

Partnering with Faith-Based Health Groups or Health Agencies

Partnering with faith-based health groups or health agencies that have ongoing relationships with their members will lead to more success in performing an impact and outcomes evaluation. Having your health fair in collaboration with organizations that have a standard membership with those that people trust is crucial in helping to reduce loss to follow-up.

QueensCare is a model faith-based organization that allows for various opportunities for health outreach groups interested in partnering with the organization.



"QHFP [QueensCare Health-Faith Partnership] assists each partner organization in the development of a health cabinet. This group of dedicated volunteers assesses the healthcare needs of the individuals and families living in their surrounding neighborhood. Then, they work to find ways to meet those needs."

The Partnership is a growing coalition of over 50 multiethnic neighborhood organizations.

They include churches, church-run and charter schools, and social service agencies.

These faith-based organizations are tied closely to their respective communities. Easy to reach, established community institutions, they are "safe houses" for those seeking essential health care for themselves, and their families. Each coalition affiliate subscribes to a holistic approach to health care: pastoral and parish nursing programs directed to the "whole person" -- serving the body, mind and spirit. Wellness counseling, health care education, and specific health services, including screenings & immunizations are provided.

For those interested in faith-based partnership opportunities, QueensCare holds a monthly community dinner meeting held in the St. Annes Maternity Home Conference Center. Members of each health cabinet attend the meetings to discuss plans and services for the month. These meetings are held every third Tuesday of each month from 6-8PM. RSVP by calling (323) 644-6180. Here, student group leaders may learn of upcoming events, meet the health planners for each parish and talk with the parish nurses about health needs of individuals in their community.

If contacting the church parishes, it is best to speak with a Parish Nurse or Lay health promoter. These individuals are typically active in the health outreach on a long-term basis. They are more likely to know the trends and needs of the individuals in their area.

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