NACCHO’s HPV Prevention Project:  
Supporting Local Health Departments to Increase HPV Vaccination Rates

The National Association of County and City Health Officials (NACCHO) received funding from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) for a project to support local health departments (LHDs) to identify strategies to improve vaccination rates for Human Papillomavirus (HPV), the leading cause of cervical and several other types of cancers. The award supports the selected LHDs to engage locally with partners to increase HPV vaccination rates according to the Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices recommendations. The funding opportunity was available to select LHDs in states with the lowest HPV vaccination rates in the country according to CDC’s 2013 National Immunization Survey.

NACCHO made grants to the following LHDs:

- Barren River Health Department (KY)
- Berkeley, Jefferson, and Morgan Counties (WV)
- Broward County Health Department (FL)
- Central District Health Department (ID)
- Dallas County Public Health Nursing Services and Polk County Health Department (IA)
- Duval County Health Department (FL)
- Knox County Health Department (TN)
- Prince William County Health (VA)
- Somerset County Department of Health (NJ); and
- Tarrant County Public Health (TX)

To accomplish the project goal, NACCHO will lead strategic planning meetings with each of the LHDs and their stakeholders to identify strategies to improve HPV vaccination rates, which will be compiled into an action plan specific to each community. LHDs will select partners from a diverse group of community stakeholders such as cancer coalitions, provider offices, hospitals, parent groups, schools, and others as identified by the LHDs. Partnering with healthcare providers will be especially important since research has shown that a physician’s recommendation is the strongest predictor of HPV vaccination among adolescents. NACCHO will document and share lessons learned that will assist other LHDs as they undertake similar work. Pending availability of funding, NACCHO plans to extend the project to support action plan implementation.

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