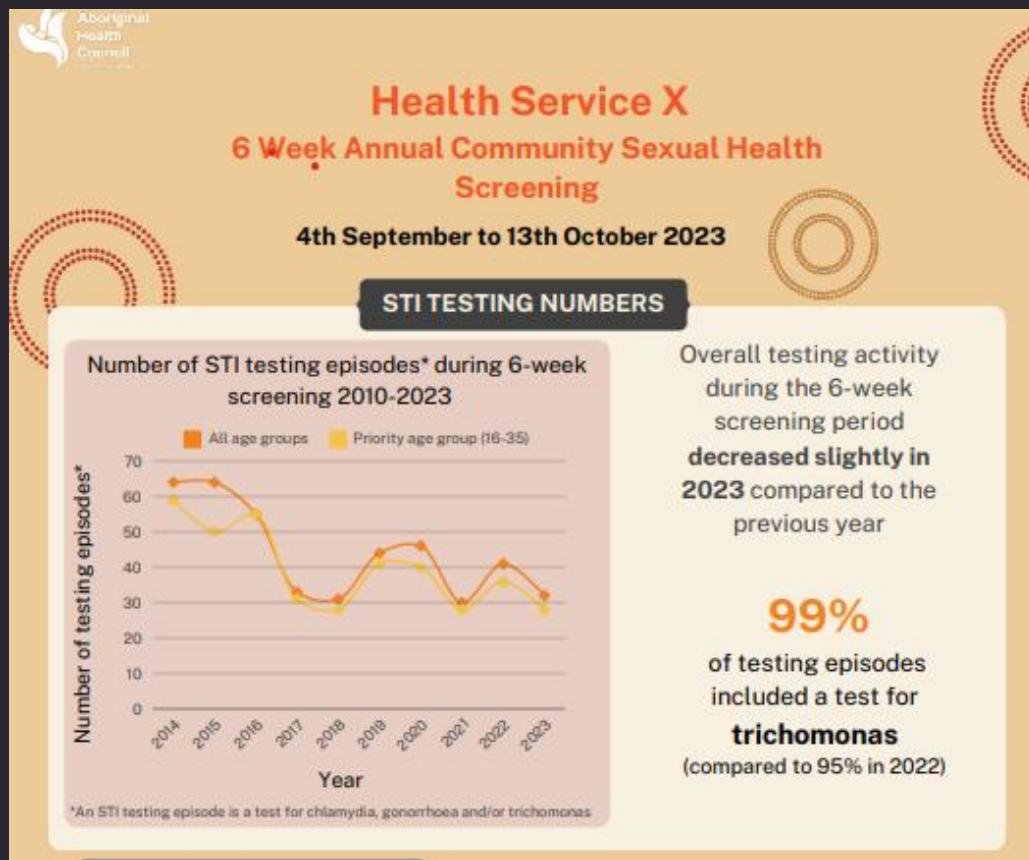
Annual data or for specific screening events (e.g. enhanced screen period)

Individual service data and all services together  
(de-identified)

## Visit with services to yarn about data

- What's going on behind the data? What does the data tell us?
- Looking at trends over time or any changes in testing. Are there groups of people that are harder to reach?
- How can services use data to support testing and reach community?

# Examples of reports AHCSA data program



# Stay Lubly





## Campaign Snapshot:

909,526 Estimated Total Campaign Views

52,662 Estimated Online Views

856,864 Estimated Outdoor Views

## Survey Feedback:

“Incentives like the merch encouraged some community members who have never been tested before to come forward and get tested and receive some education.”

“Our clients loved the words and imagery, particularly on our T-shirts.”

“Clients and staff loved the T-shirts and they instigated many conversations. They also loved the posters and Aboriginal staff within the service really liked all the resources.”





# Find out more:

**Stay Lubly Campaign:**

<https://ahcsa.org.au/stay-lubly>

<https://shinesa.org.au/stay-lubly/>

**Program (including resource ordering for SA-Based ACCHS):**

<https://ahcsa.org.au/programs/sexual-health-blood-borne-viruses/>

**STI Screening Communicare Support Resource:**

<https://ahcsa.org.au/programs/sexual-health-blood-borne-viruses/sti-screening>

# Contacts

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