



Yakima Valley Farm Workers Clinic

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CHC Research Involvement: Developing a Mutually Beneficial Relationship

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- Large community/migrant health center system
- Clinics in WA and OR
- Served >115,000 patients last year
- 64% Hispanic
- 39% m/sfw + family members

Context for Research Opportunities-1990s

- Increased health profession student placement
- Students and faculty interested in research opportunities with unique population
- Increased research interest from academic researchers
- Researchers with individual relationships with YVFWC clinicians

Some negative experiences

- Negative process
- Negative outcomes
- Poor internal communication

Agency Tools

- Policy on Research Involvement
- Application Elements and Process for prospective researchers
- Principles of Community-Based Research
- Research Review Committee/HIPAA Privacy Board

Change in Orientation

Our Community Health Center as....

- Proactive
- Responsible to identify needs
- Asserting an equal relationship
- Introducing negotiation
- Taking risks

Considerations for Research Review Committee

- Costs and Benefits
- Alignment with agency priorities
- Confidentiality
- Sustainability
- Equitable budget distribution
- Pressures on key staff
- Balance of buy-in and pressure on clinic sponsor

Principles of Community-Based Research

Opportunity for discussion:

- Early involvement
- Real influence on project direction
- Process and outcome should benefit community
- Part of analysis and interpretation
- Relationship beyond specific project
- Empowered to initiate research



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