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**About the Project:**

Currently Idaho has the highest death rate from melanoma in the nation. The Comprehensive Cancer Alliance of Idaho (CCAI) states its skin cancer early detection and diagnosis goals as increasing the utilization of evidence based skin cancer screening and diagnosis and reducing the rate of skin cancer/melanoma deaths among Idahoans. I am looking to implement a sustainable skin cancer education and screening program in western Idaho to increase awareness of skin cancer in our area as well as decrease the access barrier to skin cancer screenings. As much of Idaho is considered rural and frontier, a targeted skin cancer education and screening program is necessary in order to meet the unique needs of those individuals living in rural communities. The proposed intervention will include making community connections with local healthcare providers, developing educational materials for community distribution, and developing, implementing and evaluating a skin cancer screening program in Western Idaho and Eastern Oregon.

**Prioritized EBPH Compencies:**

I am looking to improve upon my program development, community engagement and partnership, and cultural competency skills. Developing a skin cancer education and screening program will foster the development of skills in all of these focus areas, specifically program development and community engagement.