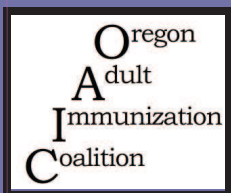


Working together to reduce the burden of vaccine-preventable diseases in Oregon adults.



Oregon Adult Immunization Coalition



2008 Community Report




...Working Together Against Vaccine Preventable Disease...



Background

The Oregon Adult Immunization Coalition (OAIC) is a statewide network of individuals, agencies, corporations, and programs from the public and private sectors. What we share in common is a dedication to work across disciplines to reduce the burden of vaccine-preventable diseases and a commitment to provide immunization education that is based on scientific evidence.



Our coalition started with a group of dedicated immunization providers in 1993. Since then, we have worked to develop community capacity, address disparities in marginalized groups, and expand services provided to immunization stakeholders across Oregon.

Through our community partnerships, the OAIC brings leaders, educators, and policy-makers together to discover and share best practices in disease prevention. Using a collaborative leadership structure, the OAIC fosters emerging leaders, provides professional development, and promotes mentorship of public health professionals.

Organizational Structure

The OAIC is comprised of three parts:

Steering Committee

The Steering Committee is the core group of agency representatives and individual volunteers. It serves as the guiding body for the OAIC and has the authority to make requests to the Board for expenditures and projects that further our Mission. The Steering Committee has slots for thirteen leaders including Workgroup Leads, who each coordinate and direct the activities of their respective projects. Leading the Steering Committee are the Board President and Board Vice President

Steering Committee Meetings are held as needed and are open to public attendance. All OAIC Supporters may request agenda time to present community announcements, upcoming projects of interest, create a project or workgroup of interest, or request support or involvement by the OAIC. These meetings are held in the Portland Metro area and last two hours. Teleconferencing and parking are always provided

Non-Profit Board

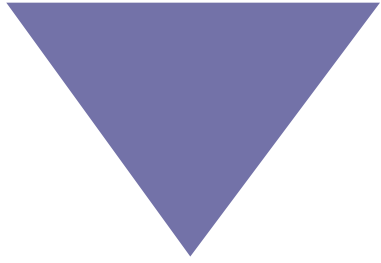
The Oregon Adult Immunization Coalition was recently awarded a 501(c)3 tax determination. This status will allow the OAIC to recognize donations, financial contributions, and to apply for specific charitable grants. The Board of OAIC consists of volunteer community leaders statewide. Board Meetings are open to attendance by Coalition Supporters and are typically held via teleconference on a Quarterly Basis.

We are beginning recruitment for our non-profit Board of Directors. If you are interested, contact the OAIC Coordinator to have informational materials sent to you. Board positions are held for three years, and require about twenty hours per year of volunteer involvement.

Coalition Supporters

An Organizational Outline is on page 11. The Oregon Public Health Immunization Program provides 0.8 FTE in staffing to carry out the projects of the OAIC

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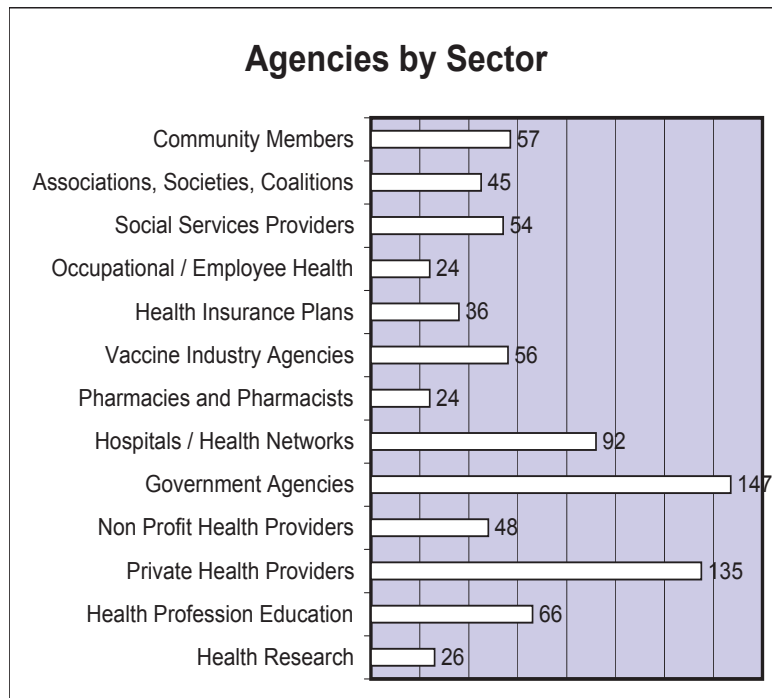


The OAIC works to support and advocate for all providers of immunizations in Oregon. This broad constituency brings representatives from many unique agencies and helps ensure that we are on the cutting edge of research and emerging issues.

We are technically a non-membership charitable organization, so there are no official 'Members' and no fees or dues to be involved with the OAIC. Other than the Coordinator role, all efforts undertaken by OAIC are done by volunteers, public health leaders, and health profession students statewide.

