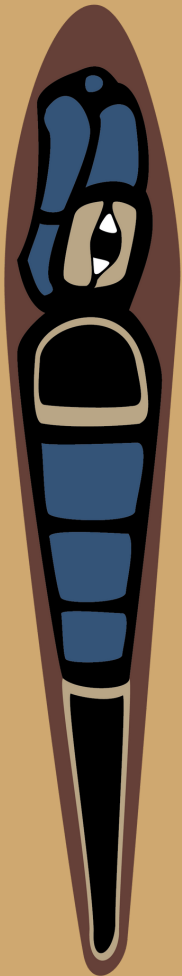


Native Boost

Understanding Childhood Vaccines





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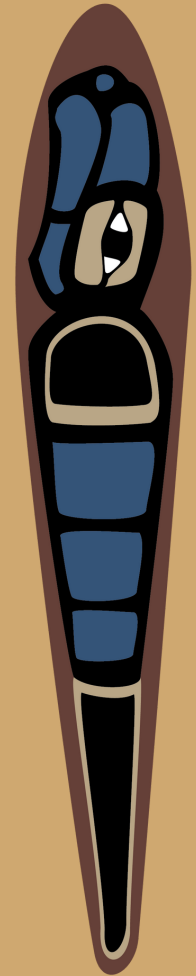
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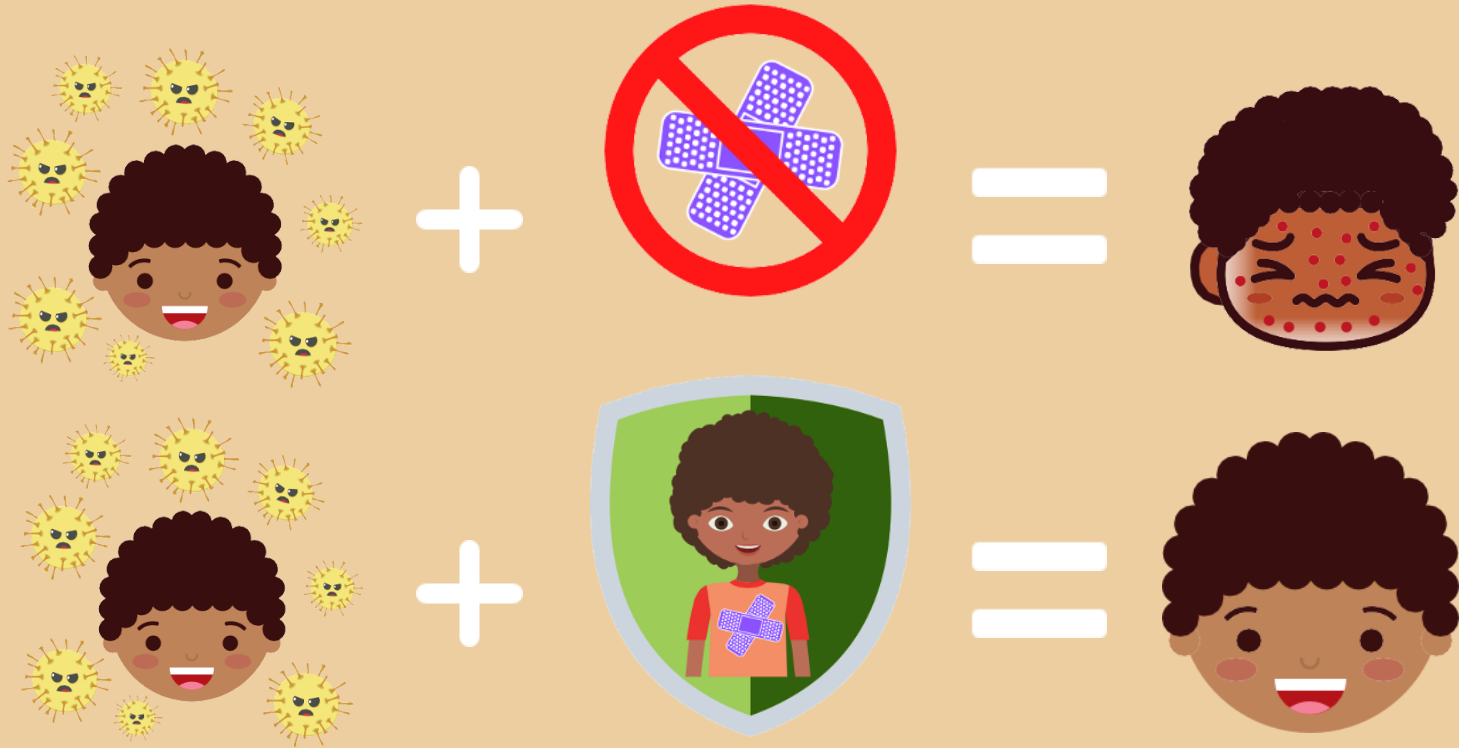




