



Working to Eliminate Minority Health Disparities in the State of Mississippi

Collaboratively promoting Healthy Practices with a focus on Community Impact





IMPACT ONE: Decrease in Stigma

- The MAC initiative provided significant opportunities for external stigma awareness by collaborating with and providing resources to our campus Gay/Straight Student Alliance organization Spectrum
- The Chat & Chew Empowerment Forums helped address internal stigma via robust conversations with black males
 - Prep
 - HIV stigma
 - Black Love
 - Black Masculinity

- ➤ the role of Faith both in being an asset or liability to empowering Gay black men
- ➤ Getting the stories out about the LGBTQ struggle
- ➤ Building a bridge between straight and gay black men

IMPACT TWO: Increased Community Driven Solutions

While not perfect, the MAC initiative along with its community partners provided a more concentrated coordination of services

- >Such efforts included
 - ▶Peer Health Educator training
 - ➤ LGBTQ stigma
 - > Prep
 - On campus collaborations
 - Latasha Norman Center for Counseling Services
 - Spectrum
 - Greek organizations
 - Off Campus organizations
 - My Brother's Keeper
 - State Health Department
 - Care4Me/The SPOT

- >AIDS Coalition
- > AHF
- ▶ Canvas
- ➤ Mississippi Center For Justice
- ➤ Annual Men's Conference
 - >Addressing issues of social justice
 - >Addressing financial wellness
 - ➤ Addressing Positive Physical Health Outcomes
 - ➤ Addressing Positive Mental Health Outcomes
- ➤ Providing support to other HBCU's wanting to create safe spaces and

address issues impacting LGBTQ students on their campuses

IMPACT THREE: Increased Linkages to Care

- ➤ The MAC initiative provided access to Free Rapid HIV Testing at many of its events
- The Peer Health Educators provided Prep & HIV/STD prevention information via our "Kisses & Condom" packs
- The Community Health Program has two MOU's
 - Rapid Testing MOU
 - Condom distribution MOU
- The Health Department has provided staff & PHE training for HIV/STD and Prep

Lessons Learned

Campus Climate-A helpful preliminary step

Cultural Competency-What's in a Name?

The value of Campus/Community Allies

Jackson State University Community Health Program



The MAC Initiative is seeking African American Men from different spectrums of experience to participate in conversations for positive change and Empowerment. (Ladies are welcome)

CHAT & CHEW FREE food, door prizes and great conversation

Wednesday February 13, 2019 E-City Conference Room @ 5:30pm

BLACK LOVE: It's Not about WHO U Love...It's about HOW U Love...Love Shouldn't Hurt

For more information please call 601-979-1551 or email chp4health@yahoo.com









