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Increasing Capacity to Treat Tobacco Use in the Alaska Tribal Health System

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Project Overview

Target Audience:

Physicians, mid-level providers, nurses, behavioral health clinicians, community health aides, health educators

Project Objectives:

Adapt in-person Tobacco Treatment Specialist (TTS) training into an online training program

Conduct a regional pilot of the online training program by January 2017

Launch an accredited, interactive online learning platform by April 2017



Lessons Learned

Translating content from a 5-day in-person course to an online format is time intensive and can not be done without multiple adaptations

Staff facilitation of the online course is time intensive yet crucial to student success

Incorporating interactive activities such as self check quizzes is challenging, yet crucial to student engagement

Hosting an online learning platform can be costly based on staff time needed to facilitate the course



Evaluation Outcomes

Fifteen participants registered and completed the regional pilot, resulting in a 100% completion rate

Each participant completed and passed the post-test with an average grade of 86%-almost 20% higher than their pre-test scores

Based on student feedback, and pre and post-test results, the course met the expectations of ANTHC staff to develop a culturally responsive online tobacco treatment specialist training that reaches healthcare professionals in all regions of Alaska



Expected Results

The goal of the online training is that at least 400 additional healthcare professionals will be trained within ten years of the April 2017 launch. By increasing the number of TTSs, and promoting evidence based treatment strategies, we hope to eventually see a decline in the percent of Alaska Native adults that report using tobacco.



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