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TITLE

Fostering Community Partnerships to Provide Families with Social Resources from the Pediatric Emergency Department

ABSTRACT

The emergency department (ED) serves the community 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. We provide emergency care for trauma, medical illnesses, and mental crises. We also provide less emergent social and medical care for populations with difficulties accessing healthcare.

There is a gap between the needs of our community, resources available, and medical accessibility. The ED thus serves as a safety net for families in need. Many patients have underlying social needs, which may or may not be related to their ED visit. The COVID-19 pandemic has exacerbated such socio-economic hardships.

The Stanford Pediatric ED, has a unique partnership with the Stanford Mid-peninsula Pediatric Advocacy Coalition (iMPACt), a community group made up of local safety net clinics. As one of their "sites", we participated in many of the groups' initiatives. During the pandemic, we distributed over 100 boxes of donated diapers, 100 early education bilingual books, and lists of community resources to our pediatric ED patients and families.

FUNDER: "Help a Mother Out" (<https://www.helpamotherout.org/>) donated diapers and wipes, "Talk, Read Sing" (<https://med.stanford.edu/childhealthequity/engagement/earlyeducation/TalkReadSing.html>) donated bilingual books and tote bags.

COMMUNITY PARTNER

iMPACt (Mid-Peninsula Pediatric Advocacy Coalition)

CATEGORY

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