Social Determinant of Health Screening, Resource Connection, and Closed-Loop Referral Pilot, with a Veggie Rx Intervention

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Overview

- What is the Corvallis Environmental Center?
- Partnership opportunities
- Project Components
  - SDoH Screening
  - Closed-loop Referral Process
    - Veggie Rx
  - Farmstand
  - Toolkit
  - Process and Questions
  - Possible collaborations
Corvallis Environmental Center

Environmental Education non-profit, est. 1994

Mission: Educate, engage, and inspire, people to get contribute to creating a healthy and sustainable community.

Three education focuses:

- Nature-based
- Energy efficiency
- Food and Farming
New Partnership Opportunities

Core Elements:

- SDoH Screening in six clinics
  - Food Security Screening
- Referrals to local resources
  - Veggie Rx pilot
- Referral follow-up
- Toolkit
Veggie Rx: SDoH Screening

- Community Health Clinics of Linn and Benton County
- PRAPARE tool
- Three food security questions:
  - In the last 12 months:
    - (I/we) worried whether (my/our) food would run out before (I/we) got money to buy more.
    - The food that (I/we) bought just didn’t last, and (I/we) didn’t have money to get more.
    - (I/we) couldn’t afford to eat balanced meals.
  - Answer options are: Often true, sometimes true, never true.

- Veggie Rx focusing on of annual exams
Closed-loop Referrals

- Health Navigators will work with patients to connect them with resources
- Veggie Rx intervention
- Follow-up
Veggie Rx: Farm Stand

- Spring-Fall 2018
- 2x/week
- On location at the clinic
- Collaboration with community partners
- Integrated into the current food system
- Accept SNAP
- Food Demos on-site
- Open to all
Toolkit

- To be utilized by clinics
- How to engage in SDoH work
- Compilation of learnings from pilot
- Will include other food security programs from Oregon
Planning Process and Questions

- How much money would make a difference for an individual or a family?
- How do we design a currency that can be utilized, not only at the Veggie Rx farmstand, but at the Corvallis Farmers Market?
- How do we set-up a system that is supportive, and inclusive, of both food-insecure individuals, and the local food-system?
- Will having a farmstand on-site for two afternoons per week provide the level of convenience that we are hoping?
Project Alignment and Future Collaborations

- OSU Linus Pauling Institute Healthy Youth Program Veggie Rx CSA Program
- Mid-Valley Children’s pilot program
- Lincoln County School-based health center Veggie Rx program
Thank you!

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