

# S&E Webinar Series: National Networks Spotlight Part 2 — Evaluating through a Health Equity and Disparities Lens

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**Announcements and Introductions** 

### National Native Network

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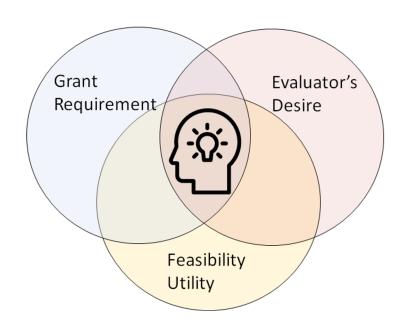
### Introduction to the National Native Network

- We offer technical assistance, culturally relevant resources, and a place to share up-to-date
  information and lessons learned, as part of a community of tribal and tribal-serving public health
  programs. The Network is intimately connected to the communities we serve and brings a wealth of
  knowledge of culturally based approaches for commercial tobacco and cancer prevention and
  control.
- The strength of our Network lays in partnerships between Tribes and tribal, national, state, and local organizations across Indian Country.
- The Network is administered by the Inter-Tribal Council of Michigan and directed by a board composed of three partner tribal organizations:
  - California Rural Indian Health Board
  - Great Plains Tribal Leader's Health Board
  - Southeast Alaska Regional Health Consortium
- For more information visit us at <a href="https://keepitsacred.itcmi.org">https://keepitsacred.itcmi.org</a>

### **Evaluation of NNN**



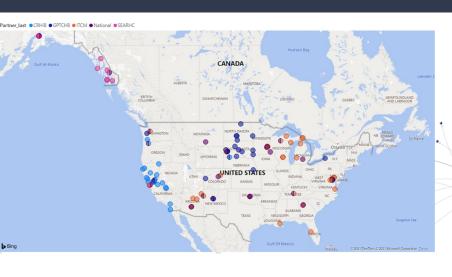


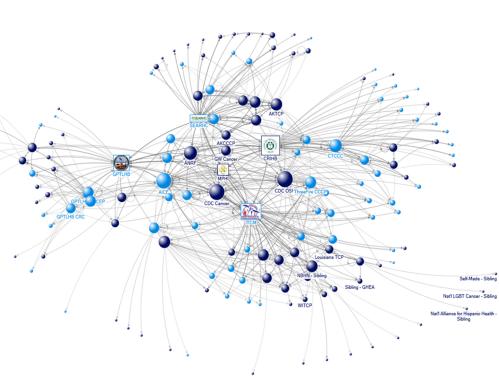




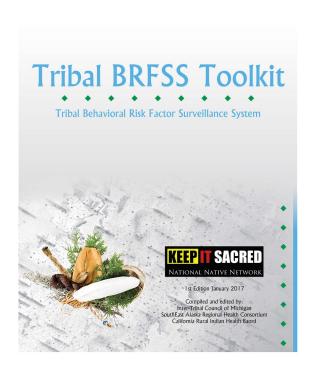


### Hitting the Sweet Spot; Network Survey





#### Tribal BRFSS Toolkit



State BRFSS rarely captures enough AI/AN respondents to produce a sample size large enough for analysis - often requires combining multiple years of data, which provides outdated information and may not represent geographies where tribal communities are located

A Tribal BRFSS is often tribally owned and can be shared with the State; tribes may select optional modules, based on their needs

Incorporates Tribal Government and utilizes CBPA, yielding high response rates - often enough to produce tribal specific reports, as well as the aggregate report.

Comparable to State BRFSS - useful to identify disparities and can be used for surveillance and program evaluation

### Tribal BRFSS Toolkit - Success Story

Addressing Health Disparities in MI's American Indian Population



#### PUBLIC HEALTH PROBLEM (ISSUE)

The 2007 Michigan Public Act 653, the Michigan Health Equity Roadmap and the HHS Office of Minority Health National Partnership for Action include recommendations to improve the collection and quality of health related data on racial and ethnic minority and tribal populations. To that end, the goal of the 2017 Native American Behavioral Risk Factor Survey (NaBRFS) was to provide an up-to-date health data source for Native Americans in Michigan which is home to 12 federally recognized tribes. Other state data sources indicate higher rates of no health care coverage, heart disease, diabetes prevalence and cancer mortality among Michigan's tribal populations.

