

National Coalition of STD Directors

Phase II: Assessment of the Front Line Efforts to Combat STDs

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BACKGROUND

The National Coalition of STD Directors (NCSO) is a nonprofit, non-partisan public health membership organization dedicated to the prevention of sexually transmitted diseases (STDs). Founded in 1996, NCSO represents health department STD directors and their support staff and community-based partners in programs across the 50 states, seven large cities/counties and eight U.S. territories that are directly funded by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC). Providing leadership to support and advance STD prevention and control programs, NCSO advocates for effective policies, strategies, and sufficient resources for STD programs and endeavors to increase public awareness of the health and social impact of STDs. NCSO has established five operational priorities in direct support of its membership: capacity building, policy and advocacy, national leadership and strategic communications, health equity promotion, and organizational strengthening.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

Following on from the Academy's previous work with NCSO (*The Impact of Sexually Transmitted Diseases on the United States: Still Hidden, Getting Worse, Can Be Controlled*), this project will assess the efforts of frontline STD prevention and control programs and ascertain the burden placed upon state, local, and territorial authorities as a consequence of the intensifying STD epidemic.

The Academy team will seek to trace funding streams facilitating those programs and authorities, identify and examine intergovernmental obstacles to program execution including administrative burden, conflicting policies, and funding constraints, and develop a set of Actions for Consideration and reforms to bolster efforts to reduce STD rates.

As part of the study process, the project team will conduct outreach to state, local, and territorial public health entities, as well as federal agencies providing support to STD and control operations, Congressional stakeholders, and NCSO partner organizations such as ASTHO and NACCHO.

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