

**Culturally Appropriate HIV Capacity Building Among Pacific Islander Organizations in Southern California**  
 Results from an organizational capacity survey of participating organizations

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**HAF A ADAI**  
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**Program Partners**



**Kanana Fou Samoan Congregational Christian Church (KFSCC)**  
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## Program Principles

We collaborated with a diverse group of Pacific Islander faith and community based organizations to build capacity, increase awareness and knowledge of HIV/AIDS in the Micronesian, Polynesian and Melanesian communities in the Los Angeles, Orange and San Diego counties.

The Pacific Islander greeting is a ritual that includes hugging and kissing, done communally. This process is joined by talking stories and sharing experiences which fosters acceptance and trust. Family, Faith and Food are the keys to a Pacific Islander relationship.

Through many collaborations, the group has grown together through many facets of capacity building. They often use the buddy system with each other as a means of support. The elders and youth are also involved in many activities. This has helped them understand what the program is all about. More often than not, the individuals will come back again to represent their organization for they have their stories to tell.

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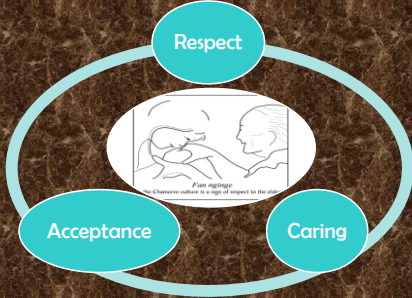
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## Social Protocol



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## The Pacific Islander Community

- Family
- Faith
- Fiestas
- Social Groups
- Culture Groups



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# Community Challenges

- Feelings of shame
- Acceptance
- Fear of God
- Religion
- Confidentiality
- Proud culture

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# Program Objectives

**Developing the Collaborative** - Formation of a partnership conducting HIV/AIDS Preventive Health with Pacific Islander faith-based and community-based organizations via "Talking Story"

**Capacity Building and Technical Assistance** - The partners have initiated institution of their own funding streams and collaborations with other organizations. They have also become advocates, mentors and provided technical assistance within their peer groups.

**Needs Assessment** - The collaborative took ownership in translating, back-translating, facilitation, distribution and collection of the needs assessment surveys to establish data for Pacific Islanders.

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## Objective 1: Develop the Collaborative

