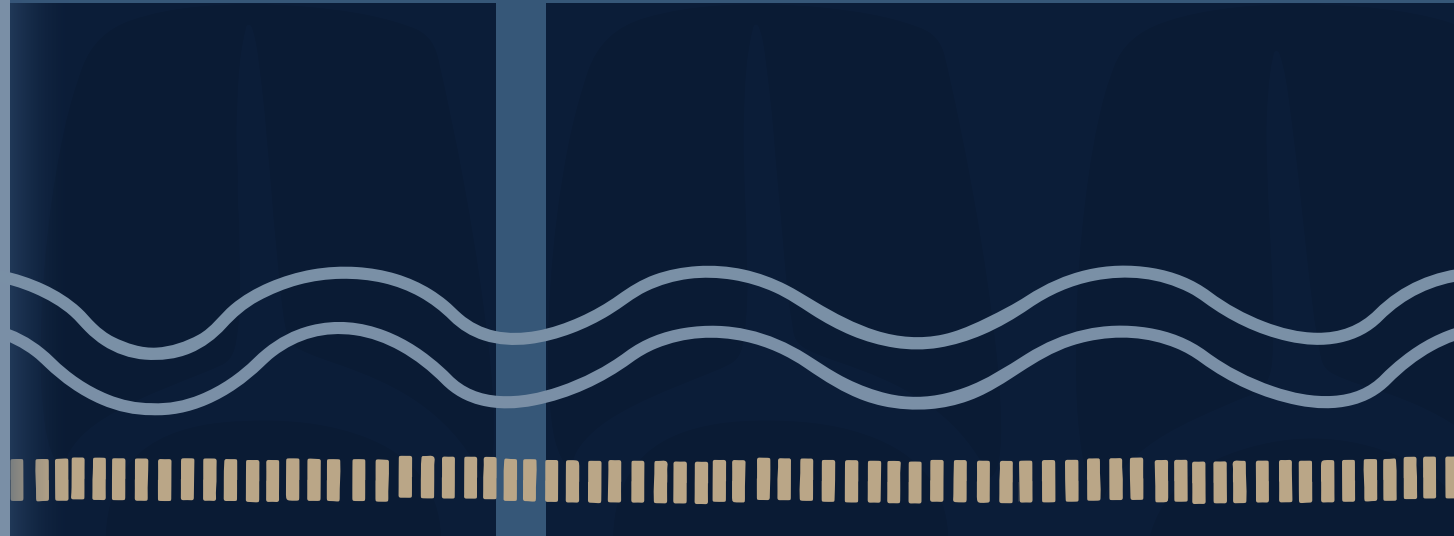
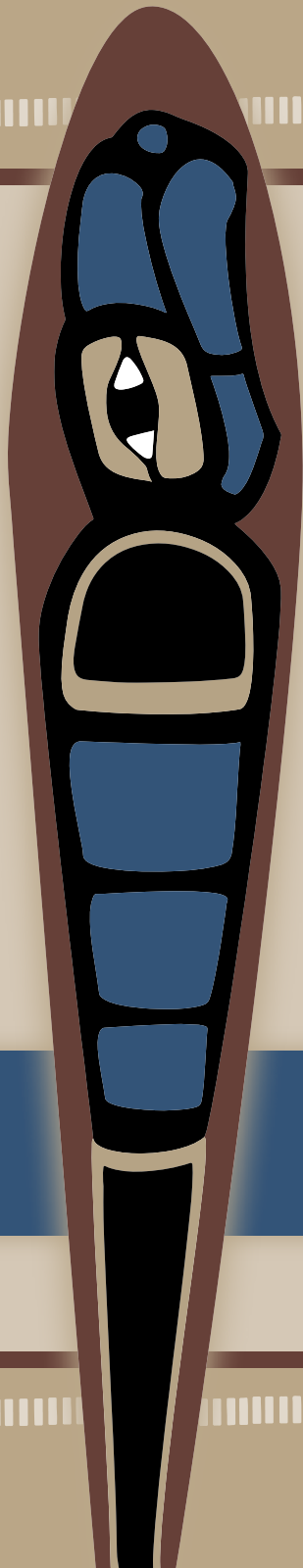




NATIVE BOOST

Understanding Childhood Vaccines



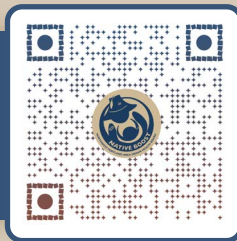


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Vaccines are safe

- Vaccines are among the most thoroughly tested medical products in the United States.
- After vaccines are approved in the United States, they are continuously monitored to identify rare side effects.

