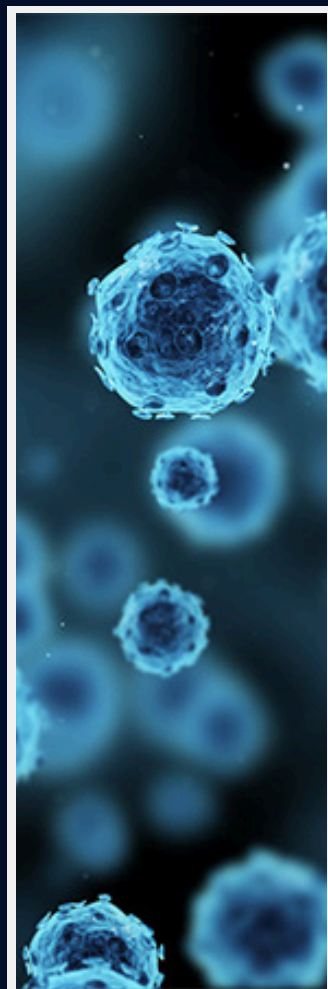
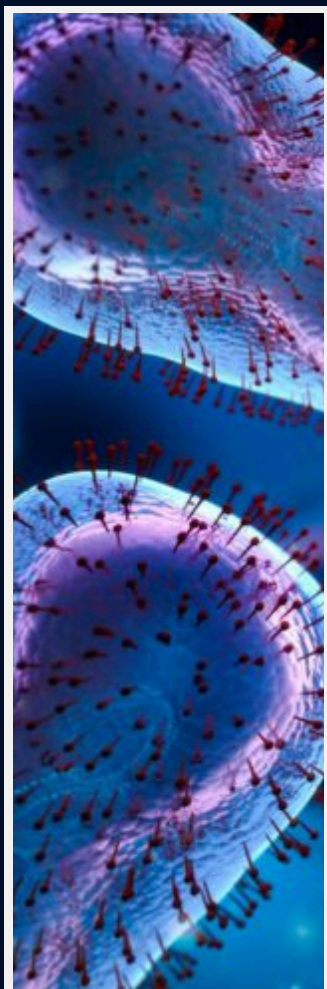
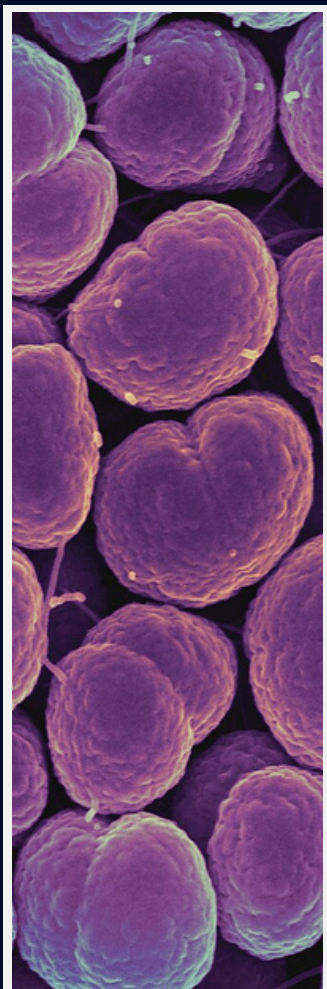




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SEXUAL HEALTH MERCH

Did you know NCSD has a merch store, full of products supporting public health? We launched new products in honor of STI Awareness Month and Week, and we can't wait to get them in your hands!

