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Staff & Teachers

How has the vitamin program been beneficial to the children you serve or teach?

“The vitamins are an important adjunct for our program, especially after all the Hurricanes. The parents and children all feel better after receiving the vitamins.”

Javier Hiriart, M.D., Camillus Health Concern, Miami, FL

“In my class, I see a difference in the children taking the vitamins. They are more alert, eat better and their energy level has changed. They are more actively participating in class. My suggestion: help the program. It really helps.”

Betty Brockington, Teacher, Darlington Co Head Start, Hartsville, SC

“The vitamin program has empowered children living with HIV/AIDS to deal in a better manner with the stressors of life.”

Joan Lohnes, BS, CD, ADS, RN, Outreach Project, The River Fund, Richmond Hill, NY

“We enroll children whose families live in poverty. Housing, food, transportation and utilities leave little, if any, money left. Many of our children would not be taking vitamins if not for this program.”

Wendy Abney, Center Manager, Family Forum Head Start, Superior, WI

“...Most often the initial reaction is one of glee- parents are happy and grateful that although they do not have prescription benefits, they are still able to get vitamins.”

Maurice Ray, Physician’s Assistant, Floating Hospital, New York, NY

“A lot of our patients, especially children, are iron deficient. Adding the multi-vitamins has improved their Hgb count, usually by the follow-up visit.”

Diana Marshall, RN, Director of Nursing, Floating Hospital, New York, NY

“The children that come through our clinic at the Battered Women’s Shelter receive these vitamins. The vitamins are easy to chew and are very tasty. We have seen an improvement in their appetites and weight gain...”

Anonymous, Physician’s Assistant, Health Care for the Homeless, San Antonio, San Antonio, TX

“It encourages healthy eating, increases the children’s appetites, builds their immune systems and reduces the amount of time that they are ill.”

Tamika Coley, Assistant Director, YWCA of Tampa Bay Family Village, St. Petersburg, FL

“The kids here are malnourished, at risk for developmental/learning problems and eventually diabetes, hypertension, and other diseases of malnutrition. Taking multivitamins starts kids on the right path, taking responsibility for one’s health, and protects them from illness in a shelter environment.”

D. Michelle Carr, Executive Director, Shelter Health Services, Charlotte, NC

“The children are better behaved and participate more in class. They have lots of energy which gives me more to work with when teaching lessons.”

Anonymous teacher, United Planning Organization, Washington, D.C.

“The vitamin program has helped me educate parents and families about nutrition and healthy eating. By giving vitamins to my patients I am able to show that I am concerned for their children’s health and well-being. Parents really appreciate this program.”

Amy Klinger, Physician’s Assistant, Family Health Services, Jerome, ID