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COUNCIL**

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Reaching Rural & Hard-to-Reach Communities: Strengthening Vaccine Access & Confidence

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Land Acknowledgement

I am a settler in Penfield, NY a suburb outside of Rochester, NY near Lake Ontario the unceded territory of the Haudenosaunee and Onöndowa'ga:' (Seneca) people.

Today we stand here in Philadelphia, PA the unceded territory of the Lenni Lenape people. I am committed to working towards a resolution. <https://native-land.ca>



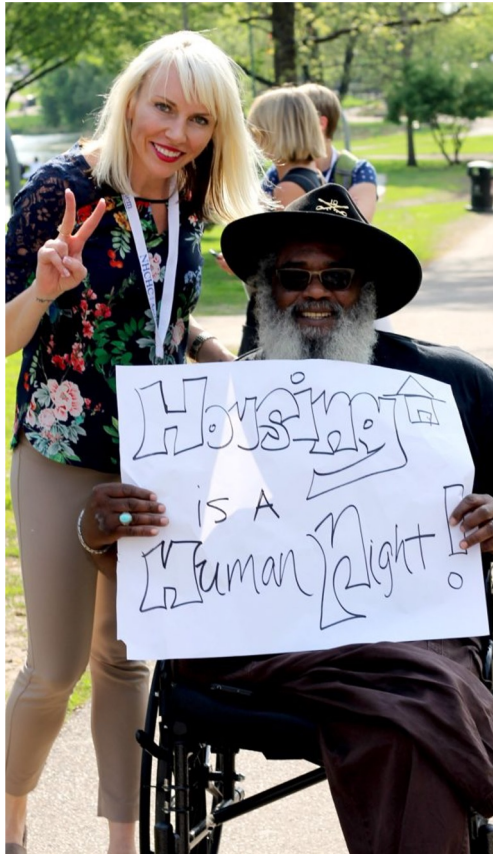
Labor Acknowledgement



We recognize the immigrant and American-born workers of African, Asian, and Central and South American descent whose labor remains hidden in the shadows but still contributes to the wellbeing of our collective community.

<https://www.solid-ground.org/labor-acknowledgement/>

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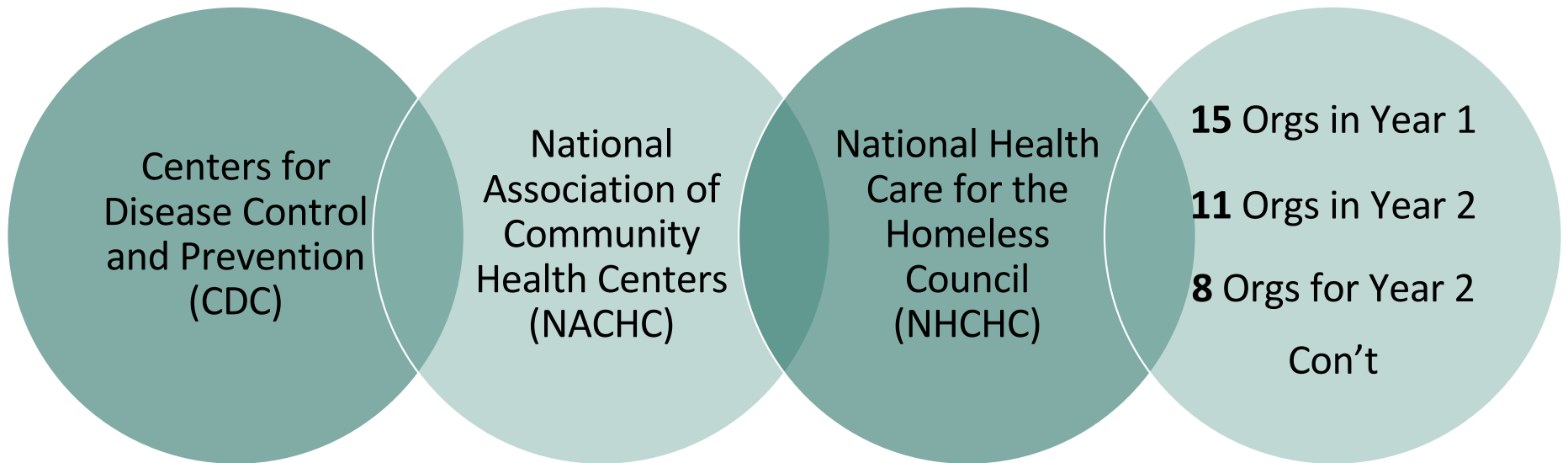


Grounded in human rights and social justice, the NHCHC mission is to build an equitable, high-quality health care system through training, research, and advocacy in the movement to end homelessness.