[Shop Now](#)



SOCIAL MEDIA CAMPAIGNS

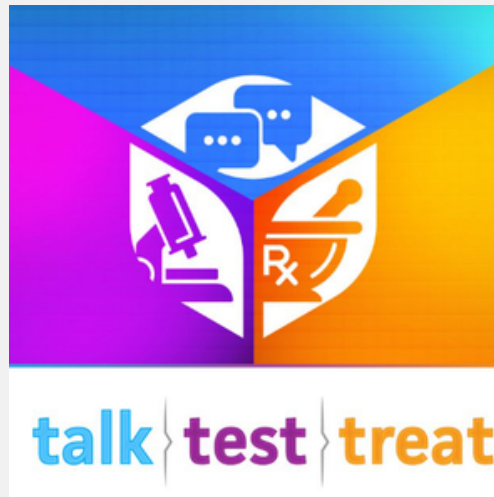
The CDC has several social media campaigns that can be used to help raise awareness during STI Awareness Week. In addition to downloadable graphics, they also provide suggested language to use along with each campaign.

[See More](#)



[Prepare Before You're There](#)

Encourages people to make a prevention “game plan” before they’re in the heat of the moment.



[Talk. Test. Treat.](#)

Encourages individuals and healthcare providers to take three simple actions: talk, test, treat.



[GYT: Get Yourself Tested](#)

Encourages young people to get tested.

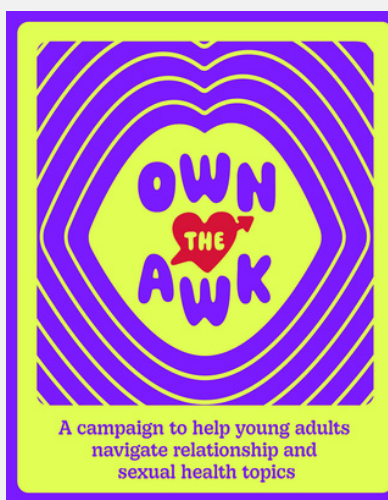
SOCIAL MEDIA CAMPAIGNS

The [National Coalition for Sexual Health](#) (NCSH) launched [Own the Awk](#), a multi-media campaign to empower young adults to have open, honest conversations with their partners about sexual health and relationship topics.

Shaped by young adults for young adults, “Own the Awk: Real Talk. Real Connection” offers free, practical, and interactive tools to build confidence and skills. Through humor, awkward portraits, and real-life scenarios, Own the Awk helps young adults navigate difficult conversations head on, which can open the door to safer sex, positive relationships, and sexual pleasure.

Own the Awk features videos, conversation starters, digital card decks, scripts, and resources on seven different topics: communication 101, defining the relationship, sexual desires and pleasure, safer sex, STIs, feelings, wants, and needs, and boundaries and consent.

[Check It Out](#)



POLICY UPDATES

Policy Success Stories

Now more than ever, there are a lot of limiting policies circulating around sexual health and STIs. While these are often highlighted the most, there are also programs successfully implementing new policies or protocols that are benefiting their communities. NCSD's "Success Stories" is a series that promotes policy-based achievements across the STI sector, with the goal of connecting peers and partners who want to replicate, adapt, or learn from shared successes. Success Stories will include a wide range of policies, from communication campaigns to protocol development to state legislation.



[Check out our latest Policy Success Story with New York!](#)

This Month In State Policy

NCSD regularly tracks bills across state legislative sessions that both directly and indirectly impact STI treatment and prevention services. This Month in State Policy is a one-stop shop that includes key summaries about relevant sexual health-related legislation, including trend analysis and links to additional information.

POLICY UPDATES

NEW

[Policy Aid: Innovations in Syphilis Policy Playbook](#)

This policy aid examines six syphilis prevention policy strategies and offers an inside look into how each strategy unfolded, including key implementation steps and considerations for replication and adaptation. The playbook was made possible through interviews with over one dozen STI professionals and is designed to highlight best practices for improving syphilis prevention efforts through effective collaborations with a range of public health partners, including jail/prison systems, emergency rooms, Medicaid, and community groups.

NEW

[Policy Aid: Non-Legislative Policy Considerations for Doxy PEP Implementation](#)

Health departments can consider relevant and implementable non-legislative or “little p” policies that support doxy PEP access in their jurisdiction. NCSD pulled together two key examples that can be replicated and adapted to meet local needs.

