

NACCHO received funding from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) for a project to support local health departments 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 local health departments to engage locally with partners to increase HPV vaccination rates according to the [Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices' recommendations](#). The funding opportunity was available in states with the lowest HPV vaccination rates according to the [National Immunization Survey](#).

NACCHO funded two cohorts of 10 local health departments to identify stakeholders and host an action planning meeting to determine strategies to address local HPV vaccination rates and develop a community-specific action plan. Grantees partnered with a diverse group of community stakeholders, including state immunization programs, cancer coalitions, medical providers, hospitals, parent groups, and schools.

The local health departments' action plans focus on six key themes: 1) Reinforcing the message that HPV vaccination is cancer prevention; 2) Working with schools to improve information about and provide the HPV vaccine; 3) Engaging partners as immunization champions; 4) Increasing access to the HPV vaccine; 5) Identifying opportunities to improve data; and 6) Educating and supporting providers in the community. Through extended funding, grantees began implementing their community action plans.

In June 2016, NACCHO hosted an in-person meeting to convene both cohorts. The meeting served as an invaluable opportunity for grantees to meet and establish relationships; present their work; share successes and challenges; and engage with CDC experts to strengthen their implementation approaches. Throughout the project, NACCHO has provided individual and multi-site technical assistance, and documented and shared lessons learned that will assist other health departments as they undertake similar work.

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#### **2014 HPV Grantees**

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

#### **2015 HPV Grantees**

Florida Department of Health in St. Johns County (FL)  
Florida Department of Health in Pinellas County (FL)  
Houston Health Department (TX)  
Jackson County Health Department (MO)  
Kanawha-Charleston County & Putnam County Health Departments (WV)  
Linn County and Jones County Public Health (IA)  
Niagara County Department of Health (NY)  
Orange County Department of Health (NY)  
Pima County Health Department (AZ)  
Waco-McLennan County Public Health District (TX)

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