

UPDATES FROM THE WASHINGTON D.C.

## *National School-Based Health Conference*



### Workshop Objective:

Participants will be able to implement practical tools and language to create a more inclusive and affirming healthcare environment.

### Fostering Inclusive Health Care : Centering Queer Youth within Sexual & Reproductive Healthcare

Our workshop, "**Fostering Inclusive Care: Centering Queer Youth in Sexual & Reproductive Health**," made a significant impact at the 2024 National School-Based Health Care Conference, hosted by the School-Based Health Alliance. With a focus on addressing the unique needs of queer youth within healthcare settings, we provided crucial insights and practical strategies for health educators, clinic staff, and healthcare practitioners.

Throughout the session, which was attended by over 50 participants including program administrators, healthcare professionals, policy leaders, and youth leaders, we explored effective approaches to creating safe and affirming spaces in sexual and reproductive health clinics. Discussions and case studies emphasized the importance of using inclusive language, understanding diverse gender identities and sexual orientations, and adopting an intersectional approach to care.

By the end of our workshop, attendees gained practical tools to implement immediately in their practices. They learned how to navigate sensitive conversations, provide informed guidance, and promote the overall well-being of queer youth. Our emphasis on competence, empathy, and inclusivity aimed to equip healthcare practitioners to better support this underserved population.

Our workshop was selected under the **Innovations** category, highlighting its forward-thinking approach to enhancing healthcare accessibility and quality for queer youth. We are proud to have contributed to the conference's mission of advancing health equity and fostering partnerships across diverse communities.

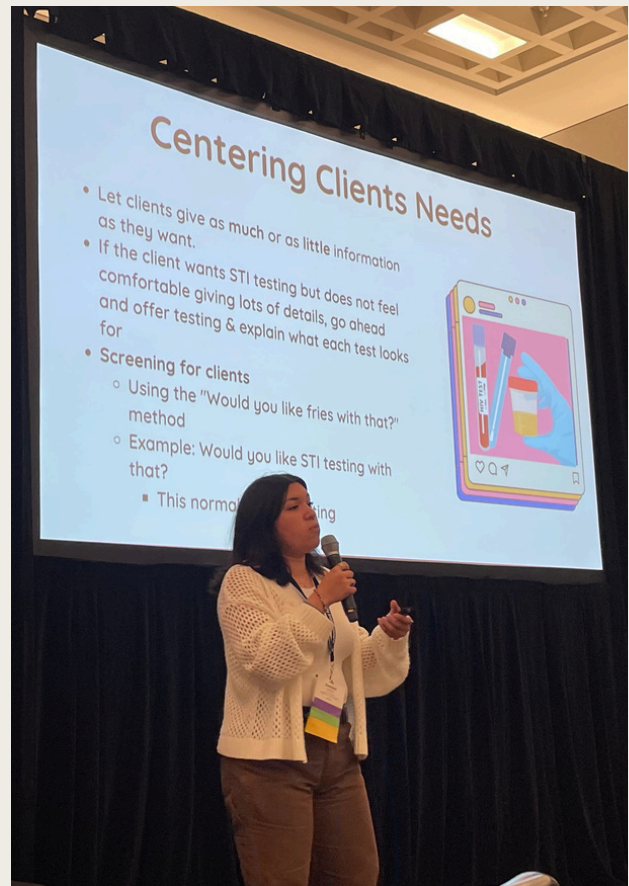
We look forward to continuing this dialogue and furthering the impact of inclusive healthcare practices in future conferences and beyond.



## It all started with a growth plan...

### **Gretchen Sarantes**

(she/her/ella) started her role as a health educator with a goal to better understand and learn more about barriers that LGBTQ+ individuals face in healthcare settings.



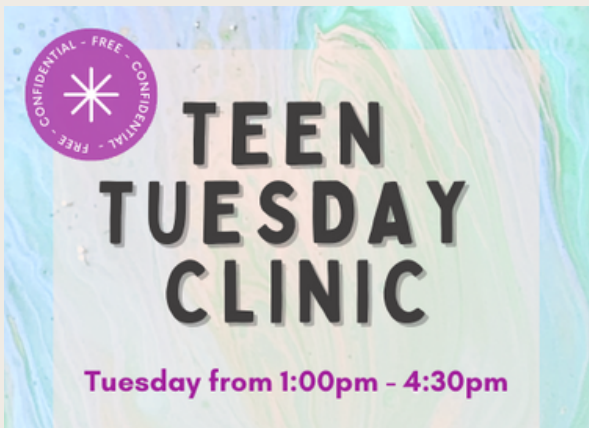
## The Impact & Future

2022 GROWTH PLAN

2023 TEEN CLINIC TRAINING

2024 CONFERENCE SESSION

We're eager to witness the evolution of this growth plan—from training sessions to conference workshops. This initiative has now become standard practice for new hire staff and new partnerships, marking a significant milestone in **Gretchen Sarantes'** ongoing contributions to the Marin Health Education Team.

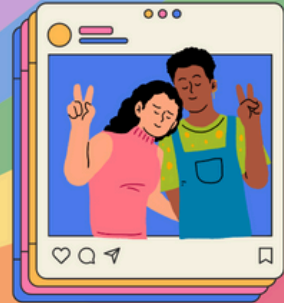
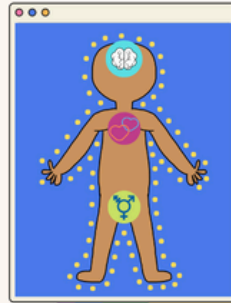
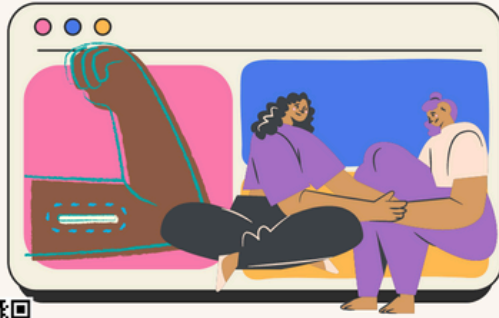


## Teen Tuesday Clinic Staff Training

This goal quickly became a training to support the Teen Tuesday Clinic staff, Marin Community Clinics medical, and front office staff.

# FOSTERING INCLUSIVE CARE:

Centering Queer Youth within  
Sexual & Reproductive  
Healthcare



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