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Health Clinic Immunization Program Cited

The Oneida County Health Department's Clinic Immunization Program was recently recognized for excellence in implementing the New York State Immunization Information System, Director of Clinic Services, Patrice Bogan announced today. An award was presented to the program staff attending a recent NYSIIS meeting in Syracuse.

"This award represents the hard work and professionalism of all Clinic staff involved in the use of the NYSIIS and in the performance of the Immunization Program overall," Bogan said.

The New York State Immunization Information System records the immunization records of children less than six years of age living in the state who have received two or more shots. Oneida County's Immunization Program was cited as *Champions* for its contributions in helping NYSIIS more than double the number of children less than six years of age with two or more shots recorded in the system in the past year. Also noted was Oneida County's maintenance of immunization records for all area refugee children in the Utica School District.

The organization's goal is to have 95% of children less than 6 years old recorded in the system by 2010.