

The Oregon Vaccines for Children (VFC) Program

Vaccines for Children 20 years of protecting America's children

The Vaccines for Children program was established in 1994 to make vaccines available to uninsured children. VFC has helped prevent disease and save lives...big time!



CDC estimates that vaccination of children born between 1994 and 2013 will:

prevent **322 million** illnesses



help avoid **732,000** deaths



save nearly **\$1.4 trillion** in total societal costs
(that's like 27¢ for every dollar you spend)



U.S. Department of Health and Human Services
Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

www.cdc.gov/features/vfcprogram

Today's Topics

- VFC History
- Eligibility
- Opportunities and challenges

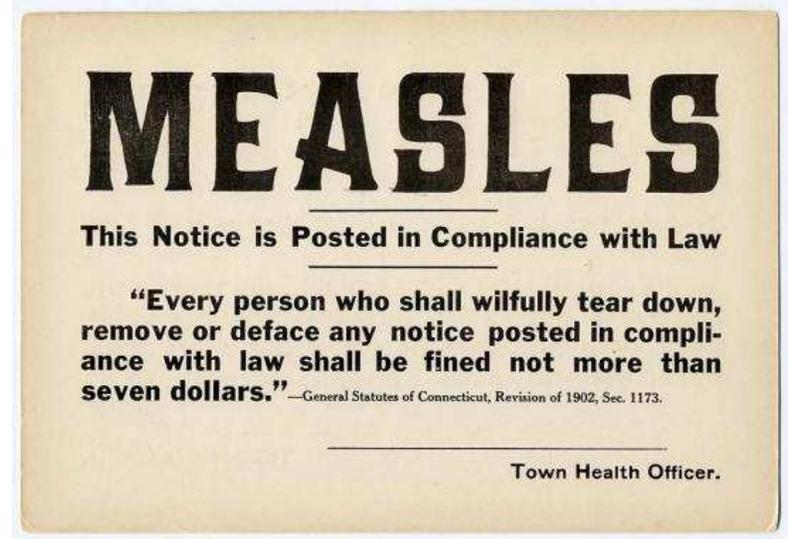
But first...

Who can tell me: What event led to the creation of the VFC Program in 1994?

The Birth of VFC

Measles Epidemic of 1989-1991

During the 1989-91 time period, more than 53,000 cases occurred in 815 separate outbreaks





The principal cause for the epidemic is ***failure to provide vaccine to vulnerable children on schedule..***

JAMA. 1991;266(11):1547-1552.
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California...

16,400 reported cases

3,390 hospital admissions

75 deaths

More than half of the patients were younger than 5 years; the highest incidence was among infants younger than 12 months.

