

DisasterCrash Cart and IsoCare

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Project(s) Description:

- DisasterCrashCart: I wanted to turn my experience providing medical care in evacuation centers during the fires into a virtual toolbox for other doctors do the same when disaster comes to their town.
- IsoCareNetwork: I wanted to address the lack of education and support given low income people likely to have COVID-19 at the time of testing in order to slow the spread of COVID-19.

Solution(s):

- DisasterCrashCart.org was launched 3/14/20 and viewed by 1,116 users.
- IsoCareNetwork.org has provided telephone support and links to resources to over 2,189 low income patients mandated to isolate or quarantine due to COVID-19 risk using over 150 newly trained volunteers and a novel phone bank technology.

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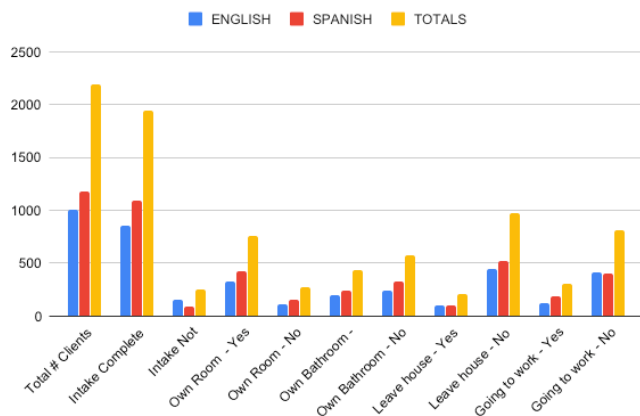
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Results

- I started the Disaster Crash Cart CHIP in January 2019 and the website went live March 14, 2020.
- I started IsoCare March 24, 2020 and it is ongoing. We have trained over 150 volunteers and are now transitioning to a fully paid staff.
- The data collected so far include:
DisasterCrashCart.org – viewed 1,118 times – most hits during August fires of 2020.
- IsoCare has served 2189 clients as of Sept 14, 2020.

IsoCare Data

Total number of clients: 2189



Next Steps

- Disaster Crash Cart is finished.
- IsoCare is ongoing and growing.
- Our hope is to spread the IsoCare model across CA and move contact tracing upstream.
- We have raised \$250,000 to fund IsoCare in Sonoma County.
- If we can spread this concept, we will need to raise money to support CHWs in other areas.
- IsoCare will outreach to at least 5 partners outside Sonoma county by February 2021.

Lessons Learned

- In times of disaster people will volunteer to help. This is not sustainable long term.
- People need more support to Isolate or Quarantine.
- IsoCare Network is poised to help others develop similar support systems.
- We need to engage people at the time of symptom onset or exposure to impact disease spread and provide real support.