#### TAKING ACTION (INTERVENTION)

The Behavioral Risk Factor Surveillance System (BRFSS) is a CDC administered telephone survey to collect data on health risk behaviors. preventative services, and chronic health conditions. The Michigan BRFS does not contain enough respondents for robust analysis of racial/ ethnic populations, beyond Black and White. To improve data accuracy and availability for Michigan's minority populations, the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS) Health Disparities Reduction and Minority Health Section (HDRMHS) conducts Behavioral Risk Factor Surveys (BRFS) for select racial and ethnic minority adult populations. Michigan has completed stand-alone BRFSs for Asians (2012), Hispanics (2012, 2014), Arabs/ Chaldeans (2013, 2016), and Native Americans

Some data suggest that there is an association between self-assigned and socially-assigned racial classifications and reported health status. To better understand this, the Reactions to Race module, developed at CDC, is included in all BRFS stand-alone surveys conducted by HDRMHS. This module was also included as part of the NaBRFS to assess the degree to which this association is reflected in Native American survey responses.

MDHHS approaches each BRFS project as a collaborative effort that includes an advisory group comprised of representatives from the focused community and/or organizations that serve the focused community. The advisory group members work with MDHHS in all phases of the project including selection of additional survey modules, community outreach and education, survey implementation, aggregate data analysis, and report preparation and dissemination.



Cultural Context and Language Training for State BRFSS Interviewers (Michigan State University)

Tribal Council Approval to Conduct the Survey; share tribal roster/ phone numbers; confidentiality agreements

Articles in Tribal Newsletters, and other media outlets - informs tribal members of the survey and its purpose, as well as what to expect from a phone call

Letters from Tribal Administration to members selected to participate

Report back to the Community with results and recommendations

Sample Success Story with Michigan
NaBRFS Success Story 706600 7.pdf (michigan.gov)

### American Indian Adult Tobacco Survey

The American Indian Adult Tobacco Survey (AI ATS) is a survey that was designed as a surveillance and evaluation tool that can be used by American Indian tribes, tribal organizations, other organizations, and National Tobacco Control Partners to provide tribal-specific information on commercial tobacco use, cessation efforts, exposure to secondhand smoke, workplace policies, tobacco-related knowledge and practices among American Indian adults aged 18 years or older.

### American Indian Adult Tobacco Survey Timeline

Quarter:	1		2		3		4				
Selection & Training of Research Team											
Field Site Preparation	X										
<u>Data</u>				I	I						
Mailing to Selected     Participants	X	X									
Face-to-Face Interviews					X	X					
Quality Assurance Review of Data Collection		X	X	X	X						
Surveys Entered into Statistical     Database		X	X	X	X	X					
Received ATS Data will be Analyzed					X	X	X				
Reporting											
Generate Comprehensive     Report on ATS Data (Ist Draft)						X	X				
Finalization of ATS Report							X				

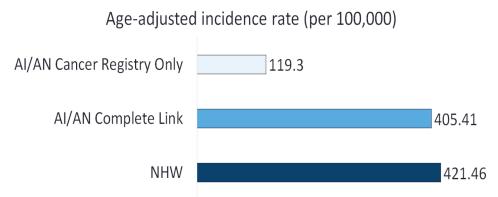
### Linkages with Cancer State Registries

**Problem:** Cancer registries around the nation realize that their cancer statistics for American Indians underestimate the burden of cancer in these communities. This is because American Indian individuals with cancer are frequently reported as white by their doctors.

**Solution:** A data linkage between the state cancer registry and a Tribe's enrollment roster looks for records in both files that are the same person; in short, we identify all Tribal members who are diagnosed with cancer in the state. This information is used to provide the Tribe with Tribe-specific cancer data and to correct the state's cancer registry

Can be used to establish baseline and surveillance data

**Sample Results**: Age-adjusted incidence rates among Al/ANs increased substantially due to linkage (119.30 per 100,000 vs. 405.41 per 100,000).



