An **Integrative** Study of Access and Barriers to Campus Reproductive Services

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Introduction & Overview

SEXUAL HEALTH SURVEY RESULTS

[OF 393 RESPONDENTS, 73.8% WERE FEMALE]

79.9% HAVE BEEN SEXUALLY ACTIVE WHILE AT BC

42.4% ALWAYS USE A CONDOM DURING SEX

44.3% DON'T KNOW WHERE THEY CAN ACQUIRE CONTRACEPTIVES NEAR CAMPUS

Introduction & Overview

What barriers to campus reproductive services exist, and are some barriers more dominant than others?
Methods

Class Year Distribution of Responses

- Freshmen/First Year: 8.70%
- Sophomore: 13.04%
- Junior: 34.79%
- Senior: 43.46%

Williams Students

- Underclassmen
  - Freshmen
  - Sophomores
- Upperclassmen
  - Juniors
  - Seniors
Findings

5 Major Barriers to Campus Reproductive Services

1. Lack of Awareness

2. Inadequate Quality and Communication

- Insufficient Quality of Services
- Lack of Communication

- Availability
- Range of Services

24/7
3. Logistical Barriers
- Transportation Issues
- Open Hours
- Appointment Wait Times
- Inconvenient Location of Health Center

4. Personal Barriers
- Confidentiality
- Pressure to Hide from Family
- Financial Issues and Affordability

5. Social Barriers
- Lack of Conversation about Sexual Health
- Stigma Surrounding Sexual Health
- Pressure to Participate in Hookup Culture
Figure 1. Responses to the Question “Which of the following reproductive services and resources did you know were provided at the Health Center (before taking this survey)? Select all that apply.”

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Figure 3. Responses to the Question “How did you know of these reproductive services, if any? Select all that apply.”

- Daily Messages: 35.71%
- Health Center website: 16.67%
- Through a sports team or club sport: 14.29%
- RASAN or Berkshire Doula Project (BDP): 7.14%
- Friends/Word of mouth: 4.76%
- JAs: 4.76%
- Other: 14.29%

N/A. Did not know about the availability of any of these services.
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Findings - Logistical Barriers

Inconvenient Hours
Location
Transportation
Findings - Personal Factors

Confidentiality

Hiding Information from Family

Financial Issues
Findings

Figure 4. Responses to the Question “Is there a stigma surrounding sexual health on campus?”

- Yes: 13.04%
- Maybe: 39.13%
- No: 47.83%

Figure 5. Responses to the Question “What is the conversation surrounding sexual health and wellbeing like on campus?”

- It exists and is prevalent. People talk about sexual health openly and publicly: 8.70%
- It exists but only among friends and friend groups. Friends talk about their sexual health openly, but not with others outside their friend groups: 4.36%
- It does not exist at all. No one, not even friends, talk about their sexual health openly: 96.96%
Findings

Figure 6. Responses to the Question “Do you find yourself affected by that stigma, if it exists?”

Figure 7. Do you feel pressure to participate in hookup culture on campus?
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A more in-depth and specific look

1. Lack of sufficient advertisement of availability, range, and prices of services
2. Lack of satisfaction in quality and communication of services
3. Inconvenient hours and location
4. Familial pressure
5. Stigma, marginalization of sexual health and pressure to participate in hookup culture
A more in-depth and specific look

Lack of sufficient advertisement of availability, range, and prices of services

Lack of satisfaction in quality and communication of services

Inconvenient hours and location

Familial pressure

Subtle stigmatization of sexual health and pressure to participate in hookup culture
Conclusion

Pamphlet + Website (including prices)

Further Research
Re-Implementation of Student Prescription Services + Weekend Morning Hours

Online Portal of STI Forms and Results

Addressing Hookup Culture

Inconvenient hours and location

Familial pressure

Subtle stigmatization of sexual health and pressure to participate in hookup culture
Works Cited