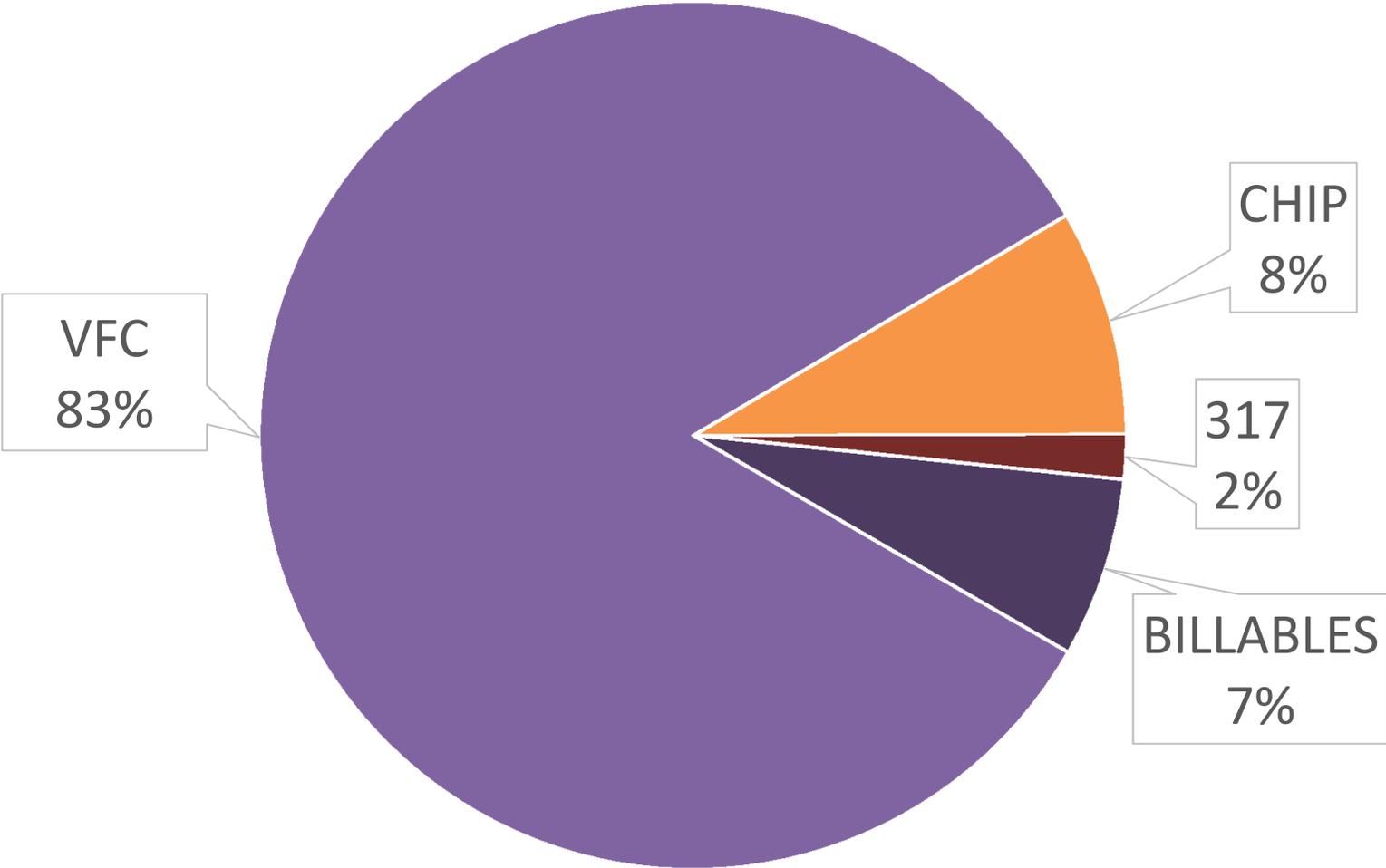
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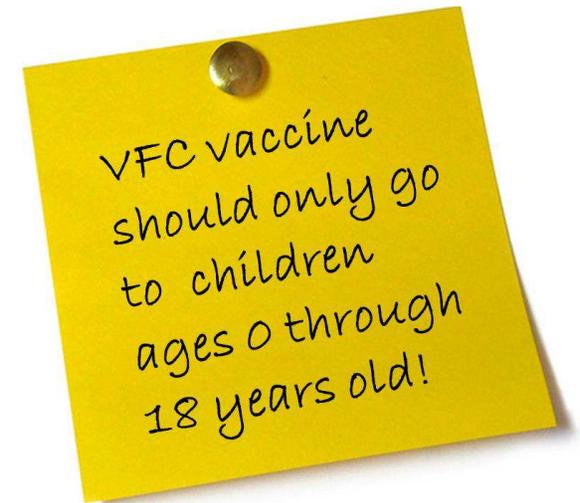


Public AND Private Clinics

- Federal entitlement program since 1994
- Birth through age 18
- Funding increases as need increases
- Supports patients in their medical home

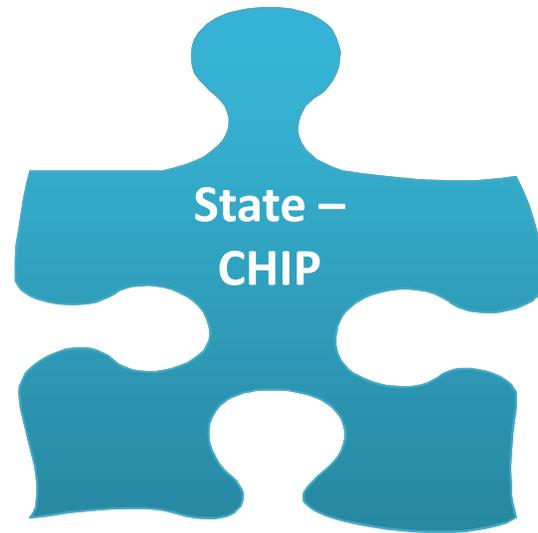
Oregon Immunization Program 2016-17 Vaccine Budget \$55,453,593





