

## **Bridges to Health Pathways**



A cross-sector collaborative approach to providing community care coordination





Community Health Workers (CHWs) are employed by the Community Care Agencies (clinics, hospitals, health departments, social service agencies) and help coordinate needed services for clients & their households.

Agencies contract with the HUB to get paid when evidence- based outcomes are met.

Current Target Population: People with two or more needs struggling to access resources on their own

#### **CORE PATHWAYS (Needs)**

- Behavioral Health
- Covid- 19 Immunization
- Developmental Screening
- Developmental Referral
- Education
- Employment
- Family Planning
- Food
- Health Insurance
- Housing
- Immunization

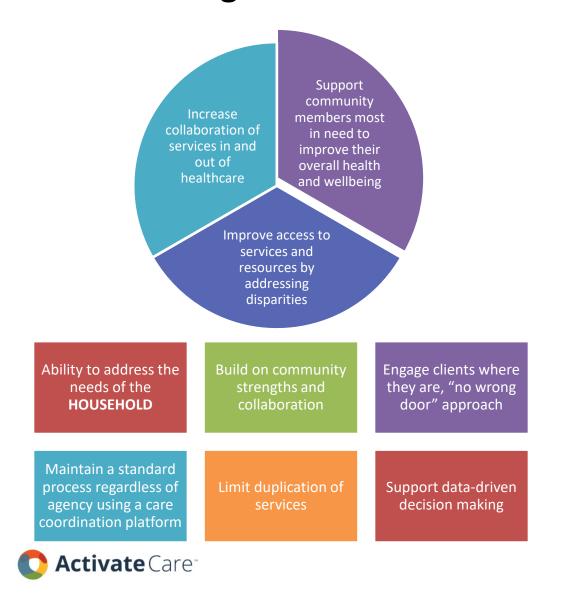
- Medical/ Dental Referral
- Health Insurance
- Medication
- Pregnancy
- Postpartum
- Social Service Referral (debt management, utility assistance, legal, documentation, etc.)
- Tobacco Cessation
- Transportation
- Social Service Referral





# Bridges to Health Pathways Program Goals:





- ✓ Original grant funding: Meyer Memorial Trust, Oregon Community Foundation, Providence CTC, PacificSource grants and CCO funding
- ✓ Scope includes pathways designed to meet cross sector metrics (healthcare, early learning, education, public health)
- ✓ Program Criteria: People with two or more needs who are struggling to access resources on their own

EXAMPLEOREE Bridges to Health Pathways Program is a program if the Columbia Gorge Health Council connecting people to services



### **Bridges to Health Pathways:**



CHALLENGES	OUR SOLUTIONS
HIPAA regulation and interpretation- cross sector collaboration involves HIPAA covered entities and non-covered entities	Data sharing agreements, providing HIPAA training and certification for those outside healthcare
<b>True COMMUNITY care coordination takes time</b> – building relationships, trust	Reminder: we are DOING WORK DIFFERENTLY, INNOVATION is exciting and scary, share data on outcomes to encourage collaboration
Software Challenges- Double data entry, discomfort with technology, time consuming	Incorporate time for data entry into the work and pay for it
Healthcare is typically provided in an office- Care Coordinators are in the "office" <½ the time, out in the community	Provide lots of opportunity for good communication- team meetings, status reports, trainings
<b>Proving program success takes time-</b> Value qualitative data, start with process outcomes, measure success amongst all partners, plan for a three year runway	Leap of faith by PacificSource Community Solutions using health plan spending to commit to well being PacificSource Community Solutions

#### SUCCESSES

Clients are met where they are most physically comfortable and empowered to prioritize needs most important to them

Community Health Work aids in recognizing and eliminating disparities in care

Shared data systems and process allow for a data driven decision making approach to recognizing and addressing systemic inequities and barriers to care

Cross sector partnerships break down silos, build relationships, avoid duplication of services- better client experience

Provides healthcare with a lens outside the walls of the system

Health plan funding is possible



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