



Adolescent Initiative - Mobile Health Unit

A Department of Pediatrics Chair's Initiative

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Project Goal

The Adolescent Initiative MHU provides an extension of our adolescent sexual health services in the Philadelphia area via:

- Education
- Point of care STI/HIV testing
- Research participation
- Prevention services in underserved youth communities

The Mobile Health Unit



Accomplishments

- Set up metrics and surveys in RedCAP to collect necessary data to drive services and programming
- Collaboration with local artist and ycab to design the MHU wrap
- MHU is road ready – just need to install small elements inside for comfort
- Attended our first event with MHU on 6/16 at Valley Youth House
- Identified an operations manager for MHU for daily upkeep and management
- Building community partner collaborations
- Awarded equipment grant for MHU, in collaboration with CFAR
- Developed great relationship with marketing and PR team at CHOP to brand and promote the MHU

Lessons Learned

- Buying a mobile health unit was a challenge
- Pandemic effected the programming timeline – need to be flexible
- New CHOP resources discovered, and collaborations established
- Prioritizing a youth voice for the van design and programming has led to greater youth community buy-in and engagement

Next Steps

- Getting IknowUshould2 Website / Community Calendar up and running
- Getting the MHU out into the community
- Continue to seek sustainability resources