Some people on our coalition are sent to represent their agencies at meetings and to advocate from their unique point of view. Other stakeholders involve themselves as a community volunteer, either by serving on the Board or working on projects of interest. Many of the folks we work with approach us with an immunization-related project they'd like to undertake as part of their clinical or professional education. We also depend heavily on industry, community, and government leaders, and have a number of subject matter experts that we call upon to answer questions, give presentations, or to offer consultation on a variety of topics.

Our coalition supporters are defined as persons and agencies that attended or spoke at a past OAIC meeting or training, Immunization Coordinators from local health departments, community members and private providers that add themselves to our mailing list or make an information request, industry and health system representatives, members of local immunization coalitions, regional and national immunization stakeholders, health profession students and educators, local health, disease and immunization coalitions, and targeted health profession associations and societies statewide.



Responsiveness to Strategic Plan

OAIC has been guided in its activities by a Strategic Plan that was developed in 2004. Three primary foci were identified as priority areas for the OAIC through 2010:

- > Provide evidence-based vaccination education and resources to clinicians, members of the public, and the media.
- > Promote policies and practices that increase adult immunizations.
- > Provide leadership and advocacy for adult immunizations.

Beginning in 2009, the OAIC has incorporated a new focus of expanding OAIC supporters to represent all community sectors, populations, and geographic regions in Oregon. By improving our connection with all immunization stakeholders statewide, OAIC will become a better advocate for adult immunizations and the agencies involved with providing them in Oregon. A large part of our expansion of supporters will include direct outreach to leaders, and better support of the various local immunization coalitions.

Diversifying our coalition further will bolster our capacity to advocate for evidence-based practices in immunizations, and will increase recognition of OAIC as a leader in policy and issues related to adult vaccines and vaccine-preventable diseases.

OAIC Projects

Free, Local, Underserved Project

The F.L.U. Project directly impacts adult immunization rates by providing vaccination to groups that may be missed in more traditional settings. Additionally, the F.L.U. Project supports our Local Health Departments in their mission to provide a safety-net for underserved, marginalized, and low-income populations. This project also brings consistent, evidence-based vaccination education to health providers, service agencies, and community volunteers.



In addition to the community clinics OAIC puts on with our dedicated volunteers, the F.L.U. Project provides clinical supplies, educational materials, trainings, and no-cost vaccine to clinics that want to provide no-cost vaccination to the clients they serve. We are thrilled to support over 30 community agencies in their outreach to underserved communities. Service agencies we partnered with provide a wide array of important assistance to our communities, and specialize in reaching persons that may face barriers to being vaccinated. The barriers we are working to address include low-income, lack of insurance coverage, physical or mental disability, home-bound or homeless individuals, groups of high-risk clients, lack of medical provider, language or cultural differences, and persons living in rural or medically underserved areas.

The F.L.U. Project provides no-cost vaccinations to people who do not have access through traditional settings or that can not afford to pay for services. OAIC works with a growing list of community volunteers and community service agencies to provide crucial preventive care to some of Oregon's highest-risk people.

Since its inception in 2004, the F.L.U. Project has brought more than 500 clinics at community service agencies. At these free clinics, over 40,000 no-cost vaccinations were given to over 15,000 individuals. The Project was able to expand into provision of vaccines other than influenza. The OAIC typically provides adult/pediatric influenza shots, influenza nasal vaccine, Tdap (tetanus, diphtheria, pertussis), pneumococcal vaccine (PPV-23), and Hepatitis A/B. All vaccine and clinical supplies are graciously donated by community partners or provided through a variety of State and Federal programs and funding.

Clinical Rotation Partnerships

The OAIC has built ongoing relationships with several health profession colleges and universities. These relationships involve provision of materials, resources, and trainings to clinical students and working with students and their preceptors to provide no-cost immunizations to a variety of our service agency partners. The Clinical Rotations are a great complement to our F.L.U. Project, and lets students work alongside professionals from a variety of career backgrounds.



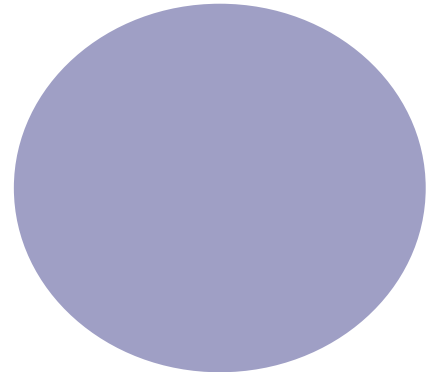
Clinical Experience Partners:

Chemeketa School of Nursing
Concordia School of Nursing
Linfield School of Nursing
OSU School of Pharmacy
OHSU School of Nursing
Pacific University College of Pharmacy
Umpqua Comm College School of Nursing
University of Portland School of Nursing
Walla Walla School of Nursing
Willamette Valley Fire and Rescue
WSU Vancouver School of Nursing

Since 2008, the OAIC has worked with over 600 students and provided over 3,500 learning-hours of clinical education and best-practice instruction. Of the 3,500 hours, more than 2,300 were in a hands-on clinical setting under expert guidance.

