



Results for **Higginsville Project Connect 2019**

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, Lafayette County C1 School District 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, November 2nd at the Lafayette County C1 High school. **Many** needs were met and **many** meaningful interactions took place. Over 70 Service Providers from 35 nonprofit and service organizations, churches, businesses, civic groups and many other Volunteers and caring people in the community came together to serve and meet needs such as free haircuts, birth certificates, mattresses, manicures, health and dental services and more.

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 of those attending. Here's a good faith effort at services provided by looking at our tally sheets:

- A GREAT venue with perfect situation for going forward--plenty of parking, restrooms and more. It was a GREAT location! Thank You to the CERT Team for providing Golf carts and transportation to and from the venue.
- About 60 Volunteers gave more than 1,000 total Volunteer hours.
- 105 individuals or families completed entrance surveys with approximately 143 unique individual adult names totaling approximately 250 people served including the children that accompanied their parents.
- Medical interactions by Live Well Community Health Clinic doctors and staff.
- Many meaningful interactions and 10 Veterans served with immediate direct services.
- 16 individuals consulted and directly assisted with Behavioral Health issues.
- 18 individuals had hearing test and assisted in obtaining assistance with hearing aids.
- 30 Birth Certificates vouchers given out by the Lafayette County Health Department
- 20 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.
- 14 people had teeth extracted—a total of 19 teeth extracted (one lady had 4).
- 44 haircuts given, 18-plus received manicure
- 25-plus had photographs taken 2 prints per pose.
- 45 Flu shots given at no cost, as well as hundreds of Coats and Blankets given throughout the event.
- And **MANY-MANY more services provided by various providers!**
- 110 Exit Bags given out containing items NOT purchasable with Food Stamps (toilet paper, paper towels, toothbrush and Toothpaste, laundry detergent, shower soap, shampoo and conditioner deodorant, etc.
(Retail value of about \$40.00 per exit bag).
- Thousands of items in addition to Exit Bags including shampoo, deodorant, blankets, laundry detergent, razors, wash cloths, Oxiclean, grill utensil sets, medical equipment, 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!
- SO MUCH MORE!
- Overall, the Guests were very grateful and appreciative. It was an enormous success!

