

## BACKGROUND

- In 2022, the state of Missouri implemented a Covid-19 Statewide Health Disparities Initiative. Fresh Start Self Improvement Center, Inc, a grassroots 501(c) 3 organization focused on community engagement, outreach, and food and nutrition services partnered with Logan & Seiler, Inc, a community pharmacy to increase Covid-19 testing and vaccination.
- Fresh Start focused on community activation to low-income families to promote job readiness and economic stability.
- L&S assisted in the education to local leaders, community health workers, and community residents. The team focused on mobile vaccination clinics in accessible venues, a referral network, and healthcare services.

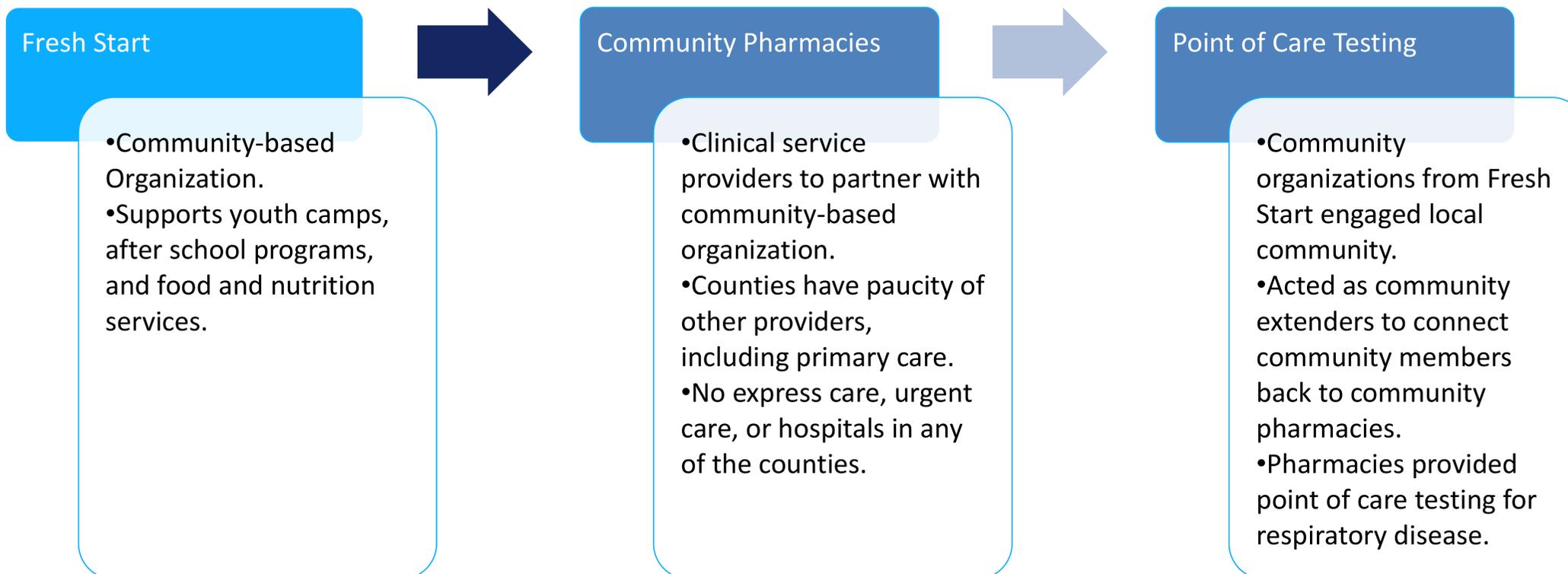
## PURPOSE STATEMENT

- Reduce health disparities by reaching into communities to build sustainable, high quality, caring acute viral respiratory testing services brought directly to this population in the communities in which they live.

## DATA

- Six hundred and thirty-seven patients received acute viral illness screenings. 423 patients (66%) were negative, 140 patients (22%) were positive for Covid-19, 63 patients (9.9%) of patients were positive for influenza type A or B, and thirteen patients (2%) were positive for RSV.
- Majority of patients were not Hispanic (97%) and majority were white (91%). The screenings were provided free to any patient in the community.
  - For example, one patient expressed a need for a negative test to return to work. Unfortunately, without work, the patient is unable to avoid testing services.
- The free testing allowed the community resident to mitigate spread and return to work sooner.
- The project also focused on increase access to care locally.
- Two local clinics ran out of influenza and Covid-19 tests and referred all patients to the local pharmacy for screening.

## POINT OF CARE TESTING MODEL



## FUTURE DIRECTION

- This project was proof of concept for the Equitable Community Access to Pharmacist Services Act (ECAPS).
- Shows the impact of community pharmacies partnered with local organizations.

## CONCLUSION

- The grant showed the impact of increase healthcare access and local care coordination.

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