

HPV/Cervical Cancer Project at Kentucky State University

“Thorobreds Trotting on HPV and Cervical Cancer”

Cervical Cancer Free Kentucky

The “Thorobreds Trotting on HPV and Cervical Cancer” is a two part project that focuses on outreach and education on cervical cancer screening and prevention among college-age students at Kentucky State University. Previous survey results on HPV and cervical cancer awareness were distributed to the student body via email. A total of 157 students, male and female completed the survey. The survey served as a measurement tool to assess the knowledge of HPV and cervical cancer on campus. Most students displayed an elementary knowledge about HPV and cervical cancer. This information was used in the current project to improve the training of student peer educators on cervical cancer outreach, screening and prevention methods. The trained peer educators are currently hosting educational events throughout campus to disseminate HPV prevention and vaccination messages. Through our partnership with the Franklin County Health Department, 100 Free HPV vaccinations have been administered to male and female students; in addition, the student body has become more awareness of services and programs provided by the local health department.