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# Minnesota Immunization Networking Initiative (MINI)

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## Our Partners

- Fairview Health Services
- Homeland Health Specialists, Inc.
- St. Mary's Health Clinics
- Stairstep Initiative
- MN Department of Health
- HealthEast Care System

*None of us could do this alone*



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# MINI ACCOMPLISHMENTS

**Objectives 1/2: Provide evidence of MINI replication with another healthcare system**

- Explored MINI replication with HealthEast Care System resulting in a signed Memo of Agreement between HealthEast (HE) and Fairview (FV)
- FV trained 30 HE volunteer vaccinators
- Three HE clinics held: two Burmese Karen, one Vietnamese totaling 621 free flu shots; all HE volunteers reported willingness to serve again



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# ACCOMPLISHMENTS (CONTINUED)

## Objective 3: Conduct MINI clinics in Minneapolis/St. Paul

- **125** clinics in the greater Twin Cities
- **7,611** free vaccinations
- **12%** received flu shot for the very first time
- Consent forms in English; translated into seven different languages: Spanish, Chinese, Vietnamese, Hmong, Karen, Somali and Amharic
- Over **2,800** convenience sample surveys completed



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# CHALLENGES

- **Objective 1:** Replication with HealthEast: Getting to agreement for vaccine purchase and entering all records in the State registry
- **Objective 2:** Vaccine delivery was late resulting in needing to start with trivalent vaccine instead of quadrivalent resulting in UUAV left over vaccine



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# CAPACITIES

## Model Practice: Build and Maintain Trust

- MINI partners have built an enduring, decade long program built on trusted relationships
- MINI partners hold the trust of community members; through their invitation, MINI has been able to serve vulnerable, at-risk populations
- Persons completing the anonymous convenience sample survey report that “trust” is one of the top four reasons they attend a MINI clinic
- Trusted relationships were utilized for introductions to HealthEast to explore replication



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# OPPORTUNITIES

- In partnership with four Latino Catholic churches and the University of Minnesota School of Dental Hygiene, a MINI pilot will provide dental varnish for children attending the MINI clinics
- In partnership with a MN Dept. of Health pandemic preparedness plan, MINI will interview faith based partners to determine best modes of communication during an emergency
- 61% of MINI clients indicated in the survey that they now have health insurance; MINI is exploring taking health insurance payments at 4-5 pilot clinics



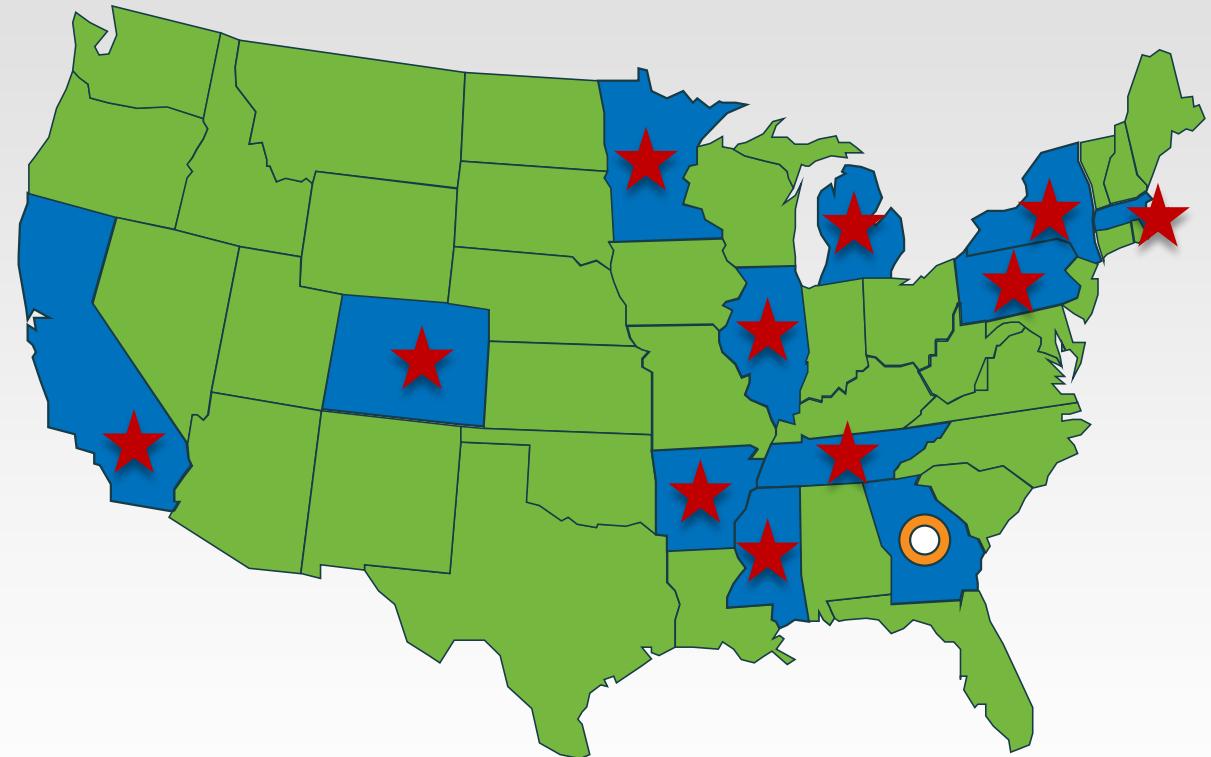
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# QUESTIONS FOR DISCUSSION

1. What more would you like to know about this site's work?
2. Share with us how the faith-based characteristics of the work have been included in your replication efforts with HealthEast? What can we all learn from this?
3. MN Dept. of Health has asked MINI to interview faith based partners regarding optimum emergency pandemic communication. How could this have value and be of use to other state health department pandemic preparedness planning?



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