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The Immunization Collaboration of Tarrant County (ICTC) is a collaboration of agencies and organizations, public and private, committed to providing the systematic eradication of childhood, vaccine-preventable diseases in Tarrant County since 1991. ICTC projects directly improve the health and well being of children through low cost immunization events and community education on the importance of childhood immunizations. ICTC is a registered 501c 3, non-profit organization, with no employees.

ICTC current funding and support is provided by Colonial Country Club Charities, Cook Children's, Ronald McDonald House Charities, Tarrant County Medical Society Alliance Foundation and Texas Medical Association Foundation.

ICTC works directly with Tarrant County Public Health, McDonald's "Immunize for Healthy Lives", MAXIMUS, The CHIP Coalition, Rotary, Junior League, Senior Volunteers for Childhood Immunizations, Cook Children's Health Plan, JPS Health Network, Independent School District Nurses and more.

ICTC immunization events are scheduled at African American Health Expo in April, and over 23 days in August at: Hispanic Wellness Fair, Tarrant County Back to School Roundup, First Baptist Euless Campus West, North Davis Church of Christ (Arlington) and La Gran Plaza (Fort Worth). Immunizations are \$14 for one shot or \$15 per child, CHIP & Medicaid are accepted. Families with children 2 years and under receive free diapers with vaccines. ICTC 2011 summer events provided over 12,000 doses of vaccine over 4000 children. Over 82,000 children have received immunizations through ICTC events since 1991.

ICTC provides information on neighborhood locations for low cost vaccines as well as education materials on the importance of ON TIME vaccinations. One project, to raise the immunization rate for children 19-35 months old, in 3 target zip code areas of Tarrant County is part of ICTC 2010-2013 strategic goals. The target zip code areas in Tarrant County are: 76114, 76105, and 76010. **Each year over 30,000 families receive *Be Wise-Immunize* information.** The ICTC strategic plan also includes educational efforts about the requirements for adolescent vaccines to attend school and encouraging families to establish a medical home. ICTC works directly with Tarrant County Public Health and public school nurses to facilitate on site vaccine days for 6th graders from January to May.

ICTC networks with affiliated agencies to advocate requirements for immunizations for all children and continued development of the Tarrant County Immunization Registry and Texas ImmTrac registry.

Over 40 organizations and volunteers work together to continue projects that directly improve the health and well being of children through low cost immunization events and continued community education on the importance of childhood immunizations.

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