

# Malheur County Report

**ACDP Health Equity Mini-grant Reporting Template 2019  
Malheur County Health Department**

**Data—Who was served with grant funds? Please provide an explanation of the metric you use to determine the community served and amount of people.**

We used program process measures, including the number of outreach clinics and health fairs provided, number of individuals reached during health fairs and outreach clinics, number of individuals that received screens/risk counseling and/or testing.

**Reflection Narrative—Provide a brief explanation of the program funded and lessons learned. Include goals, outcomes, activities, and desired vs. actual results. Your response to this section will help us understand specific successes or challenges associated with this project.**

Our goal: To provide outreach clinics to offer screening/risk counseling and immunizations to at least 250 individuals by through collaboration with our local jail, meal sites, homeless shelters, transitional housing, and recovery centers. We also planned to offer outreach clinics in the more isolated areas of Malheur County.

Jail: We had a plan to go to the jail at least twice a month and screen/test and/or treat inmates. It was originally agreed upon that the jail Lieutenant would collect consents from the inmates at the jail the week prior to our visit, this way we could look up inmate's immunization status and bring vaccines as needed. However, the Lieutenant didn't feel as if she had the time to do this and instead asked us to come to the jail and screen interested individuals for STI testing. This process worked out well because many individuals were interested in receiving screening and testing, and we were able to talk to them about the importance of vaccines and were able to take vaccines back to offer them to those individuals that expressed an interest. I wish we had more staff available and time to commit to the jail as it was a time-consuming process and there was a vast interest. Another challenge that we found was that in order to see inmates, there needed to be two staff present at all times and the jail did not have staff available to help, so we had to provide two nurses for this outreach clinic.

Health Fairs: We felt like attending the health fairs was valuable. We were able to provide education and/or screening to many individuals during our health fairs. We attended 7 health fairs (even though we planned on 6) with 1,062 participants total. We distributed 962 informational packets, screened/counseled 176 participants, and provided testing on site to 7 individuals. It was a challenge getting individuals to agree to onsite testing, but many were interested in screening/counseling and referrals for testing, and we were able to schedule individuals for future screening. We partnered with the immunization coordinator during the community college health fair and were able to offer HPV vaccines at the same time, which we felt was a success.

Homeless shelter: Our hope was to offer screening/testing and counseling at the homeless shelter. Although we weren't able to test any individuals at the site, we were able to provide education and screening to some. One success that we feel proud of is that since this project started, we have had individuals, that identify as homeless, seek screening/testing at our site. They stated that they were either present, or knew someone that was present during our time at the shelter that told them about our services. This project has opened up a unique partnership that we are proud to have with the homeless shelter. We continue to work with them on other projects such as at the meal sites, and will continue to offer screens/tests/treatment and foster relationships with this population.

Recovery Center: We hosted off site clinics at the in-patient recovery center in Malheur County. We had a very successful turn out. Our plan was to schedule approximately 5-6 people per clinic. However, the manager that was helping coordinate this forgot the process and allowed 18 individuals to sign up on the very first clinic scheduled. The struggle was that we had our CD nurse planning to go by herself, but we ended up pulling another nurse from our home visiting program to assist (and we didn't account for this, and her time was provided as in-kind). We screened, tested and provided education/risk reduction counseling to 18 people. That doesn't sound like a huge number but getting back to the clinic after an 8-hour day and still having to chart on 18 people and prepare labs to be picked up next day ended up being a 12-hour day, that ran into the next day. This was a huge success but also a challenge. We were more prepared for the next clinic and had pulled someone from our office staff to help with paperwork as well. When we returned the following week, we provided treatment and elicited partner information for those positive tests and were able to provide education and screening as well for new clients. We all agreed this was a successful and fulfilling event and will continue to offer this service if capacity allows.

**We are also interested in knowing what changes you might make to improve your program/project/activity and if this project could be carried into the future or replicated.**

Ideally, it would be helpful to have additional staffing for this project. We wish we had the capacity to continue to offer off site clinics because we know that there are many barriers to individuals receiving services, and transportation is just one of them. We have learned through this project that if we could just meet people where they are, and offer services, more individuals would use it.

**Sharing—Please include any materials created with the grants, such as flyers, posters, brochures, assessment reports, and any relevant handouts. Feel welcome to publicize or share about the impact of this grant so the community can learn about the ways we are working together. We in-turn want to do the same and share the great things you're doing and to publicize the partnership between your organization and our health equity work group. Providing a suitable photo of your program/project/activity that can be shared would be appreciated!**

We used different fliers depending on where we were holding clinics. For the Jail, we were able to post fliers throughout the facility to inform inmates about the opportunity and to encourage them to "sign up" prior to the clinic. The following flier we used and added the dates that we planned to host a clinic. We also created a similar flier that we used to share throughout Malheur County, that included a tear off phone number. For the second flier, we focused on agencies and areas where we knew our target population may be:



THE MALHEUR COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT IS  
OFFERING **FREE** SCREENING/TESTING FOR:

CHLAMYDIA/GONNORHEA

RAPID HIV/SYPHILIS

HEP B/C TESTING

HEP A/B VACCINE

**SIGN UP FOR THIS FREE SERVICE!**

To learn more, please ask Jail staff.



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We also created a consent form to use with agency staff. These were created to allow us to check ALERT prior to the clinic. We used this with some of our off-site clinics:



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HEALTH DEPARTMENT

1108 S.W. 4th Street • Ontario, OR 97914 • (541) 889-7279

The Malheur County Health Department would like to offer you free screening and/or testing for Chlamydia/Gonorrhea, HIV, Syphilis, Hepatitis B/C and immunizations for Hep A/B. If you would be interested in being screened for these services, please sign consent so we can check Oregon State Registry for your past immunizations.

Name (please print): \_\_\_\_\_ DOB: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**\*\*\*These consent forms were accompanied by the following letter to agency representatives:**



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May 3, 2019

ATTN: Community Partners,

I have attached a consent letter for any patient's that are interested in having STD, Rapid HIV/Syphilis/Hep B/C testing and Hep A/B vaccine. Please have them read and sign, then please fax back to Malheur County Health Department so we can prepare for a visit for testing/vaccine administration. Our fax number is: 541-889-8468.

We are excited to be able to reach out to those who may not have access to these tests. We would like to start testing as soon as we can and will continue with testing/vaccine until the end of June, 2019.

Thank you for partnering with us, and we look forward to hearing from you.

Tana Waller, RN  
Communicable Disease Coordinator  
1108 S.W. 4th Street  
Ontario, Or. 97914  
541-889-7279

We also created sign-up sheets that included the client's name and DOB so we had an idea of how many people to expect, as well as a template for recording the number of participants. In addition to marketing materials, we provided educational handouts (and tracked the number of packets distributed) to clients that included information about the specific diseases we were testing for, risk reduction practices, and CDC recommended testing schedule along with our testing site for future testing.