Innovative approaches to providing family planning services to underserved young people in school-based settings

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In order to provide family planning services to underserved young people, many *school-based health centers (SBHCs)* and *community college health centers (CCHCs)* are using a wide range of innovative *approaches* to overcome obstacles. *COVID-19 has added new hurdles*, but providers continue to *think outside-the-box* to provide services to young people.
Key Goals of Project:

- **Identify innovative strategies** for providing services via SBHCs CCHCs,
  - Literature scan of journal articles, news articles and, webpages
  - Interviews with 35 SBHCS and 4 CCHCs
- **Widely share** innovative strategies, and
- **Increase knowledge** of innovative strategies among providers and school staff
1. **Inviting providers into classes or hold events** within the SBHCs or CCHCs to increase student awareness of services.

2. **Setting up a hotline** to allow students to reach clinic staff at any time to inquire about sexual and reproductive health and services.

3. Using **technology** like apps and **telehealth** to educate and provide services to students.

4. Uploading **videos on social media** outlets to educate students virtually on sexual and reproductive health, being mindful of the unique needs of local youth.

5. At schools with minimal student health services, **establishing strong referral partners** and **utilizing mobile health clinics** to serve students.
Which states’ SBHCs reported providing LARCs and/or hormonal contraceptives onsite?

- At least one SBHC reported providing LARCs AND oral contraceptives onsite
- At least one SBHC reported providing LARCs OR oral contraceptives onsite
- No SBHC reported providing LARCs OR oral contraceptives onsite
- No information available

Note: 2016-17 school year data (N=2,317). TN, AZ, ME, OK, VT, UT, NJ and MT had a less than 60 percent response rate.
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