DI PROFESSIONAL RESOURCES



NEW

[UniversiDI Pathway](#)

NCSD, in partnership with ASPPH, is excited to introduce the UniversiDI pathway: a self-paced, 12-part eLearning training program to support your Certified in Disease Intervention (CDI) journey. Built for disease intervention professionals, by public health experts. [Check It Out](#) or [Access More CDI Exam Prep Resources Here](#)



NEW

[Intervention Insights](#)

NCSD recently launched our Intervention Insights video series, a 9-part video series designed to strengthen the skills of Disease Intervention professionals. Each short, engaging video presents a real-world scenario, with accompanying training materials to support learning. Check out the [Introduction to Intervention Insights trailer](#)! For more information and pricing structure, contact the NCSD Learning Center at LearningCenter@ncsddc.org

NCS Learning Center

The NCS Learning Center is our learning management system (LMS), where you can access a variety of field-relevant resources, courses, and programs as well as network with fellow disease intervention professionals.

[Create an Account or Learn More Here](#)

[Learning Spotlights](#)

The NCS Learning Center has a Learning Spotlight Series, consisting of short videos and resources on a variety of topics:

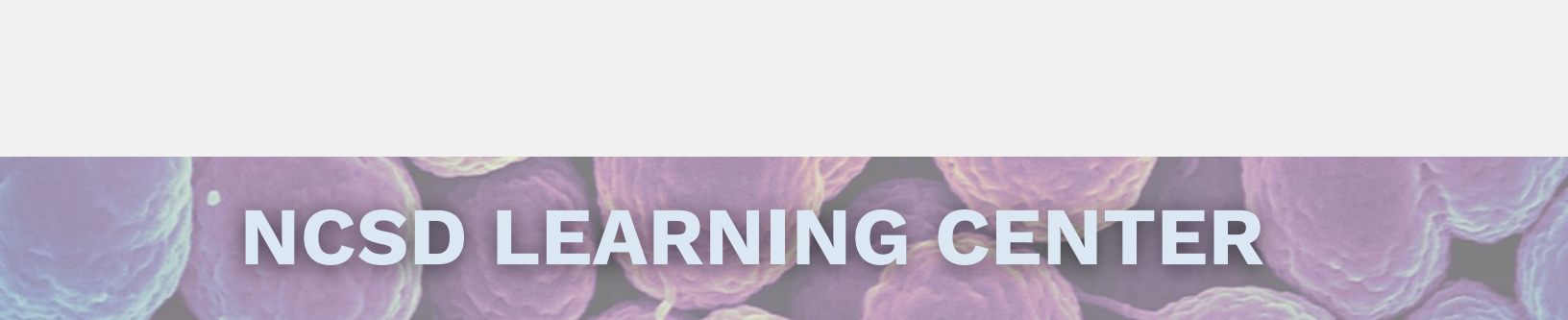
- [Sex Ed for All Month](#) video
- [Raising Awareness of Doxy PEP](#) video
- [National Sex Toy Day](#) infographic

[NCS Connect](#)

NCS Connect is our online community, where over 7,000 STI professionals from across the country can connect with each other to learn, share resources, and build community. If you already have an account on our Learning Center, you can access NCS Connect from the homepage or [through this link](#)!

[NCS Real Talk Podcast](#)

Tune in to our podcast to explore pressing public health and disease intervention topics like public health trends, public policy, emerging issues, and NCS initiatives. Available on [Apple Podcasts](#), [Spotify](#), and the [NCS Learning Center](#).