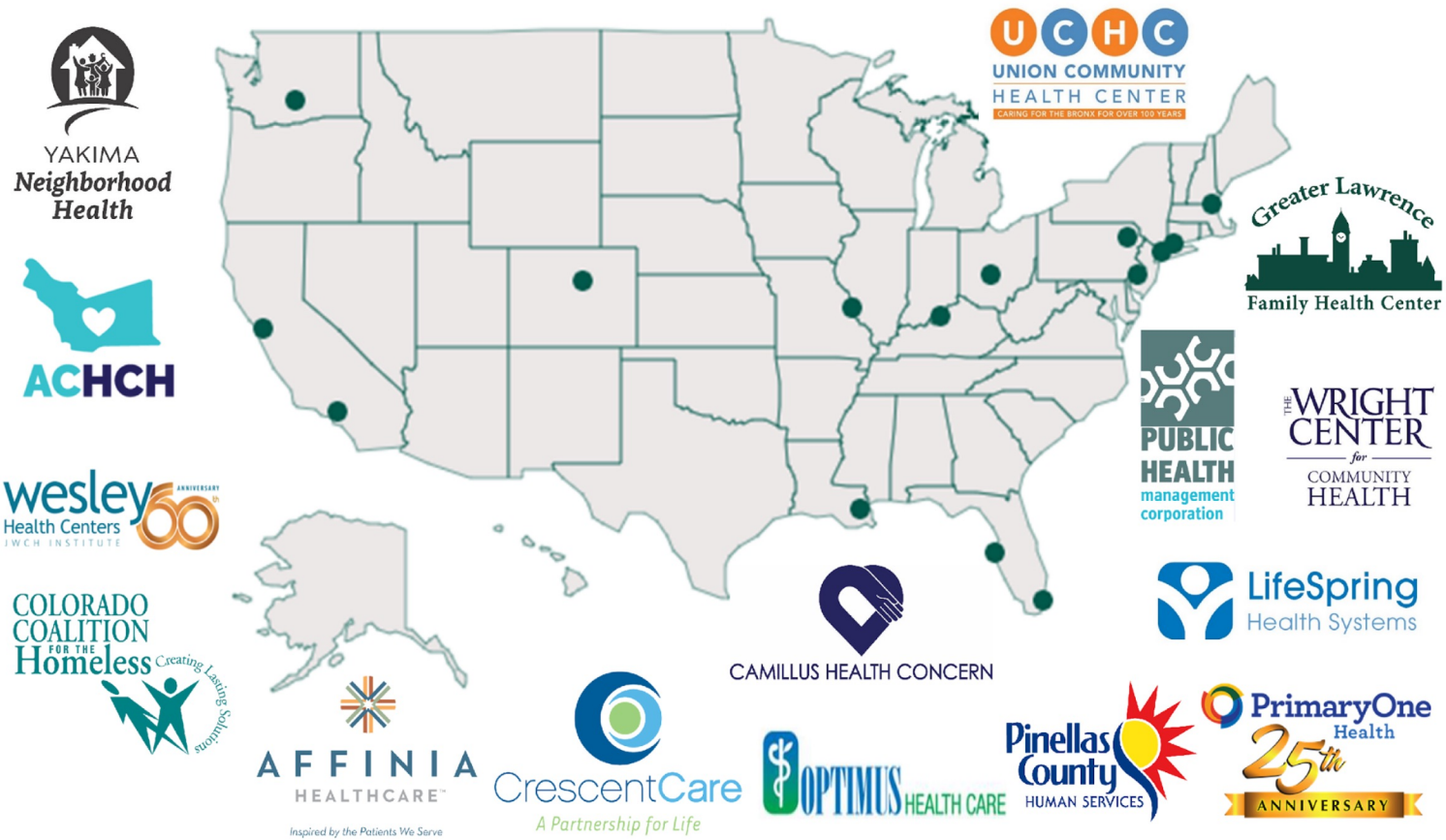
Working to end homelessness by ensuring health care and housing for all.

