

National AHEC Organization (NAO) HPV Immunization Project: Raising HPV Immunization Rates Through Provider Education

The NAO is a membership organization for Area Health Education Centers (AHECs) across the country. The AHEC program helps bring the resources of academic medicine to address local community health needs. In cooperative agreement with the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, NAO aims to provide education to health professionals to strengthen HPV vaccination recommendations, resulting in a decrease in missed opportunities to vaccinate adolescents aged 11—12.

Project Outline

Strategy 1: Provide clinician outreach and training

Utilize CDC's "You Are the Key" materials to provide continuing education opportunities in all 50 states, targeting primary care providers, registered nurses, nurses practitioners, pharmacists and physician assistants.

Strategy 2: Disseminate educational materials

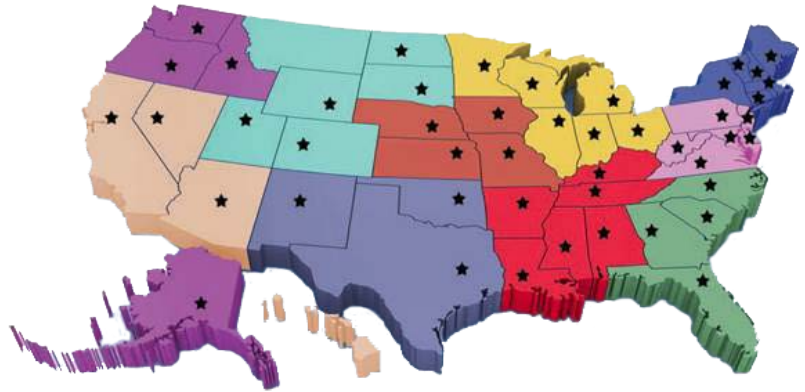
Distribute CDC and other evidence-based educational materials to health professionals through the AHEC state connections.

Strategy 3: Increase and form strong partnerships

Develop national-level partnerships with other CDC-funded projects as well as national health care and cancer organizations; increase partnerships with health profession schools to integrate training into curriculum and provide training to high-level health professions students.

Strategy 4: Push prioritization of HPV vaccination efforts

Bring the HPV vaccine as cancer prevention message to national level officials, insurers and others to increase awareness.



**State participation in the
NAO HPV Project**

Resources

- CE/CME Self-Study Guide "Human Papillomavirus (HPV) Vaccine Safety" with credit awarded for physicians, physician assistants and nurses: <http://www.cmeuniversity.com/course/disclaimer/114869>
- Individualized state HPV Cancer & Prevention Profiles were created to share current rates and ways to increase HPV vaccination rates throughout the country: <http://www.nationalahec.org/programs/CEPlanningMaterials.html>
- The HPV Vaccination Resource Guide was created for AHECs to help facilitate professional education and provider outreach to increase HPV vaccination rates: <http://www.nationalahec.org/hpv/HPV%20Resource%20Guide.pdf>
- Social media toolkit to target healthcare professionals with HPV and cancer awareness messages: <http://www.nationalahec.org/hpv/SocialMediaToolkit.pdf>

Learn more

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