

Marion County CASPER

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TOPIC/TARGET AUDIENCE: Local health department public health preparedness staff

ABSTRACT: The need for the CASPER was indicated by Marion County Community Health Assessment results, which show Woodburn residents to be less likely than other areas in the county to have an emergency plan in place. The objectives of the CASPER: learn the CASPER protocol to increase public health response skills, inform public health and its partners about the emergency preparation of the Woodburn community and barriers to preparation, and use CASPER data to inform the Marion County Public Health Emergency Preparedness strategic plan. Using the CDC CASPER toolkit, we utilized a two-stage sampling method. In the first stage, the 97071 zipcode was divided into 203 clusters, of which 30 were randomly selected. The second stage called for seven houses in each cluster to be selected systematically using a number determined by the total number of households in the cluster. Between April 22nd and May 12th, 2017, 178 surveys were completed through door to door surveys of Woodburn residents by public health employees and community volunteers. The results are currently being analyzed and will be available by fall 2017.

OBJECTIVE(S): Participants will be able to learn about the process and results of the Marion County CASPER. Participants will be presented with information that may be useful when conducting their own CASPER.

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