

STDCB Advisorship Program

The California Department of Public Health (CDPH), Sexually Transmitted Diseases Control Branch (STDCB) has created a new Advisorship Program designed for both new Disease Intervention Specialists (DIS) and those who want a refresher training. The Advisorship Program is an all virtual 8-week standardized training course with supplemental resources that will help participants build skills and develop confidence in DIS subject matter.

What Does the Advisorship Program Look Like?

Structured Program and Syllabus

- 8-week program (4 hours a week broken into 2 days)
- More oversight and progress of program completion
- Recurring check-ins between Local Health Jurisdiction (LHJ) and CDPH

Cohort Style Learning

- Larger audience reach and participation
- Increase of LHJ staff that can train together
- Peer-to-Peer support within and between LHJs
- Fostering a safe and welcoming learning environment

Assessments and Quizzes

- Pre-assessments and post-assessments
- Weekly knowledge checks
- Advisorship Comprehensive Examination



Topics Covered

Peers will be able to build skills and develop confidence in the following subject matter:

- Syphilis Reactor Process
- CalREDIE (record searches and documentation process)
- Conducting syphilis summary reports
- Contacting Primary Medical Doctors
- Patient level communication
- Interviewing skills (pre-interview analysis, cluster interviews, phone interviews, motivational interviewing, practice interviews)
- HIV, PrEP/PEP, Doxy-PEP
- Partner Services
- Field preparation (safety, problem solving, best practices)
- CalCONNECT
- Mpox basics
- Concepts behind quality assurance and quality improvement
- And more

Learning Outcomes

Enhance

Enhance general skillset to conduct Syphilis case investigations, such as identifying priority cases for follow up and conducting record searches using state provided databases.

Improve

Improve communication skills by focusing on organizational health literacy and expanding on emotional intelligence when working with diverse populations.

Incorporate

Incorporate the use of technology when conducting partner notifications at the local level.

Develop

Develop interpersonal connections with fellow peers and advisors when participating in chalk talk discussions and group activities.

Enrollment Information

For Advisorship Program enrollment or additional information, please e-mail the Advisorship inbox at STDCB.advisorship@cdph.ca.gov