Increasing Immunization Coverage: The Role of the PHN

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Mission:
Protect and improve the health of Alaskans through partnering with individuals, communities and systems, while championing self-reliance, dignity and cultural integrity.
Individuals and Families

Communities

Systems
Alaska SHOTS Survey

Who Participated?

WIC
Infant Learning Program
Alaska Breastfeeding Coalition
Head Start, Rural Cap Head Start
KidsCorp
HeadStart
Vaccinate Alaska Coalition
Dr. Chandler's weekly electronic newsletter
Private practices
Churches
Anchorage Muni Health Dept
Public Health Centers

The Public Information Office put notices with the link to the electronic survey on H&SS Facebook & Twitter, and sent media notices.

Haines Immunization Logic Model

Resources

Haines Public Health Center Staff
SEARHC
Private Providers
School District
Infant Learning Program
Parents as Teachers
Elks
Native Brother and Sisterhoods
Churches

Meet with SEARHC and other clinic staff
Meet with school staff to discuss immunizations
Meet with parent groups to discuss vaccination concerns and provide accurate information

Outputs

Activities

Target Audience

Outcomes/Impacts

Short

Obtain immunization rates from SEARHC and other clinics
Increase vaccine knowledge among SEARHC staff
School staff develops method of accurately tracking immunizations
Increase vaccine knowledge among young parents
Increase number of children coming in on time for vaccinations

Medium

Obtain accurate overall immunization rates for community
Decrease number of missed opportunities
Haines school children start school with full records
Increase number of infants and toddlers who are vaccinated according to CDC schedule

Long

Increase Immunization rates in Haines
PHN ROLE with Individuals and Families

- Provide accurate information about the safety and efficacy of vaccines
- Link to medical home for ongoing healthcare
- Administer vaccines to those with barriers to access
Immunizations Given by Public Health Nurses

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Communities

PHN ROLE with Communities:

- Monitor community immunization status & assist in removing immunization barriers
- Initiate / participate in Vaccine Coalitions
- Serve as resource & consultant for local healthcare providers concerning immunization issues

Systems
Alaska SHOTS Survey

1. Concerns About Shots
2. Importance of Shots
3. Access to Shots
Alaska SHOTS Survey

#1 Barrier to Immunization

Concerns about shots:

- I worry about how safe shots are
- I worry about what is in the shots
- If something bad happened to my child after a shot, I would feel like it was my fault
Individuals and Families

Communities

Systems

PHN ROLE with Systems:

- Consult with schools and childcare facilities to facilitate compliance with immunization regs
- Work with Tribal Health to train & support CHAs in administering vaccines
- Assist in monitoring vaccine transport & temp control systems
Our Shared Goal...

Healthy
Happy
Immunized
Children