



# *Making a Difference.*

Spotlighting How ESAs Impact the Nation's Education System

**WHO:** Clackamas Education Service District, Clackamas, OR

**CHALLENGE:** As the first COVID-19 vaccines became available in 2021, officials in the greater Portland Oregon area recognized that ensuring educators were among the first to be vaccinated was a top priority. However, since there were thousands of educators in districts throughout three separate counties, the logistics were difficult.

**SOLUTION:** A member of Clackamas Education Service District reached out to four health care providers – Kaiser, OHSU, Legacy and Providence – and facilitated a partnership between the three education service districts serving the area and the providers. In less than a month, the group planned and launched a large scale vaccination clinic in downtown Portland. The Clackamas Education Service District specifically helped the effort by providing multiple staff members who were active participants in planning, promoting and coordinating the clinic.

**RESULT:** Approximately 40,000 educators were vaccinated within a month of the clinic's opening, which helped advance the statewide effort to reopen schools to in-person learning.

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