Vaccines are safe

- Vaccines are one of the most thoroughly tested medical products available in the United States.
- After vaccines are recommended for use in the United States, they are continuously monitored to identify any rare side effects.

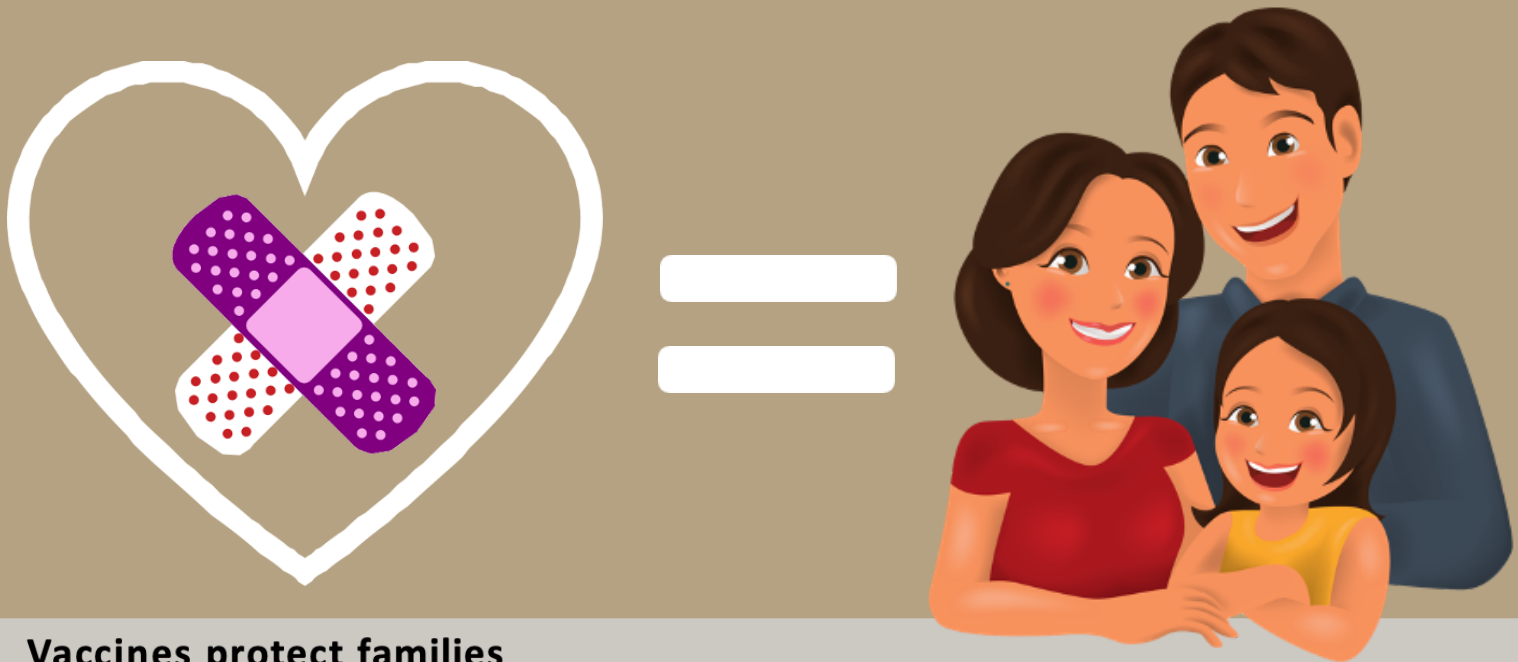
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Vaccines protect children

- Vaccines protect children from 14 different dangerous diseases.
- An unvaccinated child exposed to a disease gets sick.
- A vaccinated child exposed to the same disease stays healthy.

