Background
In 2014 California experienced a pertussis (whooping cough) epidemic. Infants are most likely to be hospitalized due to pertussis.

Pilot Project
LA County CPSP began our Tdap Pilot Project March 1, 2015. Research within LA County showed that San Fernando Valley, had the highest rate of reported pertussis for the past 4 years. We identified a high-volume Federally Qualified Health Center (FQHC) in SPA 2 – El Proyecto del Barrio (Winnetka), and began working with them to promote Tdap vaccination among pregnant women in the 3rd trimester.

Pilot Goal: Increase Tdap vaccination rates among pregnant women prior to delivery by 10 percent by August 31, 2015. Results: Baseline vaccination rate was 2%. After interventions rates increased to 47%. Final rates increased to 76%.

CPSP recognizes El Proyecto del Barrio staff for their participation in a pilot project to improve Tdap vaccination rates among pregnant women.

Pilot project expansion: We expanded our Tdap project to El Proyecto del Barrio clinics in Azusa and Arleta.

CPSP Goal: Expand the Tdap Project to other FQHCs and solo providers with a goal of having at least 50% of our active providers giving Tdap (or documenting an appropriate referral) in the 3rd trimester of every pregnancy by June 2020.