

PROJECT ABSTRACT

Project Title: Capacity Development and Sustainability of Integrated Services for Children with Special Health Care Needs
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As the next step in the evaluation of a unique community partnership serving children with special health care needs, CISS COG funds were used to analyze, evaluate, and improve services to families in the service areas of medical specialty, dental, and mental health. Sizable progress was made in the areas of decreasing costs per encounter, financial sustainability, increasing service capacity, increasing numbers of patients seen, and in increasing numbers of underserved populations, specifically Hispanic and Native American patients.

Key words:

ANNOTATION:

YVFWC assured access to and promoted effectiveness and efficiency of services to children with special health care needs. YVFWC increased the number of consumers served, especially minority consumers; decreased the cost-per-encounter; decreased the number of underinsured and uninsured consumers; and collaborated with the MCH Title V Program.

YVFWC used capacity development, program evaluation, and Sustainability activities to accomplish the objectives.

KEY WORDS:

Hispanic, Native American, Northwest, access, capacity development, children with special health care needs, collaboration, effectiveness, efficiency integrated services, program evaluation, sustainability.