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Dear Colleagues,

January 1, 2019 marked the beginning of the Division of STD Prevention’s (DSTDP) new flagship STD prevention funding program: *Strengthening STD Prevention and Control for Health Departments*, or STD PCHD.

**This funding to state, territorial, and local health departments is instrumental in monitoring, preventing, and controlling STDs throughout the United States.** The new five-year cooperative agreement began this month and ends December 31, 2023. The 59 health department recipients will receive approximately $92,500,000 in 2019, with awards ranging from $300,000 to over $6,500,000.

STD PCHD priorities are to:

- Eliminate congenital syphilis
- Prevent antibiotic-resistant gonorrhea
- Reduce primary and secondary syphilis
- Prevent infertility and other negative reproductive health outcomes
- Address STD-related outbreaks
- Reduce STD-related health disparities
- Support STD-related HIV prevention

Program work will focus on five strategy areas: to conduct surveillance; conduct disease investigation and intervention; promote CDC recommended screening, diagnosis and treatment; promote prevention and policy; and analyze and use data for program improvement. Cross-cutting strategies include STD-related HIV prevention, as well as creating, maintaining, and leveraging partnerships.

More information including the full list of awardees and an infographic about the funding are available on CDC’s [STD PCHD webpage](https://www.cdc.gov/std/pchd). Questions about the cooperative agreement should be directed to STD_PCHD@cdc.gov.

As always, thank you for your continued dedication to STD prevention.

Best Regards,
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