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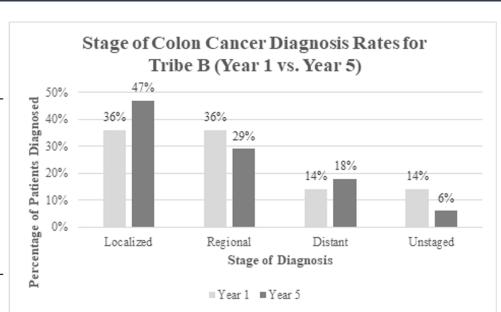
### Linkages with State Registries - Evaluation Example

Table 2

Most Commonly Diagnosed Cancers by Tribal Community according to the 2012 Michigan State Cancer Registry

The state Carreet Registry										
<u>Tribe A</u>		<u>Tribe B</u>		<u>Tribe C</u>						
Breast	19.9%	Colon	17.2%	Lung	14.0%					
Colon	18.7%	Breast	11.1%	Colon	7.0%					
Prostate	12.7%	Prostate	9.8%	Brain	3.3%					
Cervical	9.6%	Lung	8.6%	NH Lymphoma	3.3%					
Lung	7.8%	Thyroid	7.4%	Liver	2.9%					
Other	31.3%	Other	45.9%	Other	69.5%					

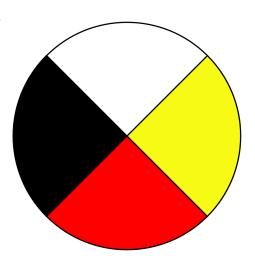
*Note.* Other cancers included bladder, kidney, lymphocytic leukemia, multiple myeloma, myeloid leukemia, other gastrointestinal tract, lip, oral and pharynx, other genital, other central nervous system, other respiratory, and refractory anemia.



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### Talking Circles and Focus Groups

- The purpose of the less formal talking circle is to create a safe environment in which individuals can share their point of view with others.
  - In a Talking Circle, each one is equal and each one belongs.
  - Participants in a Talking Circle learn to listen and respect the views of others.
  - The goal is to open hearts to recognize and connect with one another.
  - Taking time to share stories, build relationships, explore values, and create guidelines for participation helps everyone feel physically, psychologically, and emotionally safe in the circle and creates a foundation for courageous acts of sharing.



### Talking Circles and Focus Groups

#### **Protocols**

 Respecting the circle is sacred and understanding, "who you see, what you hear, when you leave here, let it stay here." **Empathy** 

Clarifying

Summarizing

Self-awareness

100% attention

Listening for

**Feelings** 

- Review ground rules
- Respect the differing comfort zones of participants

#### The Process

- Participants sit in a circle. It symbolizes completeness.
- Everyone's contribution is equally important.
- Practice active listening by letting others complete their thoughts
- State what you feel or believe starting with "I-statements," e.g., "I feel ..."
- Sometimes an object (sacred or everyday) can be used as a talking 'item'

# Thank You



#### WHAT IS THE NATIONAL NATIVE NETWORK?

The National Native Network is a reheavit of Tribes, tribial organizations, and tribial-serving programs across the U.S. working to decrease the business of cancer and commercial blockool health disparation in American Indiam and Aslask Native (AINA) communities. The Network is funded by the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and administered by the Inter-Tribial Council of Michigan, with the following partner agencies. Calcilities Rural Indian Health Dosrd, Great Phairs Tribial Chammers Health Board, Great Phairs Tribial Chamme

#### WHAT WE D

The National Native Network seeks to serve all 573 federally recognized Tribes, 68 state recognized Tribes, urban AWAN communities, and tribal-serving agencies with training, resources, and technical support for AWAN cancer and commercial tobacco use prevention and control efforts.