More information: <http://www.boostoregon.org/what-are-vaccines-and-how-do-they-work>



Vaccines protect families

- Vaccines are safe.
- Vaccines protect families from dangerous diseases.
- Children and adults need vaccines to prevent dangerous diseases.
- Stay up to date with your entire family's vaccines.



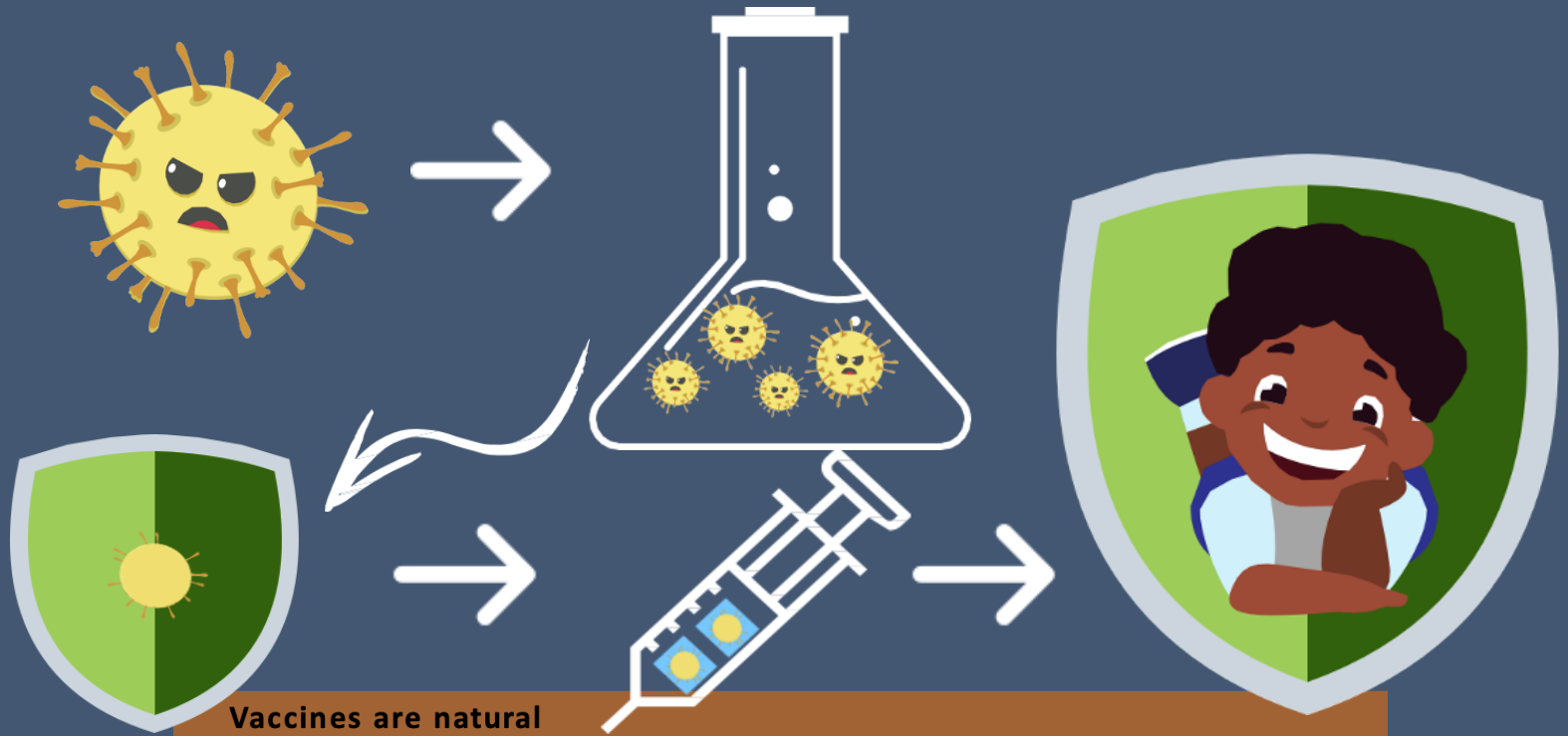
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Vaccines protect the community

- We recommend vaccines for healthy children and adults in our community.
- When the majority of a community is vaccinated, we can protect the most vulnerable, including the sick and elderly.
- Vaccinating your child benefits the health of your family, friends, and neighbors.