The Council is a membership organization uniting thousands of health care professionals, people with lived experience of homelessness, and advocates in homeless health care.

Vaccine Ambassador Project Team

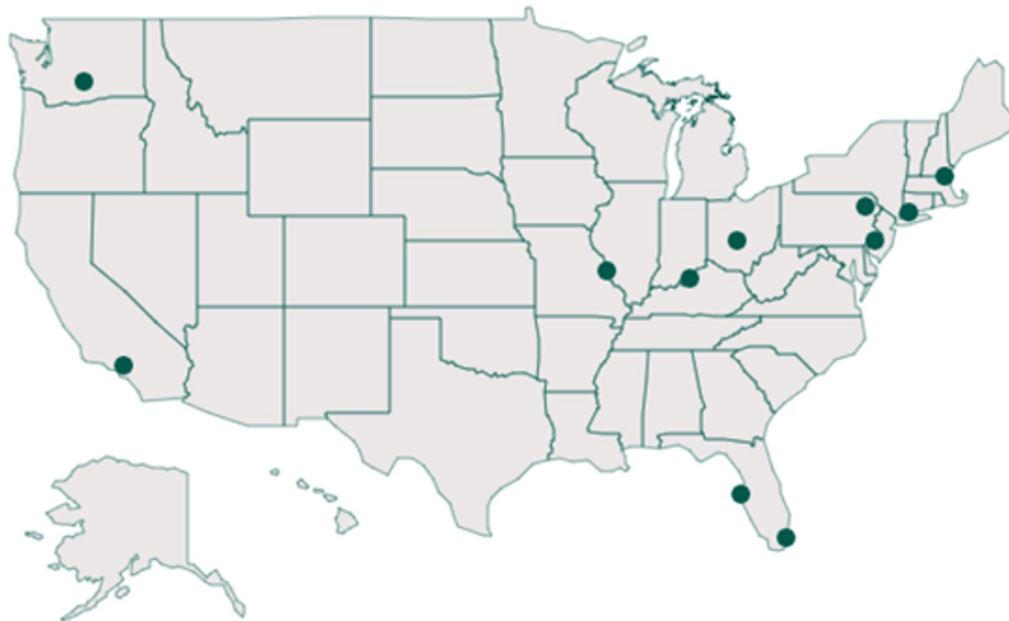


Vaccine Ambassador Project Y1 Organizations



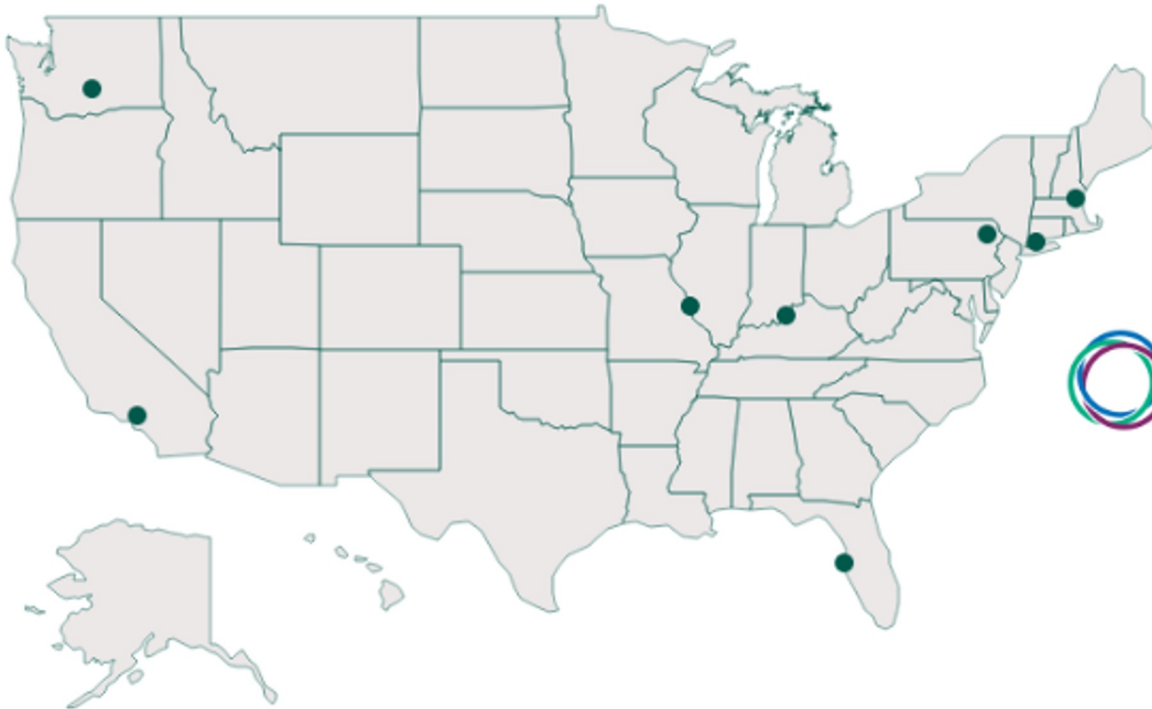
Vaccine Ambassador Project Y2 Organizations

