

Women's Cancer Screenings for the Uninsured

Lahai Health



Background

- Lahai is increasing access to preventative women's health screenings for those that are not a part of the healthcare system. By conducting free mammograms, cervical cancer screenings, and other women's health screenings.
- This project specifically targets individuals who are uninsured and living at extremely low and very low-income levels.

Project Description

- Lahai hosts a program specifically for women's cancer screenings, providing specialty clinics, in addition to our existing primary care clinic schedule.
- These additional specialty clinics have provided more frequent opportunities for our patients to receive screenings and increased our capacity to complete the cancer screenings.
- Patients receive follow up and ongoing care support from our Nurse Case Managers based on their individual needs.

Results



- Over the last year, 9 Specialty clinics were held at Bethany Compassion Center in downtown Everett, Connect Casino Road in Everett, and at our brick-and-mortar medical clinic in Haller Lake North Seattle.
- Each clinic location was held at an easily accessible site, via public transport and parking.
- Lahai Health served 529 unduplicated patients across 2,560 appointments in 2025 as part of our commitment to improving access to comprehensive primary health care.
- 59 patients seen at breast and cervical cancer screening events. Appoint times were lengthened this year due to direct feedback from patients requesting more time to discuss questions and concerns with their provider.

Program Impact

- Successfully facilitated multiple screening clinics.
- Reduced wait times, and we were able to catch abnormal findings, connecting patients to follow-up care.
- Strong relationships with partners and committed providers supporting the program.
- We emphasize the importance of these tests with our patients, but the former long wait times did undermine that message. Improved access to screenings saw higher levels of compliance.

Conclusion

- 100% of our patients who had abnormal findings were connected to follow-up specialty care or imaging and had a Nurse Case Manager supporting them. Lahai has the lowest no-show rate for specialty referrals with our partner agency.
- We have reduced our wait list times for breast and cervical cancer to less than 4-weeks and have our patients on recommended pap smear and clinical breast exam schedules per individualized guidance.

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