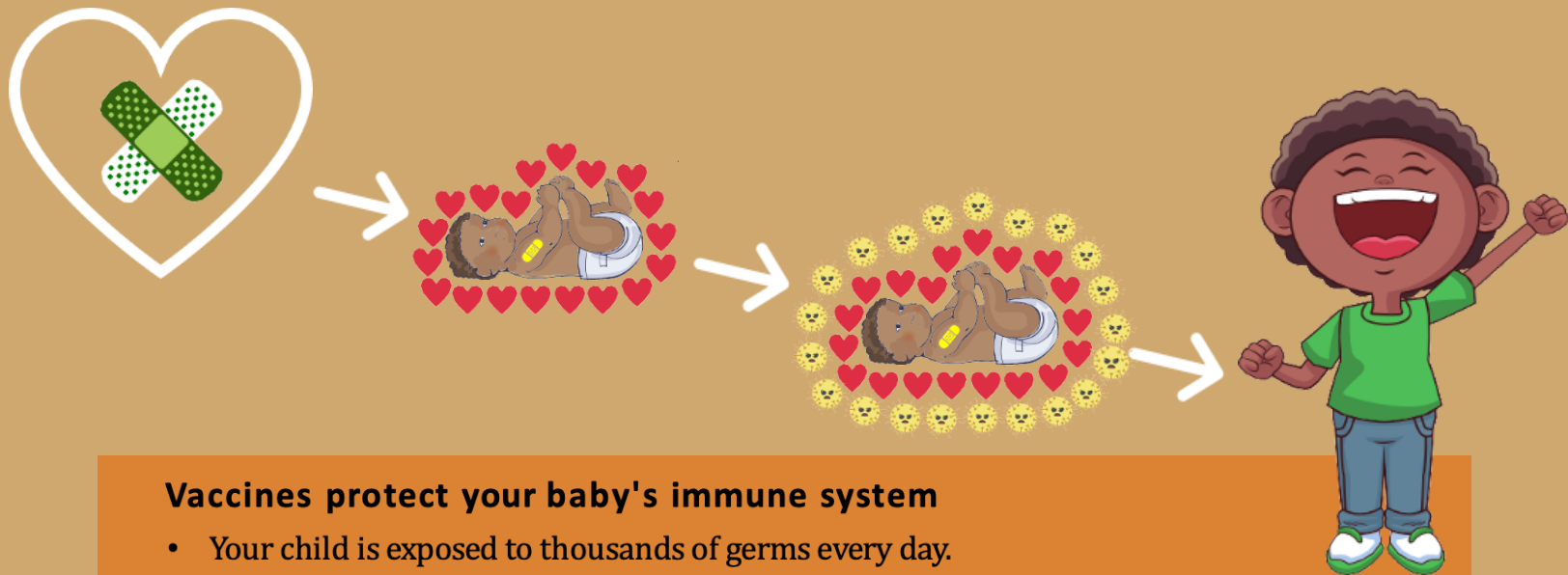
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Vaccines are natural

- Vaccines are developed from naturally occurring diseases. Diseases consist of tiny particles called germs.
- To make a vaccine, scientists remove the dangerous parts of the germs.
- When injected, the altered germs prompt your body to create immunity (protection) from the disease without making you sick.

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Vaccines protect your baby's immune system

- Your child is exposed to thousands of germs every day.
- Baby's immune system fights most germs, but there are some deadly diseases that the immune system can't handle.
- Vaccines strengthen your child's immune system by helping it recognize and fight dangerous diseases.
- When a vaccinated child is exposed to dangerous germs, their body knows how to fight them. Vaccines help your baby to grow into a healthy child.

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Vaccines protect you for life

- Vaccines protect your child against dangerous diseases over the course of a lifetime.
- Children and adults need vaccines to prevent dangerous diseases.

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Babies are born with some disease protection from Mom

- Mom passes some disease protection to the baby through birth and breastfeeding (passive immunity).
- But that protection decreases over time, and baby needs to make her own protection.
- Vaccines teach baby's body to make her own protection (active immunity).

