



Odessa Project Connect 2018 Results

A one-day public health service event for adults.

For the uninsured and underserved in the area.

A One-Day, One-Stop-Shop of free services and Day of Hope.

ENORMOUS SUCCESS! The Health Care Collaborative of Rural Missouri, Odessa Public Schools and numerous community members on the Planning and Leadership Team coordinated/hosted a one-day, one-stop-shop to connect neighbors to services available in the area on Saturday, July 21, 2018 at the Odessa High School. There were many needs met and many meaningful interactions took place. There were 75 Service Providers from 50 nonprofit and service organizations, churches, businesses, civic groups and many other volunteers and caring people in the community that came together to serve and meet needs such as free haircuts, birth certificates, mattresses, manicures, health information, and dental extractions, and more. The value of services in Community Impact exceeded \$160,000; Volunteer Time and travel exceeded \$74,103 (see www.independentsector.org); the value of in-kind goods provided exceeded \$36,131 and all in-kind contributions and support, for a total community impact of well over \$260,310!

Project Connect service events emphasize relationship-building and building all community members with knowledge and awareness of services and service providers. We have incentivized volunteers and guides to lead guests to stop at every booth and interact with every Service Provider. Since instituting the process, we have increased interaction of guides/guests to service providers by 300%. We cooperate and collaborate to serve with totally FREE services! The one-day event met many needs people. Here's a good faith effort at services provided by looking at early reports:

- A GREAT venue with perfect situation for going forward--plenty of parking, restrooms and more. It is an excellent location! Ritchie Brothers donated golf carts to shuttle volunteers, guests, and service providers and American Legion members drove!
- About 100 Volunteers gave more than 1,000 total Volunteer hours. 23% of the Volunteers were under 16 years of age!
- 110 individuals or families completed Entrance Surveys with approximately 143 unique individual adult names.
- Medical interactions by Live Well Community Health Center doctors and staff.
- Legal Aid and Attorneys had numerous meaningful interactions.
- Over 16 Veterans served with immediate direct services.
- Many were consulted and directly assisted with Behavioral Health issues.
- Community Blood Bank had more than 30 present for donation and harvested 23 full donations and 3 reciprocating.
- 42 Birth Certificates vouchers given out by the Lafayette County Health Department
- 19 people assisted to resolve DMV issues, acquire a photo ID or Driver's License.
- 19 people signed up to receive more than 56 Smoke Detectors.
- 16 people had teeth extracted—a total of 34 teeth extracted (one lady had 4).
- 44 haircuts given, 18-plus received manicures.
- 17 people registered for insurance/ACA and 10 applications for food stamps completed.
- 46-plus had photographs taken
- 21 Twin mattresses and 5 other sized mattresses were requested and being delivered post-event!
- More than 60 sets of sheets, 100 blankets and 10 pillows were given out (many more delivered post-event!).
- And **MANY-MANY more services provided by various providers!**
- 118 Exit Bags given out containing items NOT purchasable with Food Stamps (toilet paper, paper towels, toothbrush or toothpaste, laundry detergent, dishwashing liquid, deodorant, etc. Retail value of about \$12.50 per Exit Bag).
- Many items in addition to Exit Bags including shampoo, deodorant, blankets, laundry detergent, razors, wash cloths, Oxiclean, dishwashing liquid, silverware, toothbrushes/toothpaste, sheets, pillowcases, towels, etc.

MANY positive words and there are others in the Exit Surveys:

- 12-15 people expressed appreciation for MANY extra items. --Several new Service Providers were pleased and impressed!
- Gratefulness for Birth Certificates and Driver's Licenses. --Appreciation from people who received haircuts.
- MANY people greatly appreciative of the enormous amount of "extra blessing" that Exit Bags and Choice Items provided!
- Overall, the Guests were very grateful and appreciative. It was an enormous success!

