



Vaccine Campaign
Partnerships with
Faith-Based
Organizations

Community partnerships and intentional engagement with faith-based organizations is highly encouraged during COVID-19 vaccine outreach

Introduction and background on your efforts

- Imam of Dar Al-Hijrah Mosque – the mother mosque of the East African immigrant community of MN (opened in 1998)
- Co Founder of Open Path Resources and the Islamic Civic Society of America – both nonprofits
- Interfaith Hospital Chaplain
- Active voice for health and wellbeing of E. African Muslim communities.
- Leader in promotion of community vaccinations since 2015





Partnering with
Healthcare Systems

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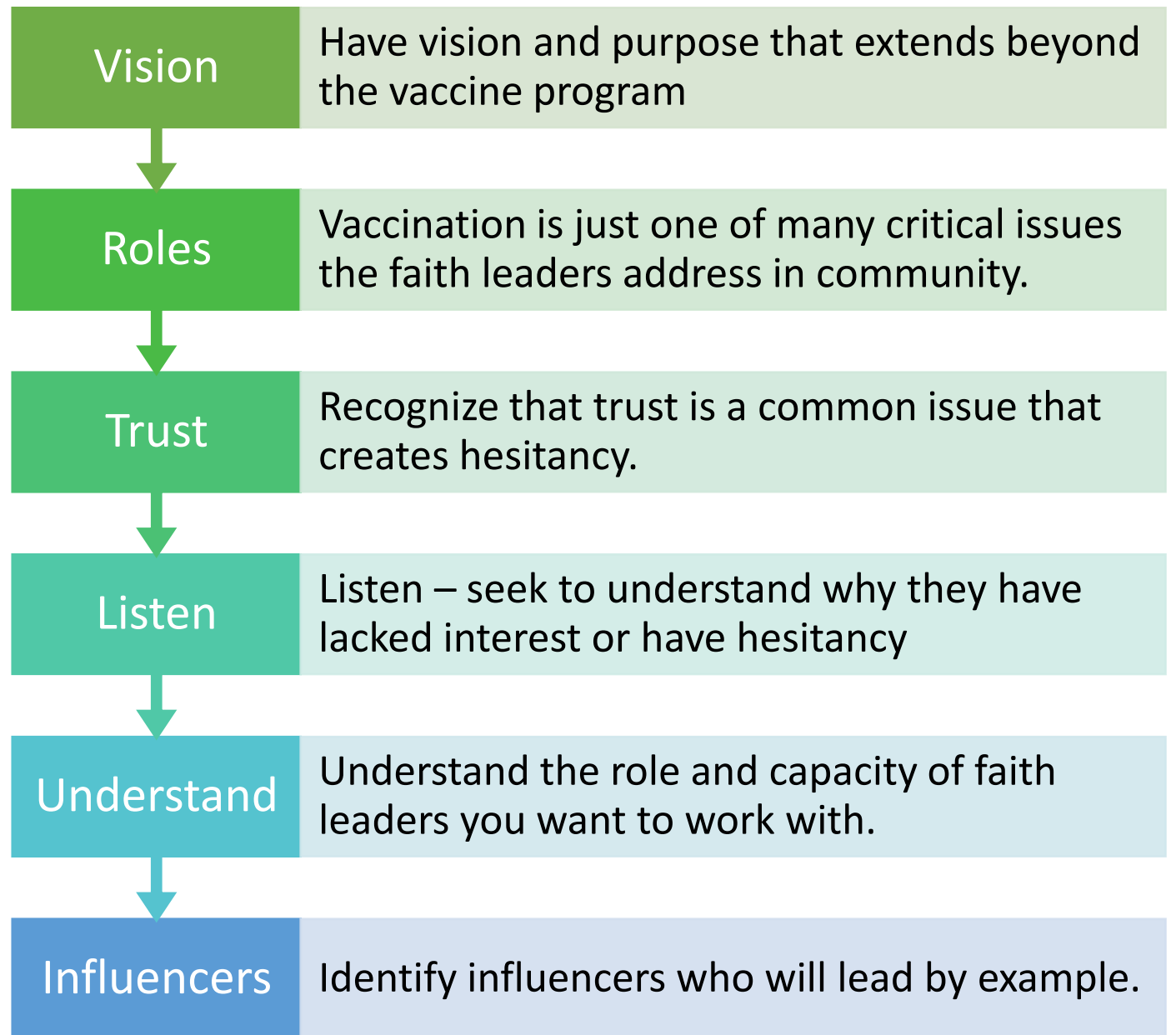


How can immunization programs best support your faith community?



- Clear alignment between healthcare messaging and our faith principles and values
- Ensure shared roles in message development, delivery, and evaluation of impact
- Focus upon whole health in community, family, and individuals (these are interrelated)
- Healthcare decisions are guided by beliefs.

How can immunization programs build relationships with leaders of your faith who haven't expressed interest in vaccination efforts?





What is the role of the faith leader in addressing public health issues?



- To be a resource to community to improve personal and community wellbeing
- To ensure that the faith center is a location for right information and timely opportunities

Examples:

- Trainings for critical health issues
- Mind Body Medicine training
- Mental health first aid
- Take on taboo issues – chemical dependency, MMR, mental health
- Partner in research
- Lift up community voice
- Vaccinations in mosque – flu, COVID

