

Increasing Vaccination Rates in Children through a Centralized Pharmacist Program

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- ▶ Who we are
- ▶ Who we serve
- ▶ Community partnerships
- ▶ Identified the need

Vaccines For Children (VFC) Program

- ▶ Federally funded program to increase access to recommended vaccines to children & adolescents
- ▶ Vaccines provided at no cost
- ▶ VFC enrolled programs are required to meet standardized criteria

1. <https://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/programs/vfc/index.html>

Unintended Barriers to Care

- ▶ Limited participation in VFC program
 - ▶ Pharmacies
 - ▶ Independent PCP
- ▶ Local Health Departments fill in the gaps
 - ▶ Increased workload for local health departments
 - ▶ Additional visit burden on caregivers/parents

WVP ACES

- ▶ ACES: Advocates for Caring, Equitable Services
- ▶ Pharmacist delivered mobile immunization program
- ▶ Extension of PCP services
- ▶ Collaboration with CCO for gaps
- ▶ COVID

Unique Community Partnerships

- ▶ Collaborative relationships
 - ▶ Local CCO
 - ▶ Local Health Department
 - ▶ School District

Unexpected Opportunity: COVID vaccines

▶ **Community events**

- ▶ Community outreach programs
- ▶ Collaboration with local providers

▶ **Provider education**

- ▶ Dispelling myths
- ▶ Supporting online meetings
- ▶ Providing handouts

▶ **Increased access to vulnerable populations**

- ▶ THW enrolled clients

Continued Work

- ▶ Gardasil & Meningitis vaccination rates in the historically marginalized population
- ▶ Reducing need for catch-up vaccines
- ▶ Increasing recognition of pharmacists as mid-level practitioners
 - ▶ Billing hurdles
 - ▶ Protocols for Pharmacists

Questions?

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