

*Virginia Vaccine for Children Program
Awards...*

***Chesterfield County Health Department
As an Immunization Champion
On this day, March 7, 2011***

During 2010 Chesterfield County Health Department maintained consistently high rates, averaging 77% coverage for the 4313314 series. Chesterfield County Health Department attributes their success to reminder/recall. Reminder cards are sent out on a regular basis, about once a month.

Also, the child health immunization team is very diligent about vaccinating with all antigens the child needs on any given visit. The population served by Chesterfield Health Department transitions frequently between the health department and their private physician. Every child immunized leaves with a written record and a date to return. Each history and dose administered is recorded electronically and is transferred into Virginia Immunization Information System (VIIS).

Chesterfield County Health Department also utilizes the VIIS to assess immunization records to avoid over-immunizing patients. "VIIS has been a huge help to our team," says Kathy Flippin, Immunization Action Plan (IAP) Coordinator. "We have 5 PHNs that provide childhood immunizations 3 days per week on a walk-in basis. We also offer one late clinic per week. The PHNs that routinely work our immunization clinics are Jamie Lawson, Jennifer Ebert, Jan Jones, Susan Weeks and me. We could not do this without the help of our outreach worker/interpreter Elizabeth Brown and the support of Sherry Coleman."

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