Trust and Respect in Post-Abortion LARC Uptake for People of Color

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Project Overview

Planned Parenthood Minnesota, North Dakota, South Dakota and the University of Minnesota are teaming up to learn more about how the history of reproductive trauma impacts trust and respect in health care.

Our focus is post-abortion LARC (Long Acting Reversible Contraception such as IUDs and implants) uptake in communities of color.

Research Question

How does a history of institutional reproductive trauma impact trust and respect in reproductive health care, including LARC uptake in communities of color?

Our Goals

To inform the development of materials to educate contraceptive counselors and to increase the overall trust and respect between contraceptive counselors and people of color.

Timeline of Reproductive Coercion in the United States

- **1654**: Enslaved African people experience incalculable violence toward their reproductive rights, bodies, and families.
- **1907**: The first sterilization law is passed, targeting impoverished women, immigrants, and women of color.
- **1956**: Japanese American women are sterilized without their knowledge during internment.
- **1970s**: By this time, 25% of indigenous women living on reservations are sterilized.
- **1974**: Courts find an estimated 100,000 to 150,000 are sterilized annually under federally-funded programs.
- **1990s**: Women receiving public assistance were provided financial incentives to obtain the implant.
- **2000s**: Women in California, some without informed consent.

Timeline only includes only a small selection of the vast history against reproductive rights in the United States.

Sources from Western States Center and Planned Parenthood Federation of America.

Project Timeline

**Phase 1: Community Engagement**
- Recruitment strategy
- Interview guide development
- Community dissemination and implementation plan

**Phase 2: Video Development**
- Interview subjects
- Data collection
- Developing multiple products for varying audiences

**Phase 3: Evaluation and Dissemination**
- Develop evaluation strategy
- Develop dissemination strategy
- Pre and post-analysis