Health department partnership with local universities successfully provides preventive health services for a border population

INTRODUCTION

• 35% of residents in El Paso, Texas are uninsured.
• Some low-income families do not receive preventive screenings or vaccines.
• The Medicaid Waiver program from the City of El Paso Department of Public Health partnered with local universities.
• The program implemented research projects to connect Medicaid, low-income, and uninsured residents to healthcare resources.

METHODS

• From 2015-2019 the collaboration project conducted 18,142 socio-demographic (REAL) interview surveys and offered preventive screenings.
• Services included blood pressure checks, lipid and cholesterol checks, BMI and body composition measures.
• Participants were recruited through faith-based organizations, the Consulate General of Mexico, local health fairs and community events.

RESULTS

• The project connected participants with a variety of preventive health resources in the community.
• Over 18,000 participants were screened at least once by a service partner.
• More than 1,545 participants received cancer screenings.
• Over 15,240 vaccines were administered.

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