

Building Bridges

Strengthening School - based Health Center and School District Relationships

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Understanding Our Setting

- Small SBHC in Washington county, Oregon
- Located on a unique alternative campus
- Multiple programs housed-on site

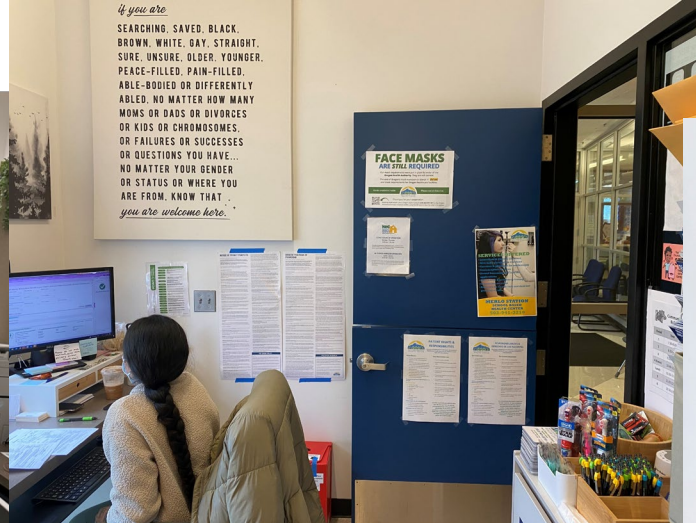


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Clinic Layout

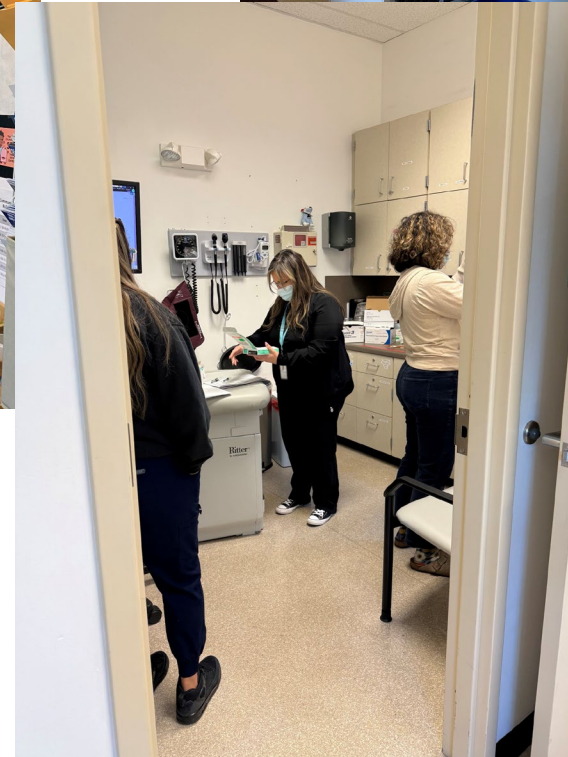
Tiny office



MA's desk, w/clinic half door



Storage!



Small exam room

Galley-style main area

The Moment We Realized the Disconnect

Hi I'm here from
Neighborhood Health Center.
I'm the manager of the health
clinic.

The Clinic? I was
told it wasn't
reopening this year.

What We Were Facing

- Contract uncertainty
- Limited visibility
- Weak communication channels
- Staffing instability
- Lack of integration into school culture





Progress (2023 - 2024)

Relationships

- Regular meetings with Principal/support staff
- Stronger school nurse partnership

Operations

- Stable team staffing
- Refined hours

Visibility

- Classroom visits
- Signage

Signage Project



Growth Through Partnership (2024 - 2025)

- Additional space for front desk
- Expanded hours
- Permanent FD and MA positions
- Participating in career fairs
- New programs: free OTC pregnancy tests & Emergency Contraception





Keys to Success

1. Youth engagement
2. Strategic school partnerships
3. Expanded student supports
4. Visibility and reliability



Key #1 Youth Engagement

Leadership class

- Podcast
- Video series
- Adulthood 101

Student Led events

- Goats!
- Wellness week
- Around the world

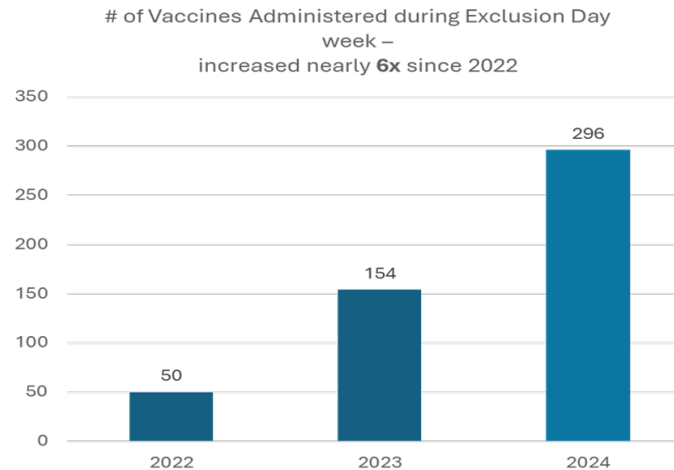


Key #2

Strategic School Partnerships

McKinney Vento specific Vaccine events

BASE externship program



Exclusion Day - School Nurse Collaboration



Expanded space for Exclusion Day

Key #3

Expanded Student Supports



Community Dental Screen & Seal

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Pacific Eye Van



Tooth Taxi



Recognition of Partnership Success

Received Non-Profit Partner of the Year Award



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What Made the Biggest Impact?

- Strong principal partnership
- Consistent Communication
- Shared goals
- Visibility
- Reliability
- Mutual Trust



From Separation to Trusted Resource

- Trusted by staff
- Visible to families and students
- Integrated into campus culture



Reflection: Challenges & Successes

What challenges have impacted relationships with your school or district?

- Leadership turnover
- Communication barriers
- Difficulty implementing strategies

What has helped strengthen relationships and trust?

- Successful programs or events
- Key allies or partnerships
- Student engagement or visibility efforts



Brainstorming / Next Steps

What strategies could help overcome common school-district challenges?

- New ways to strengthen student or staff engagement
- Opportunities to improve collaboration or visibility
- One change you would like to implement in your setting



Thank you!

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