NCS D LEARNING CENTER

Live Webinars and Recordings

The NCS D Learning Center hosts a wide variety of webinars on topics from adolescent health to diagnostics. Check out a few of our popular courses to get started:

- [Beyond the Clinic Walls: Unlocking the Full Potential of mPOC Testing Across Diverse Settings](#)
- [Condom Workshop](#)
- [Future-Proofing STI Care: Meeting Emerging Needs with Diagnostic Innovation](#)

Earn CEUs

Our Learning Center has over 270 courses offering CA BRN, ADA CERP, and ANCC credits such as:

- [Motivational Interviewing in the Healthcare Setting](#)
- [Current HIV and AIDS Trends, Prevention and Improving Patient Outcomes](#)
- [STIs and Diseases in Urgent Care Centers](#)

HEALTH EQUITY

NCSD's Health Equity Resource Compendium

This resource compendium is an interactive hub filled with a variety of resources on health equity. The included resources cover a number of topics, media types, and audiences. Resources can be filtered by choosing the desired topic, media type, organization/creator, audience, description, review data, and/or publishing date under the dropdown menu for each category.

Health Equity External Resource Compendium

The screenshot displays a web interface for the 'Health Equity External Resource Compendium'. It features a grid of ten resource cards, each with a thumbnail image, a title, a brief description, and various filters. The cards are arranged in two rows of five. The top row includes cards on 'Ableism and Language', 'Bad Types of Sex Ed and Sexual Violence Prevention about Developmentally Disabled People', 'How "Differently Abled" Marginalizes Disabled People', 'Comprehensive Sex Education for Youth with Disabilities: A Call to Action', and 'The Significance of Semantics: Person-First Language: Why It Matters'. The bottom row includes cards on 'How to Make Your Social Justice Events Accessible to the Disability Community: A Checklist', 'Erasure and Health Equity Implications of Using Binary Male/Female Categories in Sexual Health Research and HIV/STI Surveillance: Recommendations for Transgender-Inclusive Data Collection and Reporting', 'Gender-Affirming Care for Trans Youth Is Neither New nor Experimental: A Timeline and Compilation of Studies', 'How to Close the LGBT Health Disparities Gap', and 'Supporting the Transgender People in Your Life: A Guide to Being a Good Ally'. Each card has a 'Disability' filter and a 'Blog' filter. The cards also display the author's name, the source URL, and the publication date.

Card Title	Author	Source	Publication Date
Ableism and Language	Autistic Hoya- Lydia X. Z. Brown	autistichoya.com/p/a...d.html	December 2023
Bad Types of Sex Ed and Sexual Violence Prevention about Developmentally Disabled People	Autistic Hoya- Lydia X. Z. Brown	autistichoya.com/201...n.html	October 2019
How "Differently Abled" Marginalizes Disabled People	Autistic Hoya- Lydia X. Z. Brown	autistichoya.com/201...d.html	December 2023
Comprehensive Sex Education for Youth with Disabilities: A Call to Action	Siecus	siecus.org/wp...1.pdf	May 2021
The Significance of Semantics: Person-First Language: Why It Matters	Autistic Hoya- Lydia X. Z. Brown	autistichoya.com/201...t.html	August 2011
How to Make Your Social Justice Events Accessible to the Disability Community: A Checklist	Rooted in Rights	rootedinrights.org/how...klist/	December 2023
Erasure and Health Equity Implications of Using Binary Male/Female Categories in Sexual Health Research and HIV/STI Surveillance: Recommendations for Transgender-Inclusive Data Collection and Reporting	Journal of the American Sexually Transmitted D		
Gender-Affirming Care for Trans Youth Is Neither New nor Experimental: A Timeline and Compilation of Studies	Julia Serano via Medium	juliaserano.medium.com/gen...75d797	December 2023
How to Close the LGBT Health Disparities Gap	Center for American Progress	americanprogress.org/art...s-gap/	December 2009
Supporting the Transgender People in Your Life: A Guide to Being a Good Ally	National Center for Transgender Equality	transequality.org/st...0.pdf	December 2023

STAY INFORMED

PriorityONE

PriorityONE is a new initiative aimed at protecting the public's health. These weekly briefings allow you to hear directly from experts in policy, communications, health, and more so you can stay on top of all of the changes in Washington, federal agencies, and around the nation.

[Learn More](#)

STI Weekly

The STI Weekly is NCSD's flagship newsletter with the latest resources, events, job listings, and professional development opportunities.

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