



Tracking Progress: Project Highlights



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We're thrilled to share significant milestones in our efforts to enhance maternal health across our communities. To date, we've successfully screened 168 individuals, conducted 2 insightful focus groups, engaged 17 key informants, and hosted a productive PhotoVoice session. Currently, we're actively scheduling another focus group in Deaf Smith County and preparing for a second round of PhotoVoice sessions. These initiatives are crucial steps forward in shaping comprehensive maternal health solutions and fostering community involvement. Thank you to everyone who has contributed to this progress—we look forward to continuing this impactful journey together.

Recruitment for Key Informants and Focus Groups

We are actively seeking individuals passionate about maternal health to join us as Key Informants across several counties. Your insights as administrators, healthcare providers (MDs/NPs, RNs), social services representatives, and community leaders in Deaf Smith, Parmer, Gray, Randall/Potter, and Swisher counties are invaluable.



Additionally, we invite enthusiastic participation in Focus Groups and PhotoVoice initiatives in Deaf Smith, Gray, Parmer, and Swisher counties. Your involvement will play a vital role in shaping maternal care initiatives and advocacy in our communities.

Together, let's make a meaningful impact on maternal health outcomes.

A Heartfelt Thank You to Our Coalition Members

We are deeply grateful for the unwavering dedication and tireless efforts you have shown in advancing the goals of the Vibrant Moms project. Your contributions have been instrumental in every aspect of our mission, from recruitment and website development to securing focus group locations and fostering invaluable community connections.



Your commitment to maternal health and wellbeing in the Texas Panhandle counties is truly inspiring. Through your hard work, we have made significant strides in addressing maternal health disparities, and improving access to maternity care services.

We extend our heartfelt thanks to each and every one of you for your ongoing support and partnership. Your collaborative spirit and passion for making a positive impact are at the core of our success. Together, we are making a difference in the lives of countless mothers and their families.



Virtual "Coffee Conversations" are held every 3rd Thursday from 10am-12pm. Join us to share events, celebrations, news, and discuss ideas related to the project and the communities we reach and serve.

Next Meeting is August 15, 2024

Zoom Link:

<https://ttuhsc.zoom.us/j/96795698042>

World Population Day



World Population Day, observed annually on July 11th, underscores the global challenges and opportunities linked to population growth. It emphasizes reproductive health, gender equality, and sustainable development as essential factors for a prosperous future. This day urges action on issues like family planning, maternal health, poverty, and human rights through education, advocacy, and policy initiatives.

National Minority Mental Health Awareness Month



July marks National Minority Mental Health Awareness Month, dedicated to raising awareness about mental health issues that disproportionately affect minority communities. This observance seeks to reduce stigma, promote understanding, and advocate for improved access to mental health services and resources for minority individuals. By fostering dialogue and support, we aim to ensure equitable mental health care and empower all individuals to seek the help they need.





Community Health Worker Position Open

We are looking for a new team member to fill this 30 hr/wk position; this position offers some flexibility, and also requires travel and occasional evenings or weekends.

- Community Health Worker (CHW) will have various duties as an integral team member of a community engagement research study (NIH funded) that examines maternal health disparities in the Texas Panhandle.
- Required qualifications: 3 years of experience, or education related to CHW experience. CWH certification or will obtain certification within first 6 months. Able to work flexible schedule, and have own personal transportation.
- Preferred qualifications: English and Spanish fluency. Previous experience with community health/outreach. Live or work in one of the 6 counties that VIBRANT MOMS serves.

Please pass this along to anyone who may be interested or any organizations or have connections for potential applicants.



<https://sjobs.brassring.com/TGnewUI/Search/home/HomeWithPreLoad?partnerid=25898&siteid=5283&PageType=JobDetails&jobid=868975>

Website Working Group

We are thrilled to announce that the Website Working Group is making significant strides in preparing our site for launch. The team has successfully implemented many of the suggested changes, and while we are still working on a few final touches, the progress has been remarkable.

If anyone else is interested in participating in this exciting project, please let us know. We welcome any additional support and input.

Stay tuned for more updates as we get closer to unveiling our new and improved website!



Meet Our Newest Team Member!

Born in Levelland, Diane Garcia now calls Amarillo, TX home, where she lives with her husband and is a proud mother of three and grandmother of five. With a career spanning 14 years at TTUHSC, Diane recently obtained her Community Health Worker (CHW) certification through DSHS in May. Fluently bilingual in English and Spanish, Diane brings a valuable perspective to her work in community health. Previously, Diane contributed to a project focused on colorectal cancer screening, demonstrating her commitment to improving health outcomes in her community. Beyond her professional achievements, Diane cherishes her role as a dog mom to Toby, a beloved Shih Tzu. Her dedication to family, community health, and lifelong learning defines her journey at TTUHSC and beyond.



Diane Garcia
Community Health Worker

