



Educating Adolescent Population About Preventing Sexually Transmitted Infections

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Community Info:

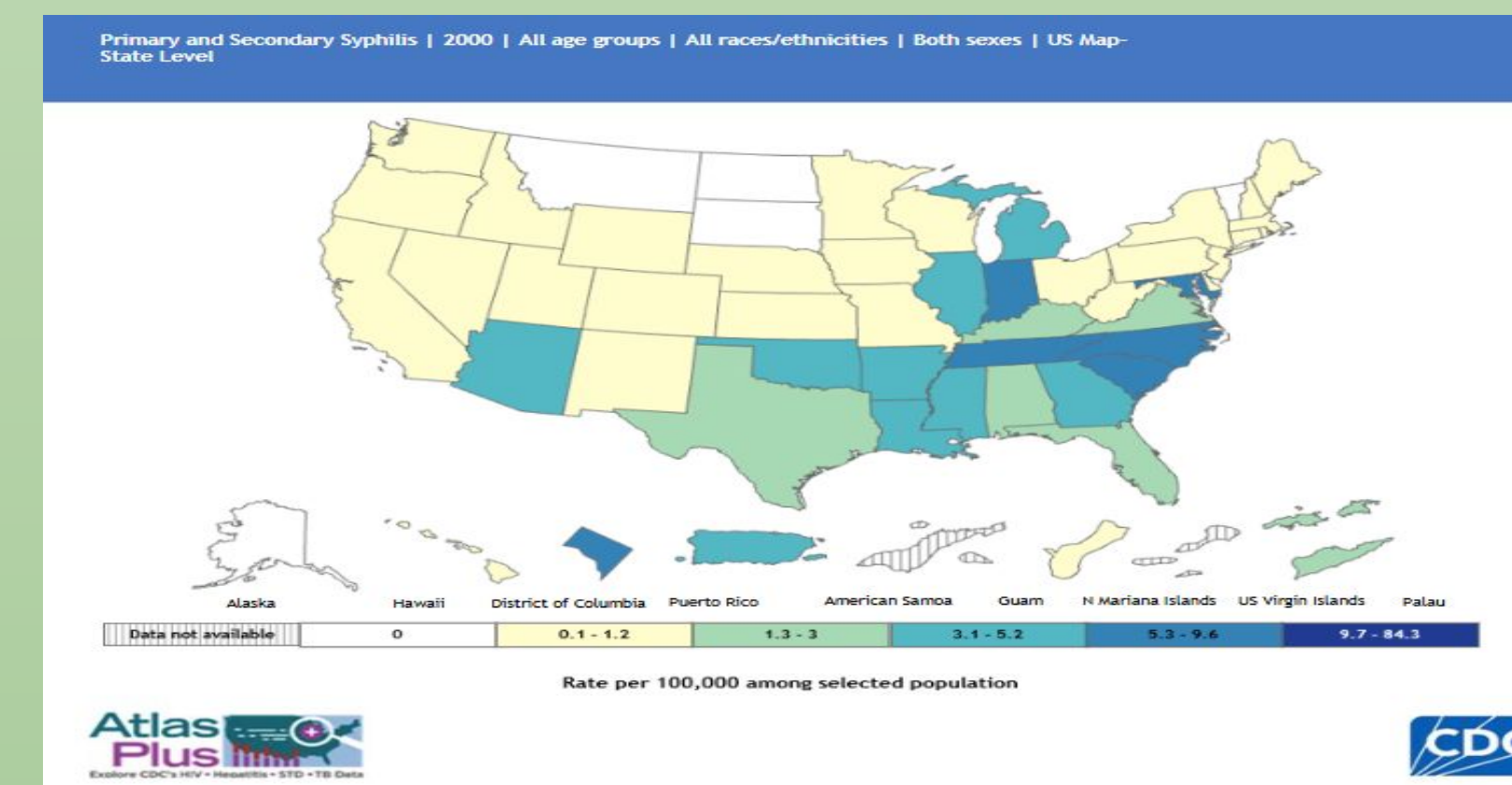
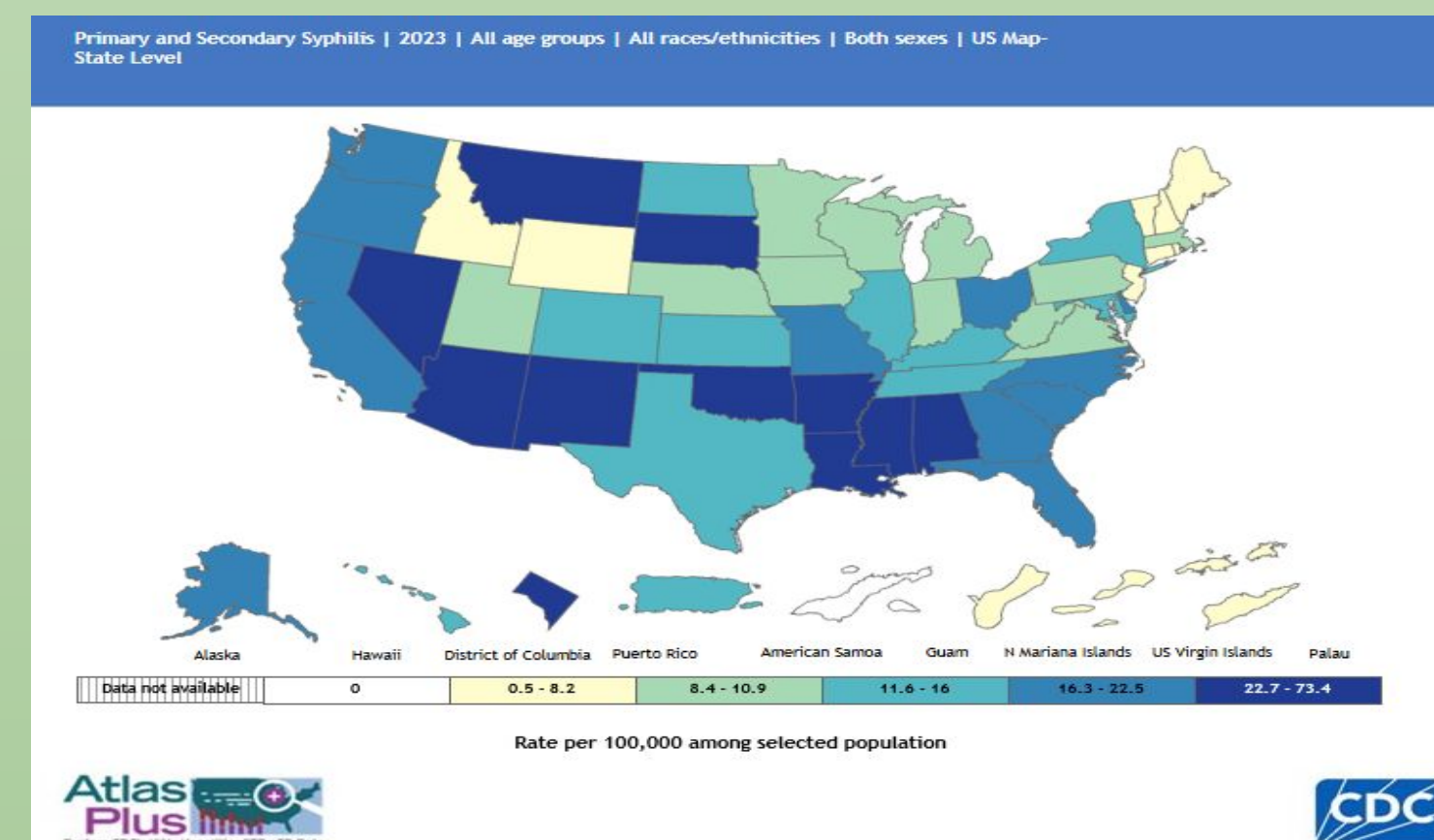
This community is located in Downtown Brunswick, Ga. Within the community there are lots of resources and businesses as well as lots of opportunities for growth. Some of the resources that can be found here are: Safe Harbor, The Well, The Post Office, Churches, Schools, A Fire Department, A Recreational Center, & more. While all of these resources exist, it appears to be the home to individuals from low socioeconomic backgrounds. This is evident by the lack of proper grocery stores, the poor state of homes, deteriorated streets, lastly the many boarded up, and/or falling apart buildings. In addition to what we saw, studies show that Primary and Secondary Syphilis rates are high in our state amongst all ages locally as well as, other STDs.

