

APRIL 2019

THE VOLUNTEER VOICE

Immunize Nevada's Monthly Volunteer Newsletter



Congratulations to our 8 volunteers who had the highest amount of volunteer hours in March 2019!

Northern Nevada

Karissa Loper (10 hours), Jared Tsuchiyama (9 hours), Delaney Shield (7.5 hours), and Emmanuelle Garcia-Rider (7 hours)

Southern Nevada

Alyssa Le (2.5 hours), Aria Nicknam (2.5 hours), Joshua Soriano (2.5 hours), and Maizel Jurado (2.5 hours)

Great Work, Arizona College!

Immunize Nevada had the pleasure of hosting nursing students from Arizona College in our Las Vegas office for the Spring 2019 term. We appreciate their efforts to educate the public about the importance of vaccines across the lifespan and wish them the best of luck as they move forward in their nursing careers!



MARCH 3, 2019

**ATRIA SEVILLE
PRESENTATION**

MARCH 7, 2019

**DIGNITY HEALTH
WIC LAS VEGAS
PRESENTATION**



MARCH 8, 2019

**WEST FLAMINGO
SENIOR CENTER
OUTREACH**



(NOT PICTURED)

March 9, 2019

UMC Healthy Living Institute Presentation

EVENT HIGHLIGHTS FROM MARCH

March was a busy month in the world of outreach, especially in the north! On March 4, intern **Mariah Zinn** (pictured below) helped staff our outreach table at our first legislative event of the season; the theme, **Community Health Provider & Cancer Prevention & Early Detection Day**, was a perfect fit for highlighting Immunize Nevada's community-based healthcare partnerships in the areas of primary and specialty care.

Monday, March 11 - Friday, March 15 was **Children's Week** at the Nevada Legislative Building in our state capitol. **Karissa Loper** and **Delaney Shield**, along with **Mariah Zinn** and **Madison Maestretti** (pictured separately below) helped to man our table during Children's Day and Children's Safety Day on Monday and Wednesday during the week-long event, fielding questions about vaccines and our organization from the public and legislative staffers. Vaccines and healthy & safe children go hand in hand!

MPH intern, **Kendall Lyons** (not pictured), attended the **Stupak Community Baby Shower** on March 20 with Immunize Nevada staff. The Stupak Community Center partnered with Health Plan of Nevada to host the event which featured new and gently used baby items along with vendors that provided information, services or goods that could prove helpful for new parents and parents-to-be. Immunize Nevada was there to provide information to attendees regarding the importance of immunization in childhood, adolescence, pregnancy and beyond. Research strongly suggests that parents have formed decisions regarding vaccinating their baby long before birth; another reason why our work in this area is so important!

Jiavanna Wong-Fortunato and **Anutr Sivakoses** (not pictured) assisted staff at the **Nevada Urban Indian Health Fair** on March 23 at the Boys & Girls Club of Truckee Meadows. Immunize Nevada places a high priority on supporting efforts related to health promotion among our state's American Indian and Alaskan Native population; thanks to our fantastic volunteers, we're able to foster relationships with healthcare providers in these communities, like the Nevada Urban Indians Medical Clinic.

On March 7, **Logan Mills** and **Jared Tsuchiyama** (pictured below) worked alongside Immunize Nevada staff at the **Family Health Fest**. The event, held at Sparks Middle School, placed a special focus on educating families about the importance of vaccines across the lifespan. Jared and Logan helped to field questions and provide resources about vaccines from birth through adulthood. We're grateful we have wonderful volunteers to help us spread the message that vaccines aren't just for kids!



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What some of our interns have to say about working with Immunize Nevada!



I have loved my time at Immunize Nevada. I think the one thing I learned while being an intern is really how many different opinions there are about vaccines and that a lot of parents are just scared and want to do the best for their kids. I believe this will help me in the future in the way that I will be better at looking at the why and not just jumping to conclusions and stating all the facts about why something is right. This will help parents feel more comfortable and prevent me from scaring them about something that they might not have even been scared or thought about before.

- Elisa Muniz, Immunize Nevada Northern Nevada Intern

In my time at Immunize Nevada, I've learned so much about vaccinations and made so many great professional connections. The impact Immunize Nevada has on our community is one I hope to live up to one day as a professional in the public health field.

- Beth Kelly, Immunize Nevada Northern Nevada Pack Intern



My time with Immunize Nevada has helped me understand the importance of stakeholders in public health conversations and initiatives. Immunize Nevada provided me with hands on epidemiological research experience that will be an important building block as I move forward with my public health career.

- Kendall Lyons, Immunize Nevada Southern Nevada MPH Intern



Happy Birthday!



Special shout out to all April birthdays:

**Mariah Theis, Team Launch Northern
Nevada (April 9)**

**Emily Ruzzine, Community Relations
Director - Immunize Nevada (April 13)**

**Tara Nerida, Volunteer Coordinator -
Immunize Nevada (April 29)**

Wishing you a very happy and fun-filled day!

HAPPY VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION WEEK!

All the members of Team Vaccine hope that you have enjoyed our appreciation posts on Glip and our organization's social media accounts this week.

While there is no way we can adequately thank you for all you contribute, we hope you realize how truly important your work is here at Immunize Nevada!

So, one more time for good measure:

**THANK
YOU**