

Stanton County Health Department
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Grant: Immunization Action Plan (IAP)
Grant Period: 2023

PROGRESS REPORT

(July-December)

County : Stanton

Form Name: IAP Mid-Year SFY2023

Administrator: Ruth Walker

Fiscal Officer: None Assigned

Please describe the best practices implemented or maintained to increase immunization coverage rates (i.e. reminder recall, incentives, MOGE etc.).

We routinely send reminders to anyone needing a vaccine the month before they are due; which asks them to call for an appointment. Since the pandemic we offer vaccines weekly at a half day clinic. The monthly schedule of these clinics is put in the local newspaper, put on facebook and weekly put on our 2 street signs. Our community outreach has expanded greatly since giving COVID vaccines as many people had never used our office before and . It is our practice to offer any other vaccines recommended whenever a client uses our office. This is the 2nd year we also checked recommendations on Web IZ at our annual Drive through Vaccine clinic in October. This has greatly increased coverage of our residents. We have a treasure box, band aids and stickers for kids. We try to make vaccines as low a traumatic experience as possible and instead re-direct them to the fun aspects after the shots. If infants are here for vaccines we offer their moms to come to an exam room away from other people that might be in the front waiting room. We are trying to catch up with MOGE that is behind several years.

Describe barriers identified to increasing immunization rates.

The one local private clinic that offers vaccines does not offer all. Often people are not even told others are recommended. This clinic decided Rota Virus vaccine was not needed! They also do not carry vaccines if they are too costly and might expire.

List the immunization learning opportunities the staff have participated in during this reporting period (i.e. webcast, conferences, educational meetings etc.).

We routinely read the WHW and other publications put out by KALHD about vaccines. We receive a plethora of info on COVID vaccines between weekly zoom meetings and e-mails. We have one RN, one office manager and 2 prn workers. Each employee is required to take the You Call the Shots trainings annually. Updated info on vaccines is shared with all team members at the weekly staff meetings.

Provide a summary of educational needs not met for the health department (i.e. additional education or training needs you have identified).

