

Fostering Medical- Dental Integration; A Co-location Approach



Samaritan
Health
Services

Co location Sites



Sweet Home Family Medicine



Mid Valley Family Medicine,
Lebanon



Lebanon Health Center



Childhood Health Associates, Salem

Awesome EPDH's



BENEFITS



- Able to triage emergencies and case manage folks into offices for urgent and emergent care.
- “One stop shopping” - Enhanced Patient Centered Medical Home Concept
- Removing barriers to care

Success:

- “Warm hand-offs” – in both directions!
- Able to break thru the “fear” barrier
- Voucher patients
- And more....



Lessons learned:

- Buy in from Primary Care Providers is essential!
- Processes must be in place to make it easy!
- EPDH must be integrated into medical staff (provider meetings, potlucks)
- Permanent dental chair vs portable





- Number of patients served: ~148 per month
- Approx. 25% of those are voucher patients
- High medical/dental provider satisfaction
- ROI= increased access

Next steps:

- Refine data collection
- Continue to refine processes
- Apply more targeted outreach focus (pregnant women, chronic disease)
- Expansion into Lincoln county and other primary care practices