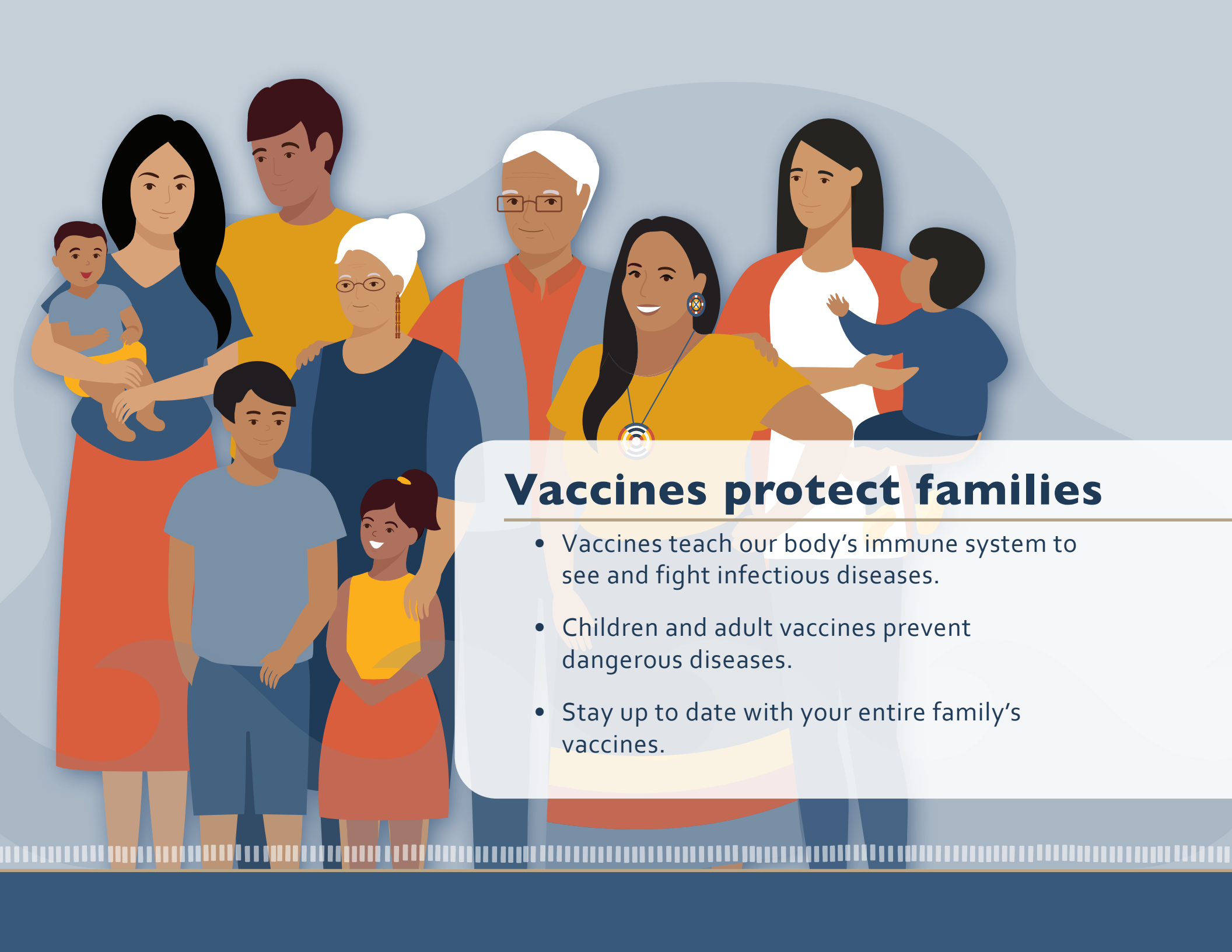




Vaccines protect children

- Vaccines protect children from 14 infectious diseases.
- An unvaccinated child exposed to a disease is more likely to get sick.
- While a vaccinated child is less likely to get seriously sick.





Vaccines protect families

- Vaccines teach our body's immune system to see and fight infectious diseases.
- Children and adult vaccines prevent dangerous diseases.
- Stay up to date with your entire family's vaccines.



Vaccines protect our community

- When most of the community is vaccinated, we can protect our most vulnerable, including babies and elders.
- Vaccinating your child benefits the health of your family, friends, and community.