NHCHC/CDC/NACHC Community Vaccine Ambassador Project Awardees - YEAR 2



Vaccine Ambassador Project Y2 Cont. Organizations

Vaccine Ambassador Project Y2 Continuation Organizations



Vaccine Ambassador Project Strategies

Purpose

Increase adult vaccinations among three specific marginalized populations that include people experiencing homelessness, people with substance use disorders, and/or people who engage in sex work.

Strategy

Improve adult immunizations by implementing vaccine ambassadors (community health workers, peer navigators) to reach marginalized populations that are at an increased risk of severe illness.



Structure & Goals

**Hire & Train
Vaccine Ambassadors**



**Outreach to Target
Populations**



**Vaccinate the Target
Populations**



VAP Year One: COVID Focused



32
Vaccine Ambassadors



30,594
Vaccinations Given

15 organizations



115
Community Partnerships



44,223
Encounters



Year Two: Adult Immunizations

COVID-19 – 5,100 (11)

Influenza – 2,832 (11)

Hepatitis A – 2,186 (7)

Hepatitis B – 2,104 (8)

Pneumonia – 1,382 (9)

Shingles – 1,156 (3)

Tdap – 2,354 (8)

Mpox – 1,226 (3)

HPV – 826 (5)

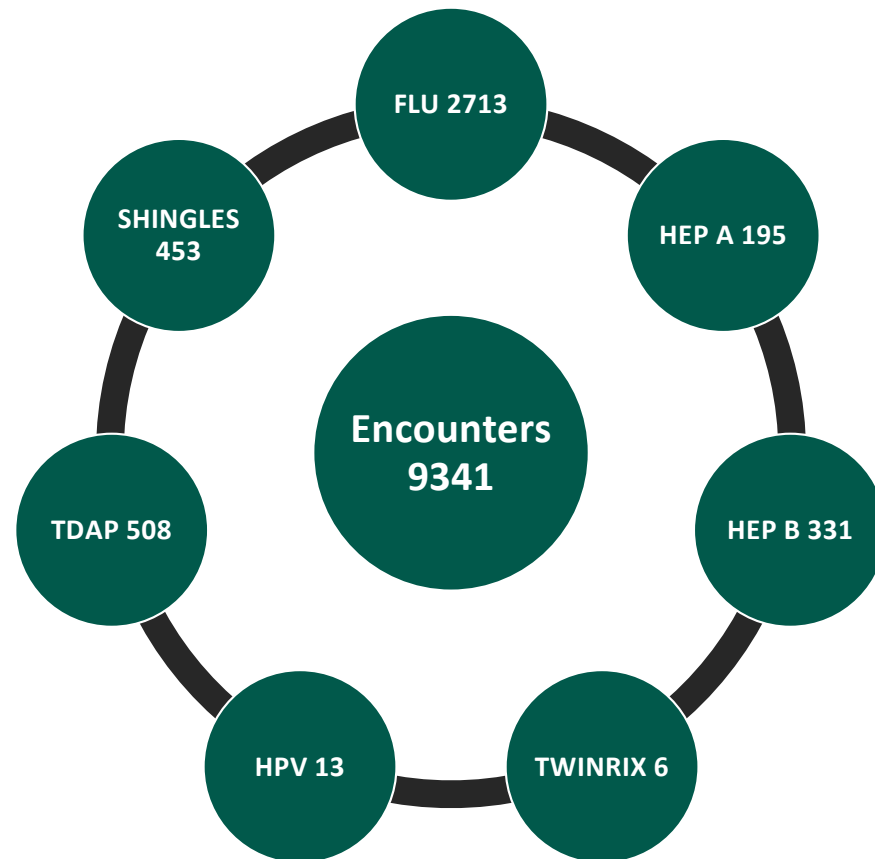
Twinrix – 160 (3)

