

HEART TO HEART

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Project Summary

Our project was comprised of three key components aimed at enhancing reproductive health awareness and resource accessibility on campus. First, we organized a reproductive health panel featuring individuals from diverse backgrounds who are passionate about various aspects/facets of reproductive health. This panel provided a platform for meaningful discussions and knowledge sharing. The second aspect of our event was a resource fair that included organizations such as the LGBTQ Resource Center, Ashe Center, CAPS, CARE, UCLA End Overdose, and CPR/First Aid. This fair aimed to inform new and returning students about the wide range of resources available to them on campus. Lastly, we included a networking period to allow attendees to connect with panelists, resource providers, and each other, fostering a community of support and shared interests in reproductive health.

Impact

Our work was able to attract students of different majors, academic programs, and different years. It had a significant positive impact by serving as a platform for raising awareness about reproductive health and connecting students with essential resources. I believe our work and event met its objectives by educating students and encouraging them to think more extensively about reproductive health issues, as we had compiled quite a lineup of panelists – including an abortion doula/TikTok sex educator influencer, two complex family planning fellows at UCLA, a staff attorney at the UCLA Law Center on Reproductive Health, Law, and Policy, as well as someone who had firsthand experience of the “reproductive care” in state/federal institutions. Our total attendance was around 80-85 individuals,

comprised of general members of SWC, UCLA undergraduate/graduate students, and guests invited by the panelists. This diverse turnout highlighted the broad interest in reproductive health and the importance of accessible resources for all students. Our initiative not only increased awareness but also promoted a supportive and informed student community.