

# The Vaccinator Village- Working Together to Optimize Patient Encounters

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It is logical to expect that there is strength in numbers and that partnerships can mobilize material and human resources and be more effective at achieving desired goals than individuals working alone”

-Karen Glanz, Health Behavior and Health Education, 2002

# Local Public Health Departments

- ▶ \* Differences in Local Health Department infrastructure
  - ▶ Separate dept vs. community development vs. inspectional services
  - ▶ Full time vs. part time vs. agency
- ▶ \*Differences in what Health Departments offer
  - ▶ Flu vaccine only
  - ▶ Child and Adult vaccines
  - ▶ No vaccines

# Your Patient is Our Patient and Vice Versa

- ▶ \* Local public health is community based health care - our residents are our patients.
- ▶ \* Hospitals, MD offices, long term care, assisted living facilities, independent living facilities, pharmacies, walk-in clinics
- ▶ \* Interaction beyond immunizations
  - ▶ Wellness clinics/ blood pressure clinics
  - ▶ Cholesterol and glucose screenings
  - ▶ Stroke prevention programs
  - ▶ Nutrition, diet and weight loss
  - ▶ Emergency Preparedness and personal protection
  - ▶ Communicable Disease Follow-up

# Your Patient is Our Patient and Vice Versa

- ▶ \* Access
  - ▶ Not all physicians vaccinate
  - ▶ Storage issues
- ▶ \* Insurance
  - ▶ Reimbursement issues
  - ▶ Coverage
- ▶ \* Outbreaks vs. Routine Care
  - ▶ H1N1 Pandemic Flu

# Communication/Collaboration

- ▶ \* Outreach
  - ▶ Know what each has to offer
- ▶ \* MIIS
  - ▶ Verifying past vaccinations
  - ▶ Multiple vaccinators
- ▶ \* Play Nice in the Sandbox



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...The determinants of health are beyond the capacity of any one practitioner or discipline to manage... We must collaborate to survive, as disciplines and as professionals attempting to help our communities and each other.

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- Institute of Medicine, 1999



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