#### PROVIDE CULTURALLY RELEVANT, EVIDENCE BASED TRAINING, TOOLS, AND TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE

We conduct free training and technical assistance informed by science and cultural relevance, including web/inars, in-person trainings, and presentations. We offer an online repository of culturally appropriate and evidence based cancer and tobacco resources, including tribal success stories and tribal data toolkis.

#### DEVELOP AND STRENGTHEN PARTNERSHIPS TO REMOVE BARRIERS

We facilitate partnerships among tribal, federal, state, and local agencies in an ongoing effort to build spinetry among existing programs. We collaborate to promoting effective, culturally appropriate, and evidence-based strategies, identify! fill gaps, and remove barriers to cancer care in Indian Country.

#### SUPPORT AND IMPLEMENT TRIBAL PUBLIC HEALTH POLICIES

We support public health policy development, implementation, and evaluation among partners, Tribes, and tribal, national, state, and local organizations through trainings, online tools, technical assistance, and direct support. The online Commercial Tobacco Smoke Free Tribal Policy Toolkit includes example tribal policies from across the U.S. and resources for planning, implementing, and evaluating tribal policies.

#### LEVERAGE MEDIA TO INCREASE AWARENESS AND DELIVER CULTURALLY APPROPRIATE HEALTH MESSAGES

Our website has reached nearly 70,000 unique users, from all COC regions of the U.S. and 86 other countries. Our social media accounter nech nearly 4,000 individuals and reliab programs across all COC regions of the U.S. We create and disseminate bi-monthly revestiters, fact whether, white peace, social social, and other publications to a list serve of over 2,000 hebal and public health professionals across the U.S. Pattere agencies maintain unique websites, social media, and elektronic outereach, promoting regional amanerees of AURM hebal fringeristies and resources available.

#### WHY THIS WORK IS IMPORTANT

Al/AN populations face inequities in cancer incidence and mortality. Culturally competent strategies for health systems interventions and evidence-based resources, increased program evaluation and documentation of proven and promising practices, and increased collaboration among tribal, national, state, and local agencies are needed to address these disparities.



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# Agenda

- Network overview
- o Data
- Best practices
- Action steps



### national lgbt cancer network

### Who we are



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#### **EDUCATING**

**ADVOCATING** 

for LGBTQI+
engagement in
mainstream cancer
organizations, the
media, and research

our communities about our increased cancer risks and the importance of screenings

**TRAINING** 

public health and health care providers to be more welcoming to us

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# As one of eight disparity networks

We assess the field to ID knowledge gaps





We build partnerships & connections between members

We offer trainings to all



We offer technical assistance to members



We create and find knowledge pieces to disseminate





We create and advise on media strategies









### **Newsletters**

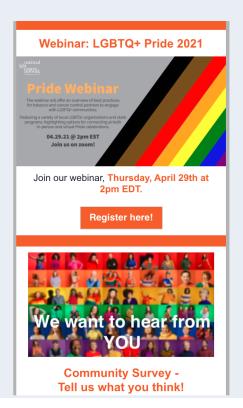
## Celebrating Black History

#### Friends.

As February comes to a close, we move forward remembering Black History Month is every month of the year. Every day we renew our commitment to Black LGBTQ+ communities across the country. We honor and celebrate the contributions and legacies of our Black LGBTQ+ family. It is not enough to celebrate Black History, our history, just one month each year. The foundational teachings, writings, and gifts that folks like James Baldwin, Audre Lorde, and Marsha P. Johnson have given the world are carried on today through the work and life of Black LGBTQ+ activists



**Webinar Annoucement** In partnership with HRC, we are excited to present: **Equality in the Air We** Breathe: **COVID-19, HIV, Smoking** and the Black Community I VALUE MY HEALTH too much to continue smoking Smoking is a top health threat to people living with HIV. Talk to your medical provider.



# Online Resource Library



#### **HIV & Smoking** Graphics

HRC Campaign, on the impact smoking has on the health of people living with HIV, is simply brilliant!

Co-brandable Media



Cancer in LGBTC Communi

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#### Cancer in LGBT

Our Fact Sheet gives you an idea of some of the challenges facing LGBT community members. Available in English and Spanish!