Outreach and Community Partnerships:

The OAIC is very involved in ground-level community partnerships and in supporting community events. Here are some highlights of our past collaborative efforts:



- ALERT Immunization Registry Taskforce
- African American Health Coalition- Wellness Village
- American Diabetes Association- Diabetes EXPO
- Asian Health and Service Center- NAWHO Grant outreach
- Flying Physicians International- Douglas County Outreach Clinic
- Healthy Aging Coordinating Group
- International Foundation for Alternative Research on AIDS- IFARA Vaccine Experts Panels on public cable channel
- Mexican Consulate Bi-National Health Fair
- Multiple Sclerosis Society of Portland- chronic conditions outreach
- Oregon Immunization Policy Advisory Team- council membership
- Oregon Partnership to Immunize Children- various community projects
- Oregon Public Provider Conference- commercial supporter and exhibitor
- Oregon Special Olympics- Summer games support and involvement
- Oregon Tdap Special Project- project participant
- Our Lady of Lavang Parish- Vietnamese-language community outreach
- Portland State University- MPH student experiences
- SafeNet211- service agency referrals and clinic listings

Provider Education and Resources:

The OAIC is also dedicated to providing accessible educational presentations, resources, trainings, policy impact statements, or expert advice to the general public on immunization-related topics. Hundreds of informational requests are handled by OAIC staff and volunteers: phone calls, agency requests, speaker requests, e-mails, drop-bys, and questions via our website.

The OAIC also holds an annual training conference, the Oregon Flu Summit, to provide no-cost clinical refreshers to vaccinators statewide.

All of our informational responses are based in scientifically-sound evidence and peer-reviewed studies.

Our primary body of scientific information is the Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP), a national body of objective scientists that make advisory statements to the Centers for Disease Control.



We are very lucky to have a Member of the ACIP as our volunteer Medical Director! Dr. Paul Cieslak has provided clinical oversight and consult for our nursing volunteers for several years, and is an excellent example of the caliber of leaders that support the OAIC in our Mission.

OAIC Steering Committee

Joyce Caramella, RN
Jennifer Davis, PharmD
Steve Allred, ANP
Jennifer Mead, MPH
Beverly Stewart, BS
Kelleen Bernard, BS
Collette Young, PhD
Deanna Moretz, PharmD
Shah Malik, MS Pharm
Ethel Reeves, RN
(5) Vacant

Friends of OAIC Board

Board President
Joyce Caramella, RN
Board Vice President
Jennifer Davis, PharmD
Member-at-Large
Steve Allred, ANP
(7) Vacant

'The Coalition'

- County Immunization Coordinators
- Partner Agency Representatives
- Industry representatives
- Local and National Health Coalitions
- Speakers and attendees of OAIC trainings
- OAIC Steering Committee
- Friends of OAIC Board
- Mailing list participants

OAIC Staff

OAIC Coordinator (.7 FTE)
Bryan Goodin, MPH
Immunization Coordinator (.15 FTE)
Jeanine Whitney, RN, MS
OAIC Office Manager (.15 FTE)
Sandy Newsum
Oversight of Immunization Program staff and DHS Grant funds
Collette Young, PhD, Oregon Immunization Program Surveillance and Training Manager

OAIC Steering Committee

- Involved Immunization representatives (The Coalition)
- Fifteen maximum
- Includes Workgroup Leads and Lead Agency Representatives
- Nominated by Coordinator or Board, or by Workgroup creation
- Meeting Majority Vote

Duties

1. Guide OAIC Coordinator
2. Recruitment and Represent for OAIC and FOAIC
3. Enact Workplans
4. Make budget requests of DHS grant funds
5. Make budget requests of 'Friends' funds
6. Participate in Workgroups
7. Advocate evidence-based immunization practices
8. Act as expert resource on immunization issues

Friends of OAIC Board

- Nominated by Steering Committee
- Ten maximum
- Elections every three years or by Board appointment
- Quorum= 75% of Board vote, 75% to pass

Duties

1. Fundraise and Grantwrite
2. Oversee 'Friends' account
3. Audit Treasurer of 'Friends'
4. Ensure Compliance with 'Friends' Articles of Incorporation
5. Create and enforce FOAIC policies
6. Review and Approve 'Friends' expenditure requests
7. Guide OAIC Coordinator
8. Review and approve annual budget for DHS grant funds

OAIC Staff

- Employees of Oregon Public Health Immunization Program
- Provided by Immunization Program to facilitate community partnerships and bring stakeholders together on collaborative projects

1. Coordinate activities of OAIC
2. Support and facilitate Steering Committee activities
3. Support and facilitate Board activities
4. Oversee and Steward DHS funds
5. Ensure evidence-based immunization knowledge of OAIC
6. Ensure stability of OAIC