Over time, baby loses some of Mom's disease protection

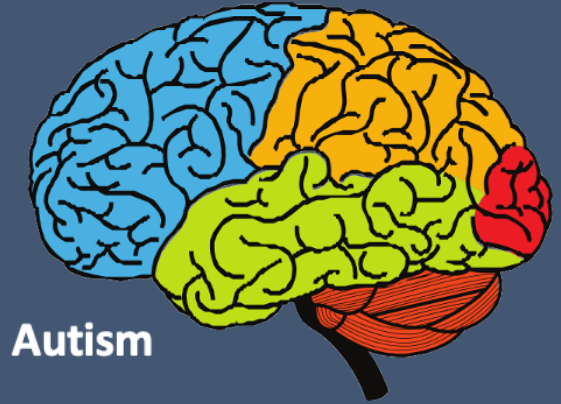
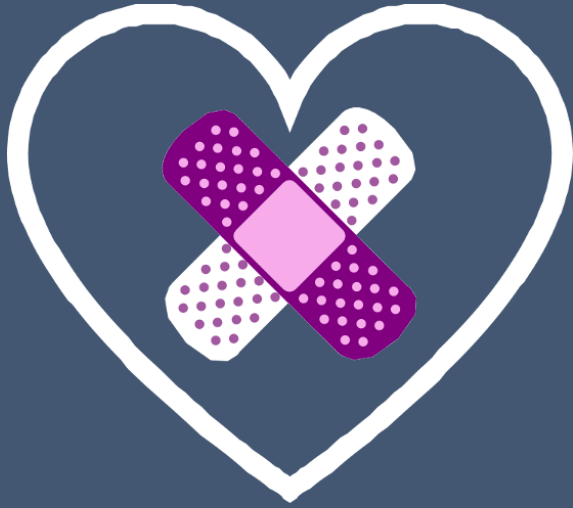
- By four months, baby's disease protection from Mom is weaker than it was at birth.
- Baby needs to protect herself from dangerous diseases.
- Vaccines teach baby's body to protect itself from dangerous diseases.



At six months, baby's disease protection from Mom ends

- At 6 months, baby no longer gets disease protection from Mom.
- Vaccines are given at 2, 4, and 6 months so baby can protect herself when Mom's antibody protection ends.
- Delaying vaccines makes baby vulnerable to dangerous diseases.

For more information: <http://www.boostoregon.org/can-i-space-out-my-childs-shots>



Vaccines *do not* cause autism

- Vaccines **do not** cause autism. Over 100 scientific studies around the world have searched for a possible link between vaccines and autism, and *none* has been found.
- The specific cause or causes of autism in children are not known. Both genetics and environment may play a role.
- Avoiding vaccines can place your child and family in danger of catching and spreading dangerous diseases.

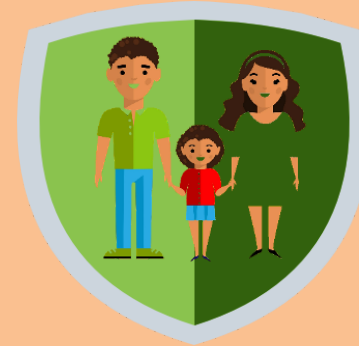
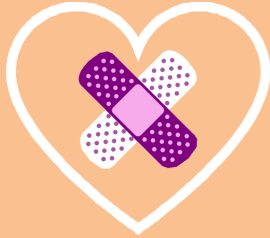
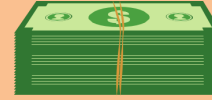
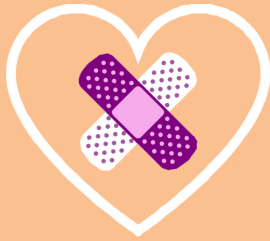
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Vaccines are not a conspiracy

- Vaccines are the best tools we have to prevent deadly diseases.
- There is no conspiracy among governments, pharmaceutical companies, or healthcare providers.
- Vaccines are cheap relative to drug treatments. Vaccine profits are only 2-3% of a trillion-dollar, global pharmaceutical industry. Your child's vaccines are free via the Vaccines for Children (VFC) program or private insurance.

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We recommend vaccines for your safety, not to make money

- Medical offices do not profit from buying, storing, or administering vaccines.
- Doctors are not paid to give vaccines.
- Your child's vaccines are free via the Vaccines for Children (VFC) program or private insurance.
- Vaccinating your child protects her and your family from dangerous diseases.

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