

TRS VACCINE PROJECT By Brandie Wilson Brandie.Wilson@transformingreentry.org



### <u>A little bit about us!</u>

- 🕦 By felons for felons.
- Only Black run & led SSP in Chicago providing services by and for Black communities in Chicago.
- Began in 1989 when Rev. Green would go into prisons. Rev was also n the original group that worked to condoms into prions.
- We provide Reentry services, Harm Reduciton, testing, mentoring, advocacy and more!



### **Outreach/services design**

- Combined outreach of Reentry (ID, Birth Cert), HIV, COVID-19 & Harm Reduction.
- Delivery is an option for houses serving a lot of people or when direct services are not available.
- The Checking in with *gatekeepers* to create safety.
- **Waccine cards**.
- Westside homeless shelters for vaccine administration & services.





# **Vaccine education**

- Worked for over 15 months in community before this project started.
- Collecting feedback on vaccine hesitancy that informs the approach to education.
- Acknowledge community distrust due to historical medical abuse of community.
- Ongoing cultivation of relationships & trust in community.
- People seem to be more interested in MPX vaccine than COVID-19 vaccines.

### Life Saving Tips for Safer Smoking Don't Share Supplies – This includes pipes, and cigarettes. Ask TRS for new pipes and rubber mouthpieces. Wipe down rubber mouthpieces with alcohol before sharing if you have any to share (Although it's better to have your own...)

Prep Your Drugs Yourself – Wash your hands for 20 second with soap & Water. If you cannot wash your hands, use hand sanitizer

If you're mixing drugs and sex, make sure you have access to safer sex options that work for you. Consider taking condoms and lube with you. Ask TRS for safer sex kits

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### Life Saving Tips for Safer Snorting

Snorting can still result in an overdose, make sure you and your friends have enough Naloxone or NarCan and get more from TRS if needed. Don't Share Supplies – Use your own supplies, we give 3 straws in each kit, get more kits if needed. Sharing supplies can transmit HCV. Snort water after your substances to prevent holes in your nose.

Prep Your Drugs Yourself – Wash your hands for 20 second with soap & Water. If you cannot wash your hands, use hand sanitizer. Do not use the back of a toilet, use the plastic card. Do not use a rusty chopper, we provide a plastic razor blade.

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## **Vaccine practices**

- Peer to peer vaccine training. We can train each other- minimal government barriers.
- The How to obtain, store, track and administer have preestablished regulations.
- Established regular schedule informed by participants & capacity.
- **The** No clinic staff required. Only standing order required- similar to HIV/HCV testing.
- The Created more training & oversight than what is required.

### New COVID-19 Vaccination Provider Trainings

# CDC

#### Thank you for joining us to support COVID-19 vaccination efforts! We appreciate you!

There are many resources available to help you effectively meet the demands of your role as a vaccinator in the COVID-19 Vaccination Program. Information and guidance about COVID-19 vaccine products are constantly evolving as we learn more, so please continue to review updated CDC materials. It is important that you are knowledgeable about COVID-19 vaccine products—even if you have administered other vaccines. COVID-19 vaccine guidance and recommend dators vary from product to product and from other vaccines. We recommend that you begin by reviewing the <u>COVID-19</u> vaccine <u>vaccine Training Module</u> for the vaccine product you will be administration.

#### Vaccination Skills for New and Experienced Providers

Skill	Importance: Why is this necessary?	Resource	
How to prepare vaccines	Vaccines need to be prepared correctly to ensure patient safety.	Vaccine Training Modules	COVD-19) Vector Table Table (Vector)
Vaccine administration	All COVID-19 vaccines must be given appropriately by intramuscular injection.	Vaccine Training Modules     You Call the Shots! Vaccine     Administration module	Population and the second seco
Vaccine storage and handling	Without proper storage and handling, vaccines may not be as effective.	Vaccine Storage and Handling Toolkit: COVID-19 Addendum	Rest Reg of Hodge last Descriptions
Vaccine documentation	Reliable medical records and immunization information are critical for patient treatment and required as part of the COVID-19 Vaccination Program.	COVID-19 Vaccination. Data Systems.	Control Contro Control Control Control Control Control Control Control Control Co
Vaccine safety and monitoring	Accurate reporting of adverse events means faster detection of safety problems.	• VAERS	
Preventing vaccine administration errors	Variation from vaccine storage, preparation, and administration guidance can result in inadequate protection and jeopardize patient safety.	Preventing Vaccine Administration. Errors: A Primer for Healthcare. Workers webinar.     Vaccine Administration: Preventing Vaccine Administration: Exercise	
Program requirements	The COVID-19 Vaccination Program has specific requirements that all vaccination providers must comply with.	COVID-19 Vaccip fron. Program Provid Requirement and Support.	C CONTROL 19 Year and south-upon a Provider Requirement and Separat
Additional information about training and education for clinicians on be found at: h www.c //x //x //x //x //x //x //x //x //x //			

### What's happening now?

- Have a fully developed vaccine program in the deep west side of Chicago.
- Have seen our community go from 25% being receptive to vaccines to 75% now either vaccinated or interested.
- Mumps and Chicken Pox are currently our communities top concerns.
- We have a vaccine/testing/outreach sprinter on order and will be ready in fall!!!

# Our new ride!!

