

## ROCK RIVER COMMUNITY CLINIC VACCINES FOR CHILDREN

Gaining access to the Vaccines for Children (VFC) Program was one of the primary drivers for Rock River Community Clinic to become a Federally Qualified Health Center. This program enables RRCC to provide truly comprehensive care for children and families by completing vaccinations as part of well child visits. The interprofessional team used a plan-do-study-act approach to implement the program.

Key steps in the program implementation included:

- Working with Cerner & Fort Healthcare Information Technology (IT) teams to build a Wisconsin Immunization Registry integration within their Electronic Health Record (EHR) and add billing codes for each immunization.
- Developing policies, procedures, and workflows that follow VFC guidelines and promote vaccine storage, management, and administration safety
- Completing a VFC site visit and receiving program accreditation
- Integrating the VFC program into well child visits, gathering data, reviewing processes, and adjusting workflows
- Partnering with local hospital systems to promote well child visits



As of June 2024, RRCC immunized more children than all of 2023, serving as the primary care home for families, not just adults. The changes are a part of a Cerner EHR buildout that provides a pediatric score card and a strategic plan that reimagines typical well child visits for new patients that have little to no experience within the U.S. health care system. 80% of RRCC's medical patients identify as Hispanic/Latino, and 95% of patients live at or below 200% of the Federal Poverty Line. This project lays the foundation to advance racial health equity through the ability to identify disparities within their youngest patients.

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