OVERVIEW

The Native VOICES project is an HIV prevention program, which the Northwest Portland Area Indian Health Board (NPAIHB) developed for American Indian and Alaska Native (AI/AN) youth. They adapted Native VOICES from Video Opportunities for Innovative Condom Education and Safer Sex (VOICES/VOCES). The program uses videos and role play to decrease the rates of sexually transmitted infections among AI/AN youth through greater use of barrier methods. The tool kit of materials for a single group session includes the following:

- Native VOICES video
- Condom demonstration video
- Dental dam demonstration video
- Selection of condoms and dental dams
- User’s guide

RESEARCH RESULTS

Surveys showed that in response to showings of the video in 2013, 66% of viewers were motivated to increase condom use.\(^1\) In 2014, the NPAIHB conducted a study to evaluate the effectiveness of the Native VOICES program. Nine US tribes and nearly 800 youth participated in the study. A large percentage of participants in the study felt more positive toward using condoms (78%) and dental dams (61%) and were more motivated to get tested for STDs/HIV (82%). The study also showed that, on average, participants scored a point higher on an 11-point test of sexual health knowledge and reported greater confidence in their intention to use protection.\(^2\)

TOOL LOCATION

http://www.npaihb.org/home/voices/

To request a tool kit, e-mail npaihb@npaihb.org

REFERENCES