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Partner:

Our Community partner is Safe Harbor: Champions For Children

Their Mission: Founded in 1991, the mission of Safe Harbor Center is to provide services that promote security and stability for at risk families, children, and individuals.



Plan:

Educate on safe sex habits, condom usage and preventative screenings. Help them identify behaviors that put them at risk for STDs such as multiple partners, risky sexual behaviors, and not using protection. Guide them on making safe informed decisions when engaging in sex including mutual consent and responsibility of having the proper safety measures in place before engaging.

Reflection:

During our visit to Safe Harbor, we identified the need for education on personal care and personal growth for the youth.. We also gained insight into the vital resources provided by The Children's Center at Safe Harbor, which support both children and their families beyond traditional medical systems. This experience showed us the importance of a holistic approach to well-being within the community. Our project looked to address these needs by promoting self-care education and empowering both the youth and staff at Safe Harbor.

Assessment:

Our group assessed the knowledge of the staff and children by asking what they know about sexual safety. We identified behaviors of factors that contributed to the increased risk for injuries and contracting STDs.

Diagnosis:

At risk for knowledge deficit related to sexually transmitted diseases as evidence by STD rate in Brunswick GA from 2018-2022.

Long term goal: Decrease incidence of young individuals contracting STDs in Glynn county by 2026.

Short term goal: Bring awareness to all age groups in public school and allow them to teach back the importance of practicing safe sex before the start of the new school year in fall of 2025.

Implementation:

We provided education as well as goodie bags with self care products and condoms. We also provided education on self-care and how to integrate it into daily life for better physical, mental, and emotional well-being .

Evaluation:

Progress has been made in increasing awareness. By refining interventions and addressing identified challenges, further reductions in STI incidence among young people can be achieved.



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