Year 1



**Community gatherings in Long Beach and San Diego (Island style)**



**Developed collaborative logo**




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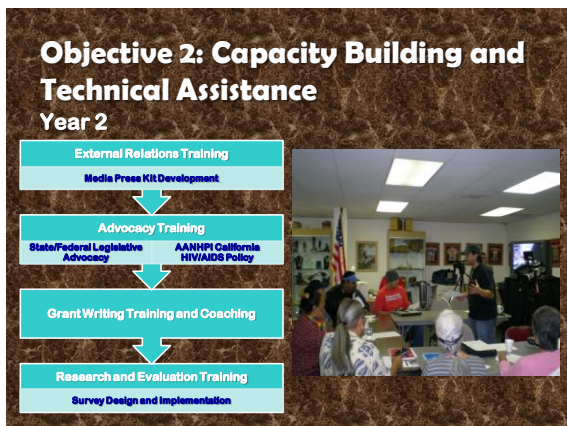
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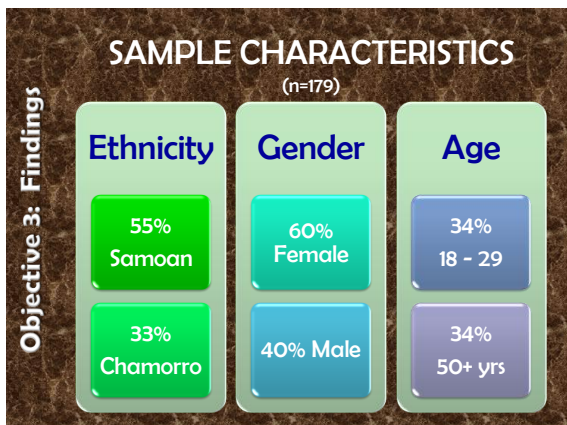
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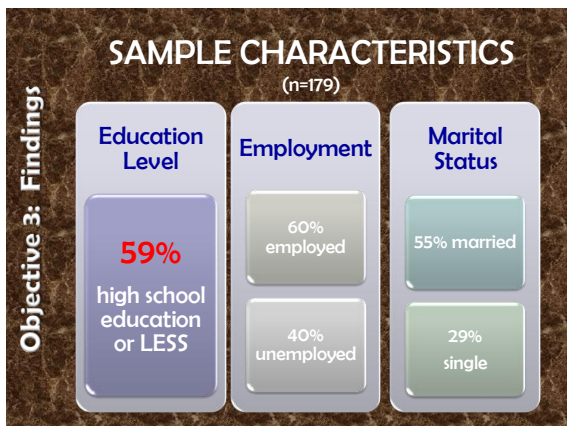
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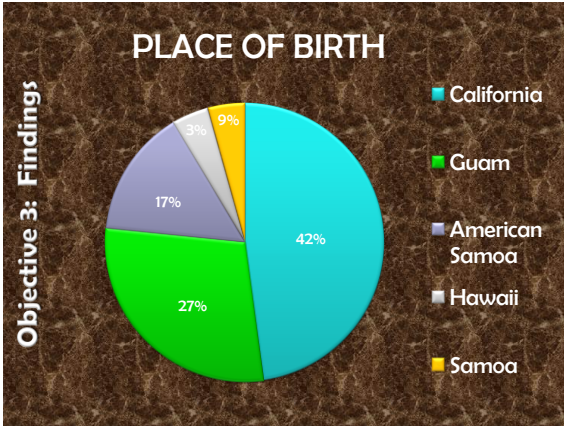
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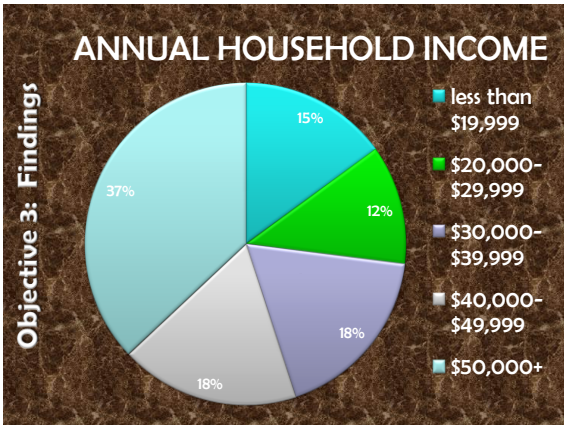
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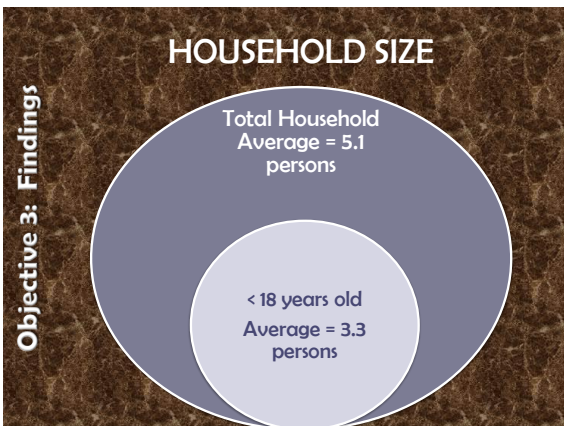