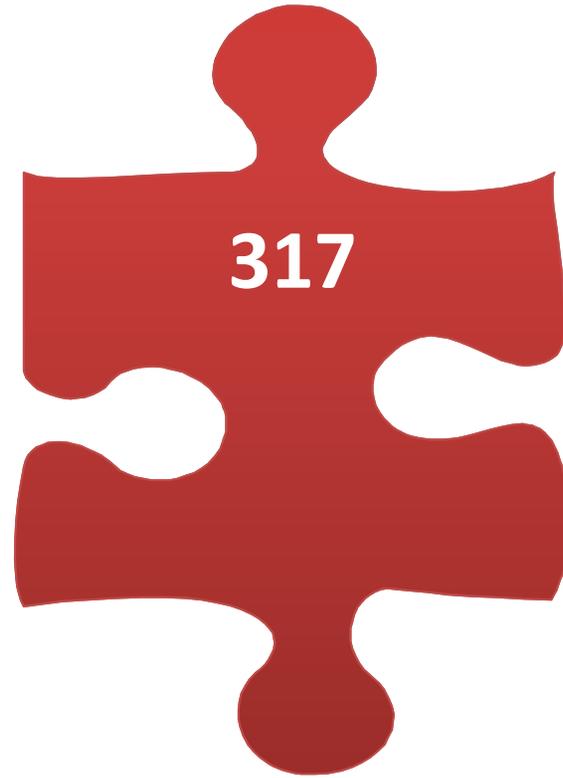
Public AND Private Clinics

- Medicaid
- No Insurance
- American Indian
- Alaskan Native
- “Underinsured” (only in FQHC/RHC)



Public AND Private Clinics

- Children's Health Insurance Plan
- At clinic level, looks just like Medicaid
- Allows coverage above Medicaid income



Public Clinics ONLY

- Limited funding
- Used to expand access for adults
– and some exceptions...



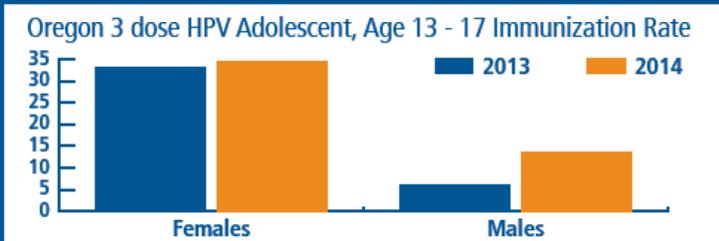
Immunizations in Oregon

In 2016
94.2%
of students

in kindergarten through 12th grade were complete for all of the school-required vaccines.

2015/2106 flu season, 43% of Oregonians received a flu vaccination. A flu vaccine is recommended annually for all people 6 months and older.

Human Papillomavirus (HPV)



Each year, 27,000 men and women in the United States are diagnosed with an HPV-related cancer. That's one every 20 minutes! About 21,000 cases could be prevented by HPV vaccination.

HPV vaccination is a two or three dose vaccination series. If administered on time, the series can be completed within six months.

ALERT IIS is a statewide immunization registry developed to achieve complete and timely immunizations of all Oregonians throughout their lives.

93%
of oregon clinics

report to the ALERT Immunization Information System (IIS).

53
million

immunization records are in ALERT IIS.

**Interested in seeing your county's rates by census tract?
Call the Oregon Immunization Program
(971-673-0300) to make a request.**



Current Opportunities (and Challenges)

- CAP on enrollment
- Meet those requirements!
- Everyone craves improvement (finally)
- Colleges
- Pharmacies
- Pertussis, HPV, Influenza
- YOU!



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