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**Coalition of Community Health Clinics and 211info partner to  
“Connect the Dots” on health and wellness for at-risk community members**

*Partnership made possible by \$86,000 Regence Foundation grant*

PORTLAND, Ore. – [The Regence Foundation](#) has awarded an \$86,000 grant to the [Coalition of Community Health Clinics](#) to partner with [211info](#) on a program called “Connecting the Dots.” The primary goal is to improve low-income and uninsured community members’ access to health resources, with an emphasis on connecting patients with culturally-appropriate and preventive services.

Regional wellness and health care information, particularly culturally-specific options, is currently housed in a variety of organizations across the area, or only available through word of mouth. With The Regence Foundation grant, the Coalition and 211info will, for the first time, be able to consolidate and streamline these resources into a robust website, database and wellness survey that personalizes search results. The grant will also support relationship-building between clinics, communities of color/immigrants, and other agencies serving these populations.

“We know that navigating the health care system can be complicated,” said Peggy Maguire, Regence Foundation board chair. “Our hope with this grant is that it will make it easier to connect people with the right care, right away.”

The Coalition is a network of 14 private non-profit clinics providing free or low-cost care in the Portland metro area. 211info is a nonprofit that connects Oregon and Southwest Washington residents to a variety of health and social services through a website and multi-lingual phone service.

This grant is part of The Regence Foundation’s focus on building healthier communities. Since the Foundation launched in 2007, it has awarded nearly seven million dollars in grants.

**About The Regence Foundation**

The Regence Foundation is the corporate foundation of Regence, the largest health insurer in the Northwest/Intermountain region and a nonprofit independent licensee of the Blue Cross and Blue Shield Association. A 501(c)3 grantmaking organization, the Foundation partners with organizations driving significant change in health care delivery and accessibility in Idaho, Oregon, Utah and Washington. Through its Sojourns program, the Foundation also supports organizations advancing quality palliative and end-of-life care. For more information, visit [www.RegenceFoundation.org](http://www.RegenceFoundation.org) or [www.twitter.com/RegenceGives](http://www.twitter.com/RegenceGives).

**About The Coalition of Community Health Clinics**

The Coalition of Community Health Clinics' mission is to improve health care for underserved populations in the Portland-metro area by strengthening community clinics and fostering collaboration across the safety net. The Coalition convenes working groups to develop regional solutions to care delivery challenges; pools resources; serves as a central point of contact for clinics; and provides a collective voice on issues concerning health care for low income and uninsured community members. In 2012, Coalition clinics expect to serve close to 75,000 people, more than 90% with incomes below 200% of the Federal Poverty Level and 40% from communities of color or immigrants. For more information, visit: [www.coalitionclinics.org](http://www.coalitionclinics.org).

**About 211info**

211info is an independent nonprofit that connects the people of Oregon and Southwest Washington with the community resources they need. Similar to 911, 211 is a free, confidential health and community helpline. You can also search more than 4,500 resources at [www.211info.org](http://www.211info.org). 211info serves 75% of Oregonians and two Counties in Southwest Washington. 211info is a strategic partner of the United Way of the Columbia-Willamette. For more information, visit [www.211info.org](http://www.211info.org), or follow 211 at: [www.facebook.com/211info](https://www.facebook.com/211info) and [www.twitter.com/211info](https://www.twitter.com/211info).

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