OR Mentorship Participants

Clackamas County Environmental Health (OR)

**Background**

**State:** Oregon

**LHD Population Size Served:** 394,972

**Number of Retail Food Establishments Inspected:** 926 restaurants, 90 mobile units, and over 400 temporary restaurants at special events

**Retail Program Standards Met/Working On:** 2, 5, 7 and Self-Assessment

**Enrolled in the Retail Program Standards:** 2014

**NACCHO Mentorship Program Cohort(s):** 5

Our Public Health Mission: Promoting and assisting individuals, families, and communities to be healthy, safe and thrive.

Our Food Safety Mission: To safeguard public health and ensure that food is safe, unadulterated, and honestly presented when offered to the consumer.

Clackamas County Environmental Health has 6 full-time staff and one half-time position split between 3 EHS from other counties. We currently license and regulate 926 restaurants, 90 mobile units (plus an additional 20+ new units scheduled to open in November 2015), and over 400 temporary restaurants at special events. We contract to inspect food service (using Oregon’s Food Sanitation Rules) in over 100 child care centers, 106 school cafeterias, and other institutions such as Head Start programs, our County Jail, and USFS Timberlake Job Corp facility.

**Role in Mentorship Program**

Clackamas participated in the NACCHO Retail Program Standards Mentorship Program as a mentee in the fifth cohort. They were mentored by Harris County Public Health & Environmental Services (TX).

**Lessons Learned/Tips**

Don’t be too ambitious, and pick 1-2 projects for the mentorship program. Time became a huge barrier to completing the projects and deliverables due to unexpected staffing shortages. It is also important to be able to have more than one person working on the project within the mentee county (if at all possible).

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