Co-brandable Media



#### Cancer Cards

These cards aim to raise awareness about colorectal. breast, lung, and cervical cancer among members of the LGBTQ+ community. There are also cards that address the need for taking care of an individual's physical and mental health. Each hundle includes the front and the back of the cards in IPEG format

Co-brandable Media



#### ¿Por qué?

Nuestra campaña que demuestra algunas razones para hacer pruebas de detección de cáncer. English versions coming soon!



#### Something: Anal **Cancer Screening** Campaign

Take a look at Forgetting Something, our anal cancer screening campaign.

Co-brandable Media



#### Out Proud (Smoke/Vape) Free Series

Check out our Out Proud Free Logo over the seven different pride flags! The possibilities are endless. Contact us to learn about co-branding!



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# Join Our Network



- Training & technical assistance
- Connecting & capacity building with your local LGBTQ+ organization
- Opportunities for networking with state health departments, LGBTQ+ orgs, and more
- Tailored media & educational resources



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### State Needs Assessment Tool

- Based on our Best & Promising Practices
- State cancer & tobacco program evaluation
- Other applications LGBTQ+ orgs, community partners, healthcare organizations
- Can help identify opportunities for growth & collaboration



# Our Best & Promising Practices

- 1. Promote LGBTQ+ professional safety & leadership in public health.
- 2. Include LGBTQ+ community members in policy planning.
- 3. Monitor the impact of tobacco/cancer on LGBTQ+ populations.
- 4. Establish LGBTQ+ cultural competency standards.
- 5. Fund community-based programs.
- 6. Routinely integrate LGBTQ+ tailored materials into mass media campaigns.
- 7. Disseminate findings & lessons learned.

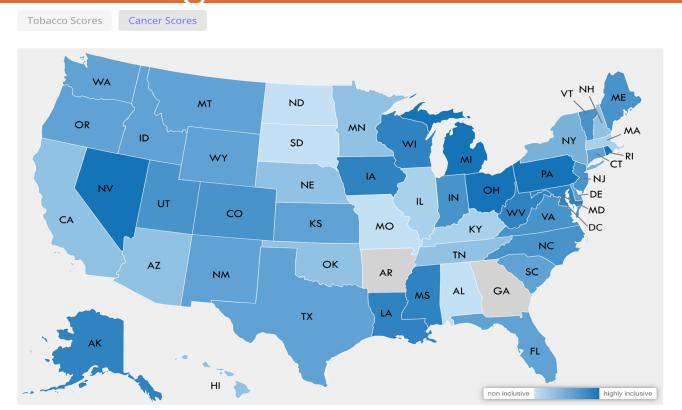


### State Needs Assessment Tool

- Administered 3 times over a 5 year project period
- State cancer & tobacco program directors & staff
- Administered online via Qualtrics
- ❖ Poll Questions

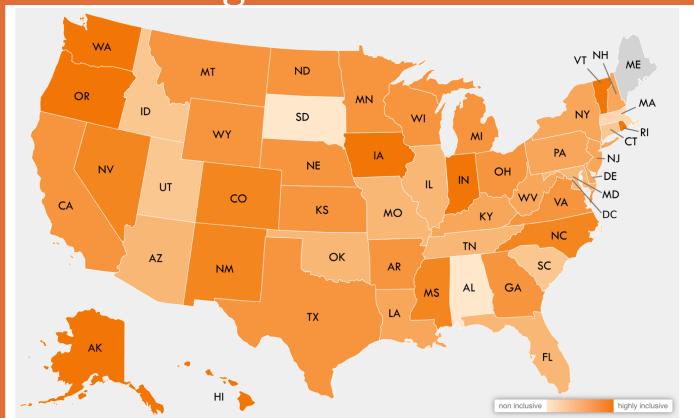


### Cancer Programs





# Tobacco Programs



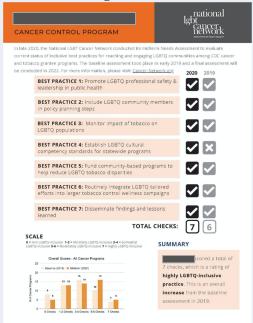


# State Scorecard Examples

#### Baseline



#### Midpoint





### What is SOGI Data?

SO = Sexual Orientation (LGB)

Which of the following best describes how you think of yourself?

