Welcome & Overview

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Empowering Individuals Toward Optimal Reproductive Health

This training is designed to connect the FP provider network in order to:

- Increase service utilization
- Achieve positive impact on individual’s reproductive futures & sexual health
- Identify the links between local programs, shared messages and teachable moments

Impact of Access

- Reduces unintended pregnancies
- Improves maternal health & birth outcomes
- Empowers women to control their fertility
- Promotes awareness of family planning options
Impact of Messages

- Fosters a better understanding of the values and benefits of contraception
- Increases support for and use of birth control methods
- Instills a higher level of self-efficacy
- Encourages sexual partners to make informed decisions about their sexual health and reproductive futures

Family Planning Network Collaboration

- Increases inter-connectedness across agencies to reinforce FP concepts and strengthens effective delivery of key messages
- Leads to improved reproductive health and positive outcomes during the preconception & interconception cycles

Today’s Speakers

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Illinois Department of Healthcare & Family Services

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