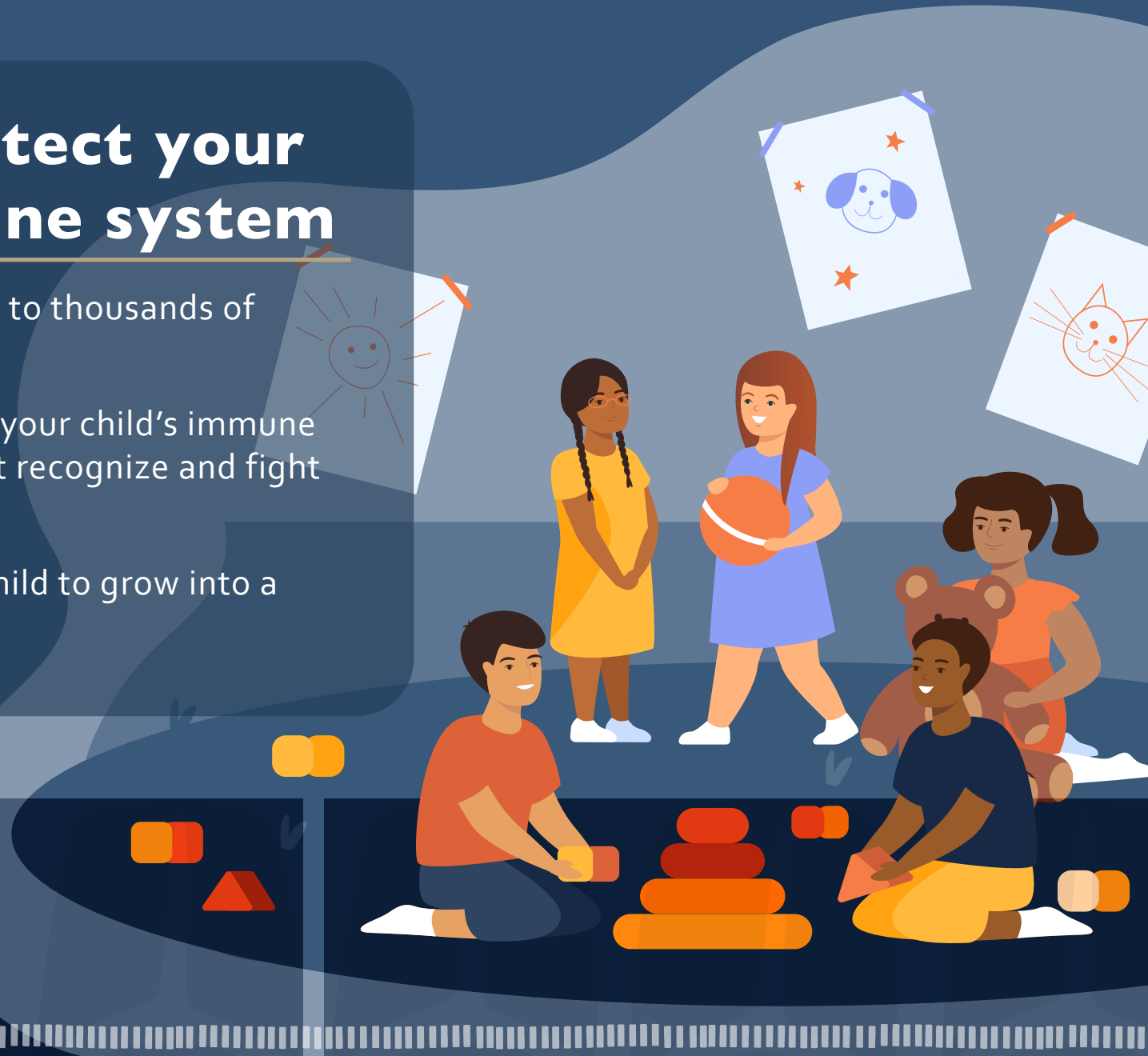


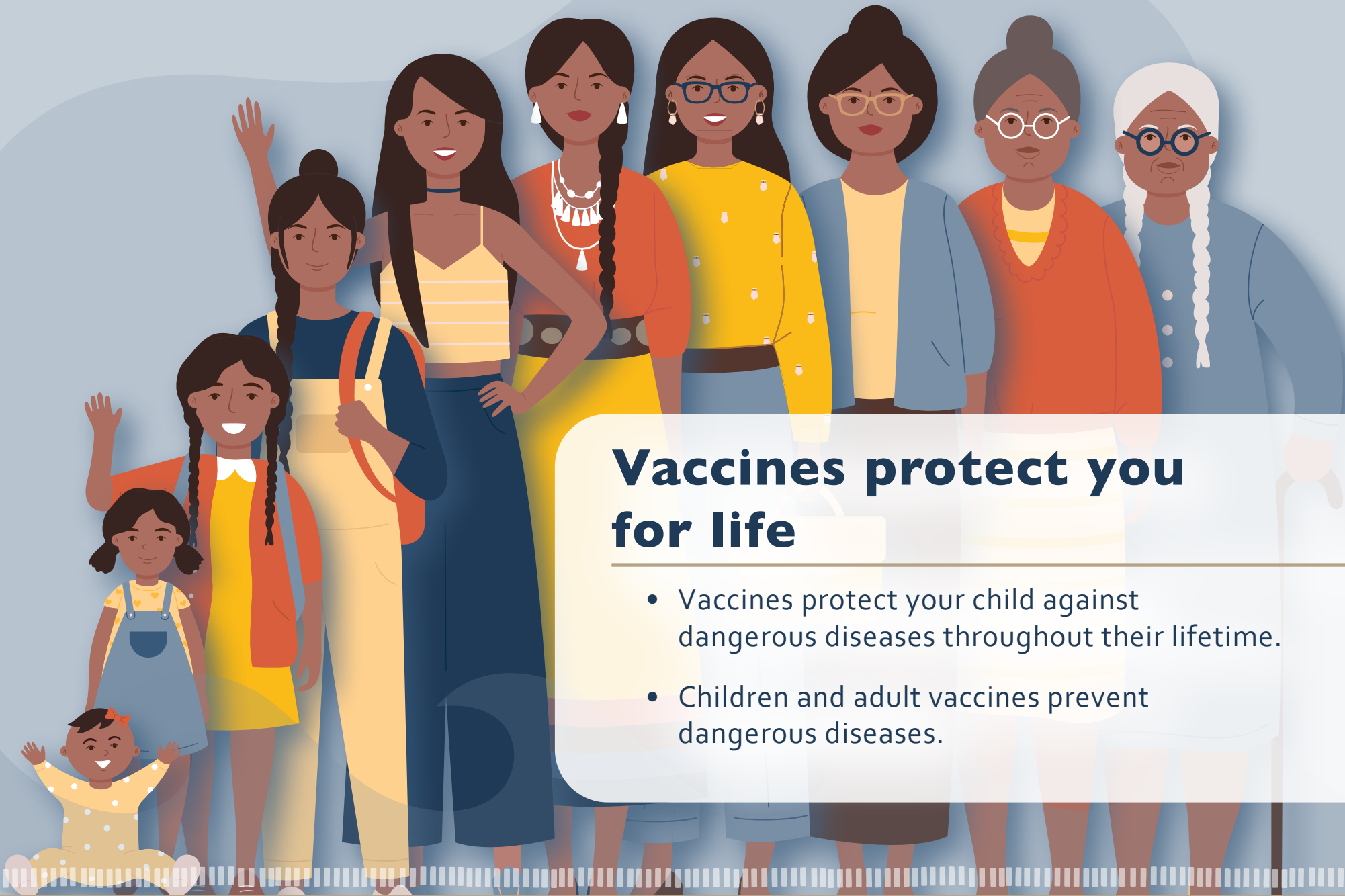
Vaccines are Natural

- Vaccines are developed from tiny particles called germs.
- To make a vaccine, scientists remove the dangerous parts of the germs.
- When injected, the vaccine teaches your body to create warrior (antibody) cells to fight disease in the future without making you sick.

Vaccines protect your baby's immune system

- Your child is exposed to thousands of germs every day.
- Vaccines strengthen your child's immune system by teaching it recognize and fight dangerous diseases.
- Vaccines help your child to grow into a healthy child.





Vaccines protect you for life

- Vaccines protect your child against dangerous diseases throughout their lifetime.
- Children and adult vaccines prevent dangerous diseases.

Babies are born with Protection

- During pregnancy and while breastfeeding, people pass on some disease protection to their babies (passive immunity).