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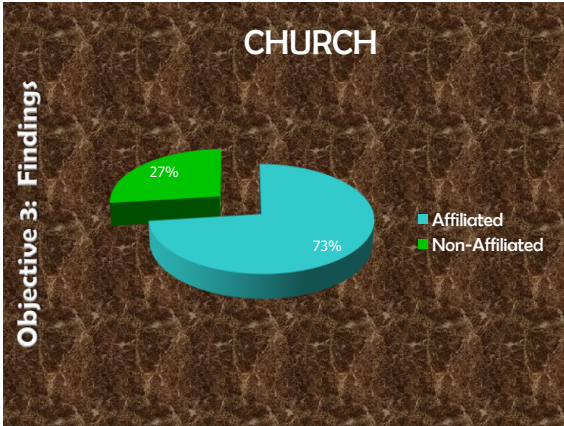
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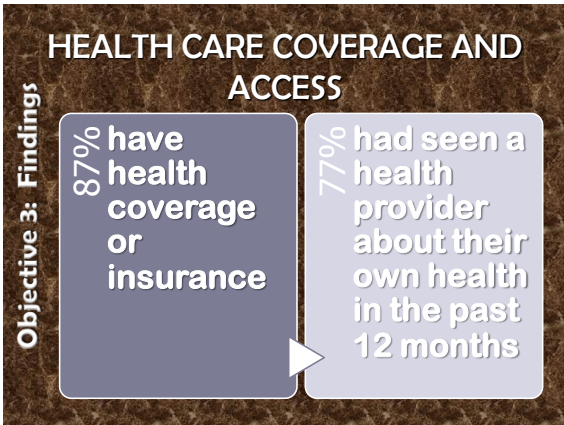
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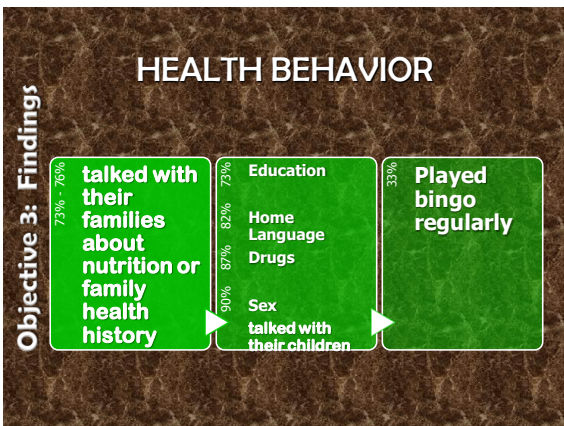
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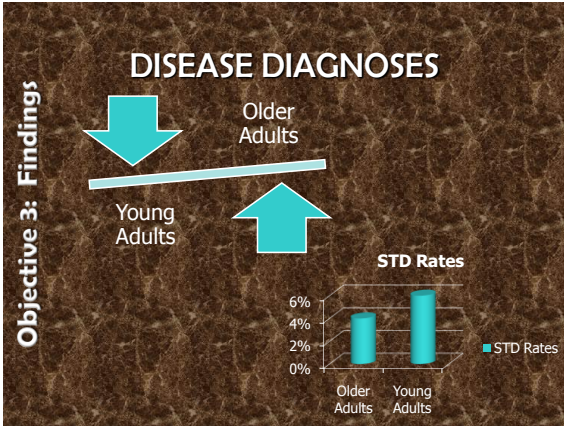
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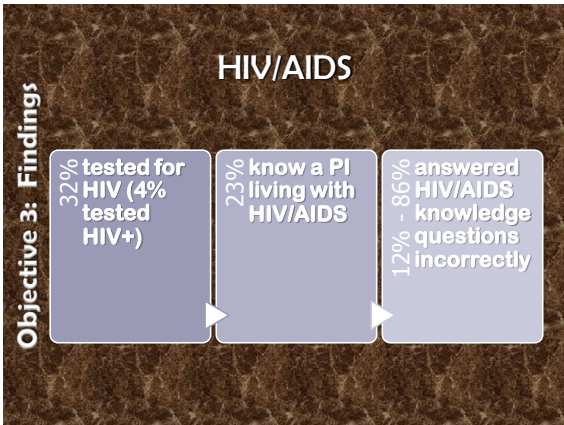
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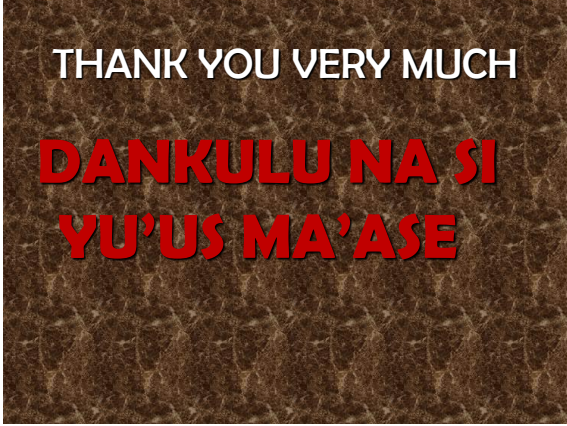
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