Meningitis – 12 (1)

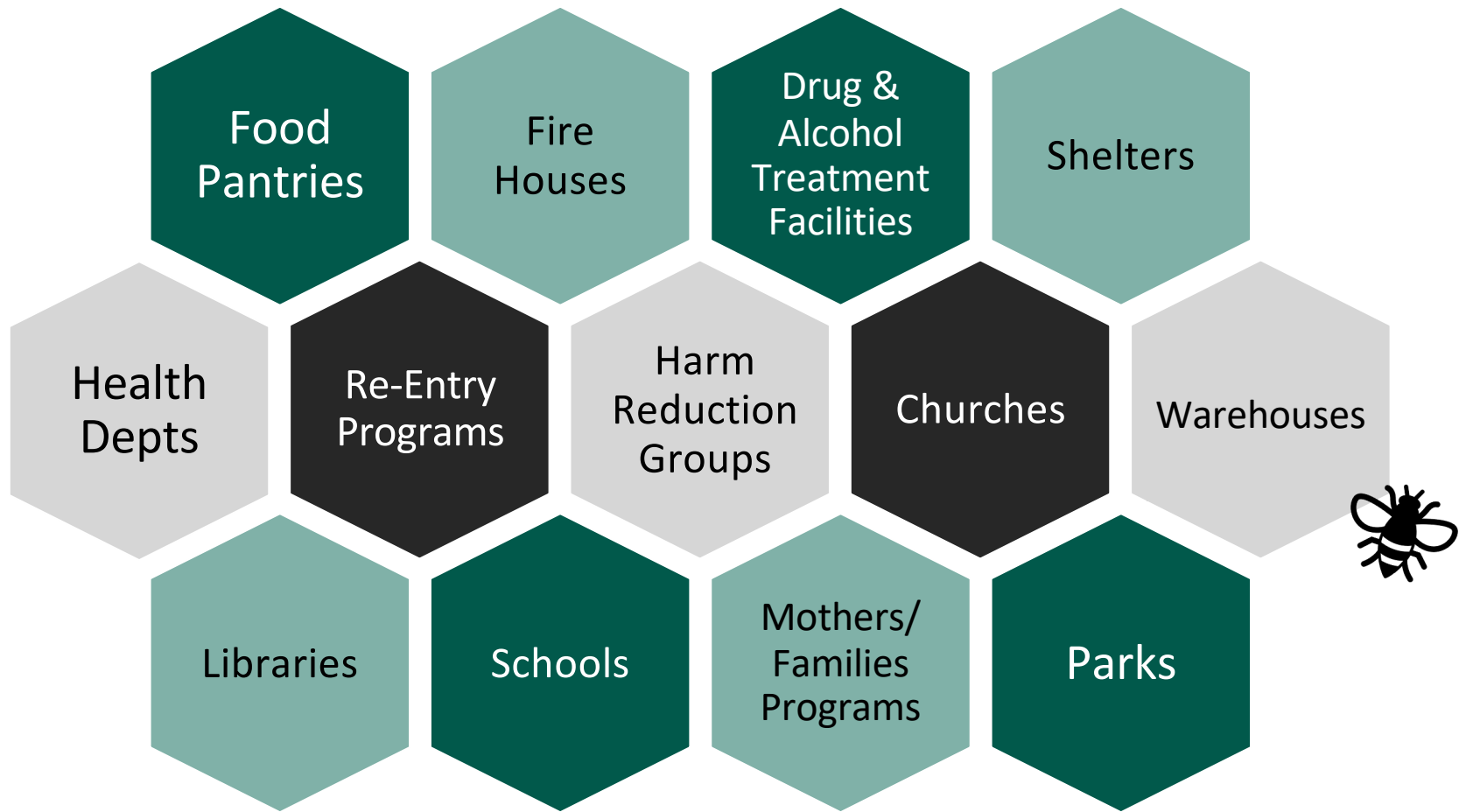
11 organizations

VAP Year 2 Con't Numbers

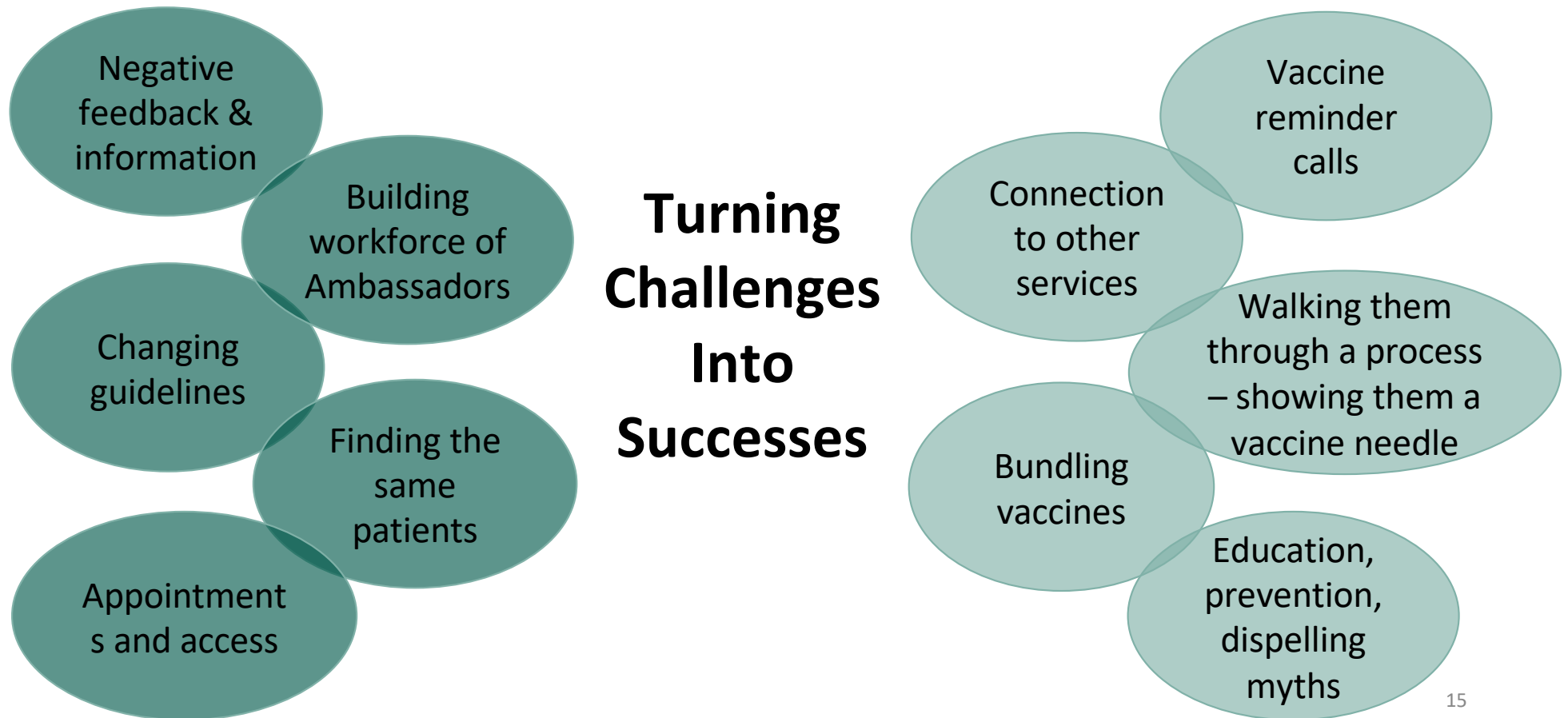
**Eight
organizations**



Partnerships



VAP Challenges & Successes



VAP Year Two Continuation

Retain
Organizations &
Ambassadors

Collect VAP Data

Maintain VAP
Community

DISSEMINATION

Talking About Vaccines: Take-Aways



Resources

NHCHC: [Surviving Severe Weather: Tools to Promote Emergency Preparedness for People Experiencing Homelessness](#)

NHCHC website - plethora of [outreach resources](#)

NHCHC self-paced [Online Learning Management System](#)

Partnering for Vaccine Equity Webinar: [Vaccine Activity Planner](#)

CDC: [Hepatitis B information](#)

Tool Kit



Scan the QR Code with your phone's camera for the full document!

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