Immunization Collaboration of Tarrant County

Volunteers Extend the Reach of Local Vaccine Efforts

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Objectives

• To discuss five benefits of volunteer support in immunization events.

• To discuss three keys to successful and continual volunteer management.
Background

• The Immunization Collaboration of Tarrant County was formed in 1991 as a result of the 1990 measles outbreak (300 cases)

• The Collaboration sponsors immunization events and educational campaigns
Vacunas
Agosto 24 al 29
Immunization
August 24-29
La Gran Plaza Ent # 2
Get Stuck at the Zoo

Immunization Collaboration of Tarrant County

Fort Worth Zoo

2001
• The Collaboration provides support to local public health staff (financial and volunteer)
Problem

How to maximize childhood immunization capabilities with limited public health staff?
Volunteers are the answer

• Nurse Volunteers can “draw up” and administer vaccines under TCPH Policies
• Volunteers can provide outreach and education in many areas across Tarrant County (grocery stores, day cares, Boys and Girls Clubs)
• Volunteers can help to maintain daily event operations.
• Volunteers can augment paid public health staff so that the employees can focus on organizational needs.
• Volunteers can help save direct costs.
Volunteer Sources

• Schools

• Colleges and Universities

• Civic Organizations: Junior League, Medical Alliance, Rotary, Senior Citizen

• Event Location Host: Churches, Apartments, Community Centers
Marketing to volunteers

• Events are scheduled in advance to aid in planning volunteer time.
2012 Immunization Events

African American Health Expo
O.D. Wyatt High School
2400 East Seminary
Fort Worth, TX 76119
Saturday, April 28, 2012
10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Hispanic Wellness Fair
Will Rogers Memorial Center
3401 West Lancaster Ave.
Fort Worth, TX 76107
Saturday, August 4, 2012
9:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

Tarrant County Back to School Roundup
Will Rogers Memorial Center
3401 West Lancaster Ave., Fort Worth, 76107
Participants must be pre-registered to attend. Call 2-1-1 for Pre-registration.

Event Dates & Times or visit:
www.backtoschoolroundup.org
Wednesday, August 8, 2012
6:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

North Davis Church of Christ
1601 North Davis Drive
Arlington TX 76012
(Corner North Davis & Rd. to Six Flags Dr.)
Monday, August 13, 2012
12 noon - 6:00 p.m.

Tuesday - Friday
August 14 - 17, 2012
9:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.

Saturday, August 18, 2012
9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

First Baptist Euless Campus West
209 North Industrial Blvd.
Bedford, TX 76021
Monday, August 6, 2012
12 noon - 6:00 p.m.

Tuesday, Thursday, Friday
August 7 & 9 & 10, 2012
9:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.

*NO Wednesday or Saturday this location*

La Gran Plaza
4200 South Freeway, Fort Worth, TX 76115
Monday, August 20, 2012
12 noon - 6:00 p.m.

Tuesday - Friday
August 21 - 24, 2012
9:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.

Saturday, August 25, 2012
9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

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Cost: $14 for one shot or $15 for 2 or more (children 0-18 years). CHIP & Medicaid Accepted.

If your child has private insurance that covers vaccines, you will need to see the child’s provider for the needed vaccines.

Children under 2 receive free diapers with immunizations.

Remember to bring your child’s immunization records.

Several doses may be needed to complete your child’s immunization series. The immunization counselor at the event you attend will tell you if and when your child will need an additional dose. Please follow-up with your pediatrician or primary care physician to complete your child’s immunization series.

To view the immunization schedule recommended by the Centers for Disease Control, go to www.cdc.gov or call the CDC Immunization Hotline at 1-800-232-0233 (English) or 1-800-232-0239 (Spanish).

Provided by: Cook’s Children’s, Colonial Country Club Charities, Junior League Fort Worth, Inc., Ronald McDonald House Charities, Rotary Fort Worth Southwest, Tarrant County Public Health, Tarrant County Medical Society Alliance Foundation and Texas Medical Association Foundation.

For information, call the Immunization Collaboration of Tarrant County 817-238-4448
Be Wise - Immunize is a service mark of the Texas Medical Association. Visit us online at www.itchome.org
• Variety of hours so volunteer requirements can be met easily.

• Worthy cause – helping children get immunized for school.
Keys to Successful Volunteer Use

- Mutual respect between paid staff and volunteers.
- Easy to understand “Just in Time” training.
• Common purpose.

• Create a sense of belonging with T-shirts, snacks, drinks and meals
Volunteer Training

• The events have a similar pattern or flow.

• All positions have a printed list of duties.
TCPH employee will write a number (pertains to dose) beside the vaccine that is to be given and you will record the lot number of the vaccine in the space beside the number.

A. LOT NUMBERS: (Important to input into computer appropriate vaccine)
   - MFG
   - LOT NUMBERS – There are MANY vaccines and combinations of vaccines

PLEASE BE CAREFUL!!

Please make sure lot # coincides with the vaccine requested

Adult VFC Hepatitis A & B is a different lot # and dosage
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Nurse will write own site location on the consent form

- VIS DATE – date of Vaccine Information Sheet printing

(All Information Is Obtained From Lot # Insert)


B. CHECK ALL APPROPRIATE SIGNATURES
   1. Registration Form – 3 signatures
   2. ImmTrac Form – 1 signature

C. There are many vaccines for each child and each vaccine to be given requires a Lot Number written beside it.
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Orientation

- Volunteers receive their assignment.
- Volunteers observe demonstration.
- Volunteers are taught the point of contact and chain of command at the event.
• Volunteer is then observed performing the job.

• Volunteer receives customer service training.

• Questions are answered for clarification.

• If the volunteer does not feel comfortable in the role, they get further instruction or are reassigned.
Goal

• The clients never really know who is paid staff and who is the volunteer!
Results

• MANY volunteers return each year to work events.

• Over 300,000 people have been vaccinated over the 20 years at the back to school events with no increase in staff.
Contact Information

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Volunteer Information

We're using VolunteerSpot (an online sign up and reminder tool) to schedule our upcoming activities. Please sign up - here's how it works in 3 easy steps:

1) A - Click this button to go to our invitation page for Hispanic Wellness Fair on August 4, 2012:
   
   [Click here to sign up on VolunteerSpot]
   
1) B - Click this button to go to our invitation page for Tarrant County Back to School Roundup on August 8, 2012:

   [Click here to sign up on VolunteerSpot]

2) Enter your email address. (No registration required!) Please note: VolunteerSpot does not share your email address with anyone or send spam emails.

3) Sign Up!

Note: If you have trouble accessing the site or prefer not to enter your email address – please email volunteer@ictchome.org and we can sign you up manually.