

**Title of Intervention and Website:** The Immunization Project

**Intervention Strategies:** Environments and Policies, Provider Education, Individual Education

**Purpose of the Intervention:** To improve immunization rates and improve the standard of immunization practices throughout the community

**Population:** Children and their parents

**Setting:** Public schools in urban, inner-city Cincinnati, Ohio; school-based

**Partners:** School district, health care facilities

**Intervention Description:**

- Environments and Policies: If a parent was unable to take his or her child to a health care provider for immunizations, the school nurse would give the immunizations at school at no cost.
- Provider Education: Mailers are sent out annually to physicians to update them on the annual immunization schedule and current immunization information.
- Individual Education: Parents received up-to-date vaccine information sheets to provide information about the disease, vaccine, risks involved, possible adverse reactions and where to go for more information.

**Theory:** Not mentioned

**Resources Required:**

- Staff/Volunteers: Health care providers, school nurses
- Training: Not mentioned
- Technology: Computer and printer
- Space: Immunization space
- Budget: Not mentioned
- Intervention: Vaccines, educational materials
- Evaluation: Access to immunization records

**Evaluation:**

- Design: Case study
- Methods:
  - Audits of school records measured immunization compliance.

**Outcomes:**

- Short Term Impact: Not measured
- Long Term Impact: Analysis showed improved immunization compliance rates.

**Maintenance:** Not mentioned

**Lessons Learned:** The school-based immunization project has eliminated many of the barriers that previously hindered efforts to achieve better immunization compliance and also has prevented lengthy exclusions from school.

**Citation(s):**

Toole, K. and C. S. Perry (2004). "Increasing immunization compliance." J Sch Nurs 20(4): 203-8.