- Lesbian or Gay
- Straight, that is, not gay
- Bisexual
- Something else





### What is SOGI Data?

GI =Gender Identity (T+)

What sex were you assigned at birth?

- Male
- Female
- Intersex

Do you consider yourself to be transgender?

- Yes, transgender, male-to-female
- Yes, transgender, female-to-male
- Yes, transgender, gender nonconforming
- No





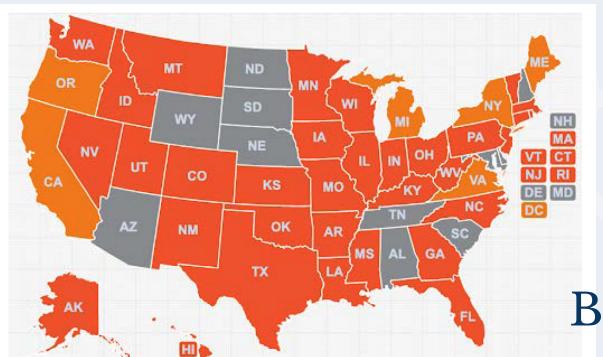
# **Evolving Definitions for LGBTQ+ Populations**

- Standard SOGI module on BRFSS tested for validity and reliability
- Continuity of longitudinal data
- Small sample sizes







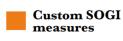


Lack nationally representative data

**BRFSS 2021** 

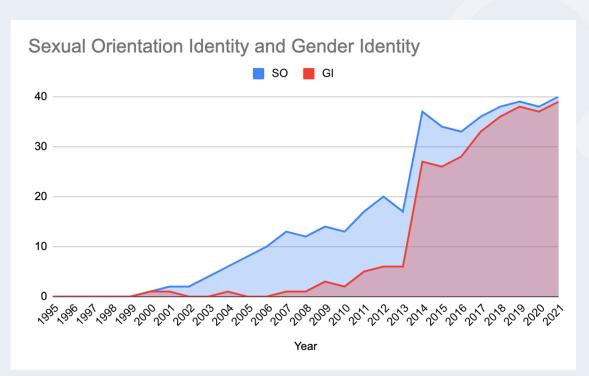
#### Map Key:











### **BRFSS 2021**



# Healthy People 2030

- 1. Increase the number of states, territories, and DC that include sexual orientation and gender identity questions in the BRFSS
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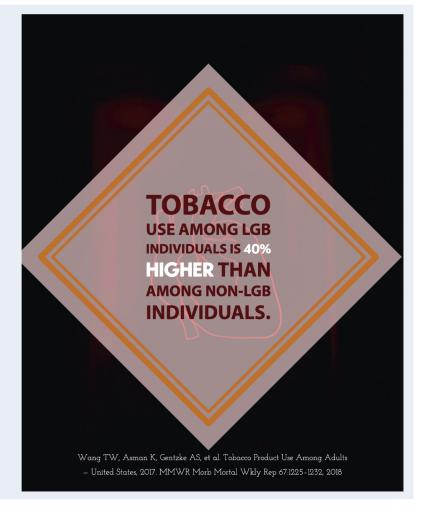


# Importance of SOGI Data Collection

- Identify & measure health disparities among LGBT populations at state and national level
  - Shifting demographics
- Tailored health promotion programs and services
- Inform competitive grant proposals







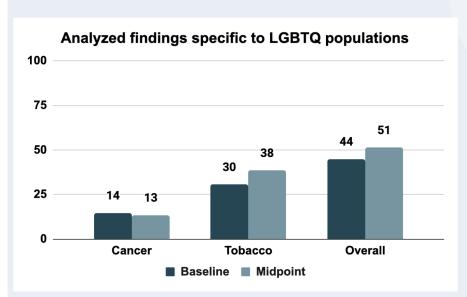
"We have collected SOGI data for over 10 years.

