

## **Oregon's Safety Net Capacity Grant Program / I'm healthy! / ¡Soy sano!: Connecting immigrant children and teens to care**

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**TOPIC/TARGET AUDIENCE:** A broad range of public health professionals and stakeholders including those working within: city, county and state government; health education/prevention; health equity; health literacy; health policy; health policy advocacy; immigrant/migrant health; safety net provider networks; school-based health centers; social justice; youth programming

**ABSTRACT:** Background: In 2015, the Oregon State Legislature reinstated the Safety Net Capacity Grant Program, now named I'm healthy! and ¡Soy sano! in Spanish. Over the course of 2017, \$10 dollars in grant funding is building Oregon's safety net provider capacity to connect immigrant children and teens to primary and preventive health care. This population of children and teens is under 19 and because of immigration status does not qualify for full Oregon Health Plan Benefits or Qualified Health Plans. As such, I'm healthy! / ¡Soy sano! is often referenced as a pathway to the Cover All Kids program, which expands the Oregon Health Plan to include coverage for undocumented immigrant children and teens. This panel will discuss the history, current content and future of I'm healthy! / ¡Soy sano!, presenting best practices and lessons learned for connecting immigrant children and teens to primary and preventive health care. Presenters include: 1) Josie Silverman-Méndez with the Oregon Health Authority who oversees implementation of I'm healthy! / ¡Soy sano! for the state; 2) Liliana Villanueva with Lane County Public Health who coordinates I'm healthy! / ¡Soy sano! outreach, education and referral activities across Lane County; and 3) Glenda Quezada with the Oregon Latino Health Coalition who coordinates outreach, education and referral activities across Clackamas, Multnomah and Washington Counties. Both Lane County Public Health and the Oregon Latino Health Coalition are I'm healthy! / ¡Soy sano! grant-funded community-based organization partners.

**OBJECTIVE(S):** Describe Oregon's Safety Net Capacity Grant Program / I'm healthy! / ¡Soy sano! and identify at least two best practices/lessons learned for outreaching to and connecting immigrant children and teens to primary and preventive health care.

**PANEL ABSTRACT 1:** Background: See above.

Methods:

- The redesign of I'm healthy! / ¡Soy sano! that includes grant funding for both safety net clinics and community-based organizations in order to address well-documented barriers immigrant children and teens experience in accessing primary and preventive care.
- The technical assistance provided to I'm healthy! / ¡Soy sano! grantees, which aims to increase their capacity to connect immigrant children and teens to primary and preventive care.

Outcomes: Across more than 30 grant-funded partner organizations:

- Data from the first six months of I'm healthy! / ¡Soy sano! implementation
- Lessons learned thus far for connecting immigrant children and teens to primary and preventive care through a community-based organization-safety net clinic partnership model.

Implications: How the above outcomes will impact the potential Cover All Kids program/other future health care access programs that serve immigrant children and teens.

**PANEL ABSTRACT 2:** Background: See above.

Methods: Culturally and linguistically responsive community-based approaches to providing information about and linkages to primary and preventive health care including how Lane County Public Health addresses the well-documented barriers immigrant children and teens (and their families) experience when accessing/attempting to access care.

Outcomes: Best practices for providing culturally and linguistically responsive community-based information about and linkages to primary and preventive health care for immigrant communities. Lane County Public Health will focus on their model for outreach within rural, indigenous (non-English and non-Spanish speaking) communities, highlighting their partnership with the Community Health Centers of Lane County (an I'm healthy! / ¡Soy sano! partner clinic).

Implications: How the above outcomes will impact the potential Cover All Kids program/other future health care access programs that serve immigrant children and teens.

**PANEL ABSTRACT 3:** Background: See above.

Methods: Culturally and linguistically responsive community-based approaches to providing information about and linkages to primary and preventive health care including how the Oregon Latino Health Coalition addresses the well-documented barriers immigrant children and teens (and their families) experience when accessing/attempting to access care.

Outcomes: Best practices for providing culturally and linguistically responsive community-based information about and linkages to primary and preventive health care for immigrant communities. The Oregon Latino Health Coalition will focus on their utilization of the community health worker model for outreach within an urban, more densely populated setting, highlighting their partnerships with Multnomah County Health Department and Rosewood Family Health Center (I'm healthy! / ¡Soy sano! partner clinics).

Implications: How the above outcomes will impact the potential Cover All Kids program/other future health care access programs that serve immigrant children and teens.

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