“Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful, committed, citizens can change the world. Indeed, it is the only thing that ever has.”
Immunize. Prevent What’s Preventable.
Our Mission

PROVE provides information on vaccines, and the immunization policies and practices that affect the children and adults of Texas. Our mission is to prevent vaccine injury and death and to promote and protect the right of every person to make informed independent vaccination decisions for themselves and their families.

Get Involved

Action Alerts

- **BECOME AN ADVOCATE** for your informed consent rights regarding vaccination. Sign up for our email list so you can be alerted when to contact your legislators to protect your rights!
- Do you know who represents you in Austin and Washington? [Find out here](#) and save their contact information.

**OPPOSE SB7 in SPECIAL SESSION Forced Vaccination of Healthcare Workers in Texas**

- [Previous Alerts](#)
The Magic Formula

= Change
Power of Stakeholder Engagement

Public engagement through stakeholder meetings ensures continuous improvement of the immunization delivery system.

- Exchange immunization needs through informal dialogue
- Communicate through legislative/grassroots efforts
- Identify opportunities and evaluate policy options
Building Coalitions = Building Relationships
## Town Hall Meetings

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Stakeholder Engagement
Objectives

• Discuss immunization topics on the national and state front
• Voice immunization challenges
• Share advocacy strategies
• Identify priorities for education and advocacy
Town Hall Meetings

Location of Immunization Stakeholder Meetings, 2008 and 2010

2008 and 2010
- Austin
- Brownsville
- Dallas
- El Paso
- Fort Worth
- Houston
- McAllen
- San Antonio

2010 Additions
- Abilene
- Galveston

2012 Meetings
- San Antonio
- Houston
- Fort Worth
- El Paso
- Austin
- Amarillo
- Lubbock
- Waco
- Dallas

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Town Hall Meetings

Number of Participants, Stakeholder Meetings, 2008 and 2010

Austin: 54 (2010), 22 (2008)
Houston: 46 (2010), 37 (2008)

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Web-Based Survey

Responsibilities of Respondents Working in a Healthcare Setting (n=409)

- Healthcare provider: 57%
- Administrative: 42%
- Data entry: 7%
- Technical support: 6%
- Outreach/Education: 2%
- Other: 2%

* Sum is greater than 100% because some respondents gave multiple responsibilities.
Education and Public Awareness
Summary of Recommendations from Town Hall Meetings

1. Modify the consent process for inclusion in ImmTrac
2. Link Immunization Information Systems and health information technology
3. Identify enhancements for the new Texas immunization registry
4. Increase vaccination rates among healthcare workers
5. Educate people who are vaccine-hesitant
6. Support border communities
7. Improve preparedness for potential pandemics
8. Reduce costs and increase reimbursement for vaccines
9. Increase efforts to control pertussis
10. Increase access to adult immunizations
Capacity Building and Technical Assistance

Building Coalitions across Texas (BCaT)
Building Coalitions across Texas

- Webinars
- Site Visits
- Technical Assistance
- Resource sharing
- Mini-Coalition Conference
- Quarterly conference calls
- Peace, Love and Understanding
Legislative Action

ADVOCACY AND PUBLIC POLICY

- TIP Legislative Day at the Capitol
- 82nd Legislative Session
- Stakeholder Engagement Activities
- Support for Local Coalitions
- Legislative Resources
- Take Action! Legislative Alert Center and Contact Information

Click here for more information about TIP advocacy, 2008-2009
Legislative Action

- TIP Day at the Capital
- Legislative Alerts
- Testimony
- “Drop a card”
- Resources for Legislators
- Written/Oral comments on Rules
= Change

- Reforms to Consent for Registry (2007)
- 7th grade Immunization Requirements (2008) (TDaP, Mening, Var)
- Interstate data sharing (2009)
- Adult info housed in Registry (2009)
- Meningitis for dorm residents (2009)
- Meningitis for all college students (2011)
- Health care worker vaccination (2011)
- Pertussis Education (2011)
New Horizons

- Opt-out Registry
- Tracking Exemptions
- Reducing Exemptions through physician counseling
Dispelling Myths

“I am just one person, and besides, I am not that important…no one is going to listen to me.”

“I work for the government….I can’t lobby.”

“I am too busy. Someone else will take care of it.”
Too much. Can’t do it.
Can I go home now?

Take it one step at a time. It takes years to build a successful advocacy campaign –

A little progress is better than none –

Don’t reinvent the wheel — steal it!

Share tips, success and challenges –

Be each other’s cheerleaders!
If you build it...

they will come.

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