# Making Connections: Partnering to Increase Access to Health Services for Youth in Rural Communities

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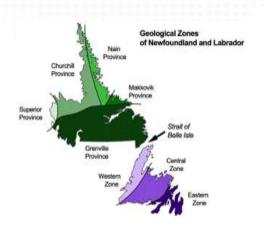
## **Project Purpose**

The purpose of this project was to increase access to sexual health services for high school students.





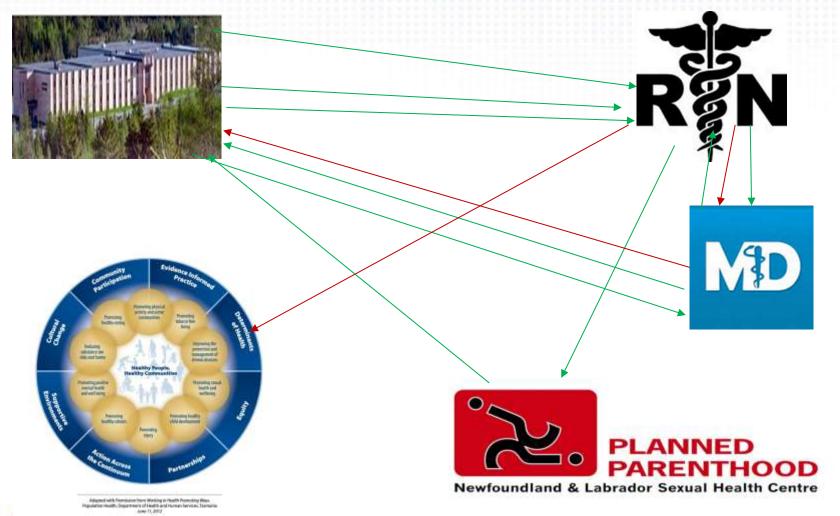
#### **Limited Access**





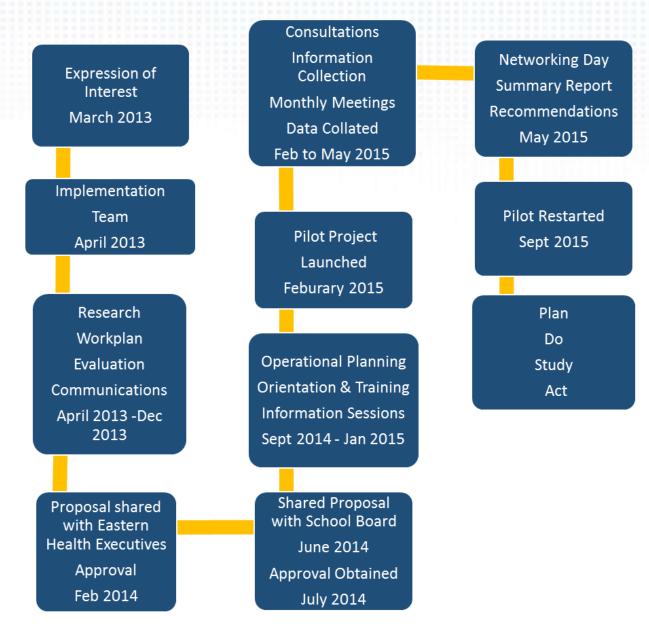


## **A Series of Unfortunate Events!**





#### **Timeline of Actual Events**





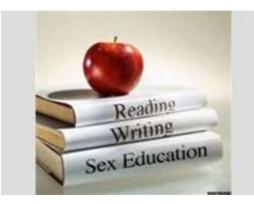
## **Partnerships**

Health Promotion Division

Public Health Nursing

School Community

Communicable
Disease
Control





## **Pilot Sites**











#### **Sexual Health Services**

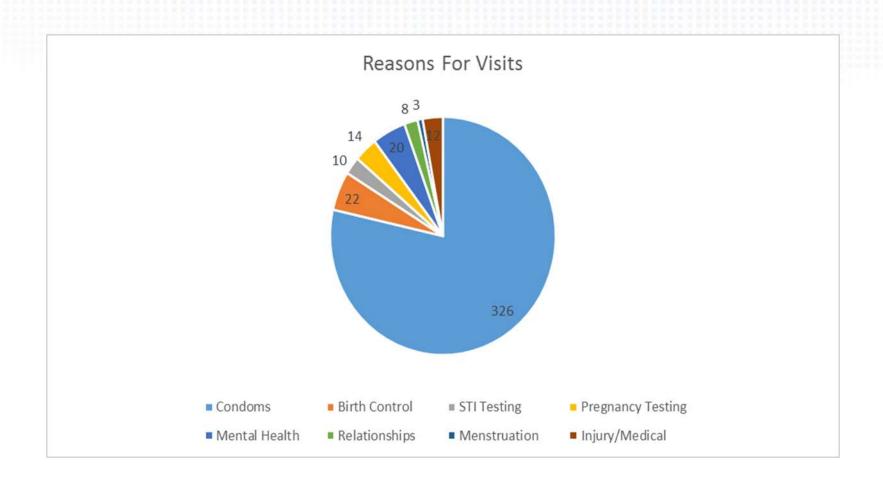






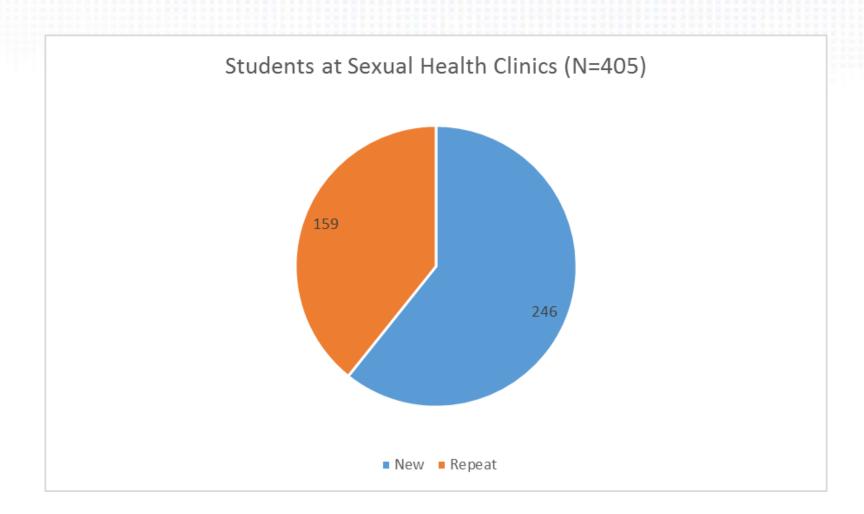


#### **Reason for Clinic Visits**





#### **Clinic Profile**





## **Networking**





"I just wanted to say a massive thank you .... I have plans to see a counselor, without talking to you none of this would be happening"

Student



### **Expressions of Gratitude**

"The nurse understood and didn't judge anything I said". "I don't know how else I could have dealt with everything."

Student

"Thank-you for dealing with the chaotic halls of our school, thank you for taking the time to do this and help students."

Teacher

"As a nurse I appreciate having the time to spend with students."



## **Key Learning Outcomes**

- Partnerships are important
- Youth friendly services are vital
- School settings break barriers
- Community Health Nurses are catalysts





#### **Questions?**





