The Collaborative Pediatric Practice at South Main Public Health Center

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Goals

- Provide for individuals in the community access to health care services.
- Reduce barriers to public health services.
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- Identify children with special health care needs.
- Increase immunization rates at the South Main Public Health Center Immunization Clinic.
- Oral health screening and referral.
- Establish early well child care.

Objectives

- Have early and continuous screenings for special health care needs.
- Organize services for families in ways that they can be used easily.
Objectives (Cont’d.)

- Increase immunization rates at the South Main public health center immunization clinic.
- Children without a medical home will establish care and receive needed services at South Main.
- Number of referrals initiated at initial exam for poor dentition.

South Main Public Health Center

SLVHD Sponsored
- Immunization Clinic
  - WIC Program
  - Family Planning

Collaborations with the University of Utah
- Prenatal Clinic
- Pediatric Clinic
Additional Partnerships & Services

Prenatal Ultrasound
Promotora Program
Children’s Library
Licensed Pharmacy
Medicaid Eligibility
Dental Screening

Clinical Program
Pediatric Clinic (South Main)

Collaboration between
SLVHD & University of Utah

Nearly 7000 appointments are needed every year to see the 2500 children that are a part of this busy clinic.

As part of our effort on preventive pediatric health care, nearly 50% of our total visits are well child exams.
The Utah Collaborative Medical Home Project

South Main Public Health Center
Pediatric Clinic

Health Dept. staff include 2 Registered Nurses, Health Aides, Interpreters, Office Manager, Receptionists, and a busy Medical Records staff.

Eighteen pediatric residents provide care in our clinic. Each patient is generally linked to one provider for continuity care.
El Programa de las Promotoras

Funded through a Healthy Tomorrows Partnership for Children grant from the Maternal and Child Health Bureau, in collaboration with South Main Clinic and Holy Cross Ministries

Program Goals – over 5 years

• Increase the percentage of mothers receiving appropriate post-partum clinic services to 90% over 5 years

• Increase rate of compliance with well-child checks for SMC infants under 2 to 80%

• Increase the immunization rate of SMC children to 90%

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Dental

Volunteer Dentist

Screens and refers children identified through the pediatric clinic

Pediatric Residents will start applying fluoride varnish during well-child checks
Children’s Library
Reach Out and Read Program

A new book and literacy guidance are given at every well child visit from 6 months through 5 years.

Funded through grants, our part-time librarian distributes books to children.

Books do not have to be checked out, or returned.

More than 6000 books have been distributed.

Several community groups and Eagle Scouts have collected new and gently-used books to keep the library stocked.

South Main Public Health Center
Pharmacy

Licensed sub-pharmacy of the University of Utah

• Available for uninsured SMC families
• Community businesses, interested individuals, and a local junior high school organized fund raiser to establish the seed money for this mini-pharmacy

• Nearly 75% of our costs are collected from the families
Key Partners

- Board of Health
- County Commissioners
- County Mayor
- Salt Lake Valley Health Department
- University of Utah Department of Pediatrics
- Sisters of Holy Cross Ministries

Overcoming Barriers

- Educate community
- Educate policy makers
- Continuous evaluation of the community needs and efficacy of this model
Lessons Learned…

- Difficult to provide for all needs to be met with limited funding.
- A greater need in the community than resources can meet.
- This collaboration is excellent in the public health model.

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