

Questions on Reach Out and Read

- 1.) What is the geographic reach of the program in Oregon - how many different counties, communities, and regions does ROR operate in?

The geographic reach is broad: from Portland to Klamath Falls to Walla Walla but, as expected, more are established along the I-5 corridor.

- 2.) What is the makeup of health care providers in the ROR program? i.e. how many work for private, public, etc. organizations? Are they diverse?

Providers are as diverse as the MDs, NPs, and PAs in Oregon and include both Pediatricians and Family Medicine, so they reflect the communities they are serving.

For example, our west side clinic providers near Hillsboro are all Asian/Latino (believe all speak Spanish) but one whereas our Doernbecher academic group is more Caucasian-Asian- Middle Eastern (several speak Spanish, 3 or 4 speak Farsi/Arabic, a few speak Vietnamese, Mandarin, etc.).

- 3.) Are public clinics/FQHCs included in the program?

Whenever we have received funding, we have prioritized working with FQHCs and other low-income community clinics. Examples include- all of the Multnomah County Public Health Clinics, Children's Community Clinic, Richmond Clinic, Virginia Garcia, Yakima Valley Farm Worker's Clinics, One Community Health in Hood River, and I believe all community/FQHC clinics in Yamhill, Marion and Polk. This includes counties that have prioritized ROR with their HUB funding.

We also prioritize residency training sites, including family medicine, MD and osteopathic programs, because they are more likely to spread the reach to rural areas. Our medical students and NP students also take the messaging out with them to many rural communities and providers. Additionally, we have tried to work with health systems- getting OHSU to fund all OHSU primary care clinics (think that is now 11), Legacy to fund Legacy's clinics, and Peace Health works with United Way to fund their programs. Private practices have generally had to fund themselves.