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Breakout Session #1

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Building Comprehensive Cancer Control in a Tribal Nation

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Building Comprehensive Cancer Control in a Tribal Nation

Fond du Lac Band of Lake Superior Chippewa
Cancer Program



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Fond du Lac Band of Lake Superior Chippewa

- 25 miles west of Duluth
- IHS User Population of about 6,500 individuals
- 2 clinics (MNAW, CAIR)
- 23 years of a CDC Cancer Grant
- Wiidookaage Cancer Coalition and Cancer Plan



PRIMARY PREVENTION

- 1) Tobacco Cessation (18-40) – EBI: Train providers to offer cessation sessions at every visit to smoking patients
- 2) HPV Vaccines (9-13) – EBI: Policy for reminders for two-doses vaccines
- 3) Skin Cancer Prevention – EBI: Canopies & Sunscreen Dispensers



EARLY DETECTION & SCREENING

- 1) Breast (45-54) – EBI: Provider reminder, patient reminder, provider feedback and evaluation, reducing structural barriers
- 2) CRC (45-75) – EBI: Provider reminder, patient reminder, provider feedback and evaluation, reducing structural barriers
- 3) Cervical (35-54) – EBI: Provider reminder, patient reminder, provider feedback and evaluation, reducing structural barriers
- 4) Lung (50+) – EBI: Patient reminder through mail & phone calls



SURVIVORSHIP

1) Support – Support Group

2) Clinical Trials

3) Survivorship Supplement: Collaboration with Angel Foundation



CHALLENGES & SOLUTIONS IN A TRIBAL SETTING

- Small Community (mammo unit) and lack of transportation
- Change of number/address
- Incentives (gas vs. food)
- Community (support, navigation, food)
- Use of culture



Collaboration with Angel Foundation

- Mission:

Angel Foundation™ offers relief to adults with cancer and their loved ones through financial assistance, education, and emotional support.



Financial Cancer Care

- ❑ One – hour Long Financial Literacy Workshop with a Financial Advisor
- ❑ 1-3 sessions with a Certified Financial Planner
- ❑ On- Demand Learning (Financial Literacy Workshop)
- ❑ Financial Resource Navigation Webinar
 - Social Security Benefits
 - Medicare Insurance
 - County Benefits
 - Transportation and Financial Assistance Program
- ❑ Receive **\$250 MORE** in gift card stipends, distributed throughout program.



Angel Packs™

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- *Telling a child that you have cancer is one of the hardest things a parent may ever have to do.*
- Angel Packs™ are a one-of-a-kind educational tool designed to help parents and caregivers discuss and digest a cancer diagnosis in an age-appropriate and comforting way.



QUESTIONS

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