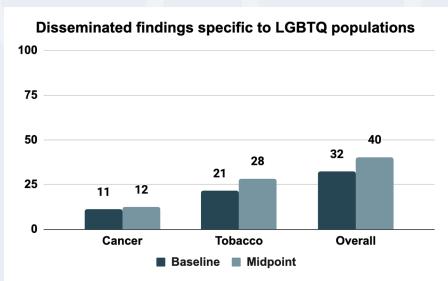
Actually, the tobacco control program initially requested and subsequently paid for the BRFSS questions to assure inclusion. In so doing, not only tobacco but all DOH programs have years of data." - Hawaii TCP

"We used SOGI data to assess the burden of tobacco use among individuals identifying as LGBTQ for the first time in Tennessee in 2018, and again in 2019. These findings have been used to not only monitor tobacco use among LGBTQ populations, but also to inform our strategic plan and programmatic activities under the new CDC-funded cooperative agreement." - Tennessee TCP



## Midpoint Evaluation Results





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## Common Misconceptions

- Including SOGI measures negatively impacts response rates and data accuracy
- SOGI measures are 'sensitive' questions, especially for youth populations



## Recommendations

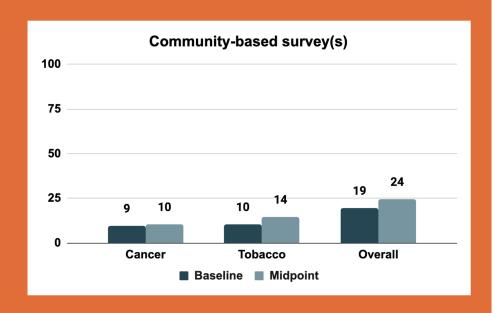
- Talk to your BRFSS coordinator
  - Start planning for 2022 BRFSS cycle
- Request SOGI data for your work
  - Utilize available data and identify gaps
- Understand the priorities (and concerns) of your partners
- Engage LGBTQ+ community partners early



### **Community-Based Surveys**

- Standardize including SOGI questions on surveys & forms
  - Quitlines
  - Cancer Registries
  - Intake forms







## **Community-Based Surveys**

"For the past couple of years I have elevated our state's desire for CDC cancer registry software to be modified to collect SGM data so that we can one day begin to use the state cancer registry as a tool to study health disparities impacting LGBTQ+ populations. Tobacco use history is something currently noted in the registry software for relevant cancers, but SGM demographic data isn't." - Rhode Island CCP



#### **LGBTQ Needs Assessment**



LGBTQ+ COMMUNITY NEEDS

2020 Indianapolis

lgbt cancer network Pennsylvania
2018 LGBT Health
Needs Assessment

- Summary Report



#### **LGBTQ Needs Assessment**

Contact us for a copy!



- Personal background & demographics
- Health care coverage & access
- LGBTQI+ identity & interactions
- Overall health status & mental health
- Sexual health
- Tobacco, alcohol & other drug use
- Cancer risk & screenings



# Recruiting LGBTQ+ Populations

- Seek community advisors
- Engage diverse partners
- Include a call to action
- Consider a media buy for targeted recruitment ads





# **OUT Survey Outreach**



## Iowa Cancer Consortium

www.canceriowa.org











Serving the LGBT Community of the Greater Lehigh Valley







## Media Buys

- 1st buy: LGBTQ population in
   10 cities
- 2nd buy: Black and Hispanic communities in 10 cities to increase BIPOC representation



# Key Takeaways

- 1. Regularly collect SOGI data
- 2. Encourage adoption of the standard SOGI module on BRFSS in your state
- 3. Foster LGBTQ+ employee leadership
- 4. Engage LGBTQ+ community partners and seek feedback regularly





Thank you. For more information contact us at <a href="mailto:info@cancer-network.org">info@cancer-network.org</a> or visit cancer-network.org



Q & A



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