- This (warrior antibody cells) decreases over time, and baby needs to make their own protection.
- Vaccines teach baby's body to make their own protection (active immunity).





Baby Loses Protection Over Time

- By four months, baby's disease protection from the birthing person is weaker than at birth.
- Baby needs to create their own protection from dangerous diseases.
- Vaccines teach baby's body to protect itself from dangerous diseases.

At six months, baby's disease protection ends

- At 6 months, the baby no longer gets disease protection from the birthing person.
- Vaccines are given at 2, 4, and 6 months so babies can protect themselves when the birthing person's warrior antibody cell protection ends.
- Delaying vaccines makes babies vulnerable to dangerous diseases.





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.

Vaccines are not a conspiracy

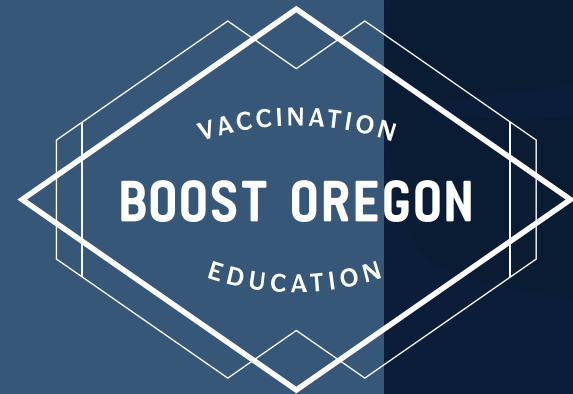
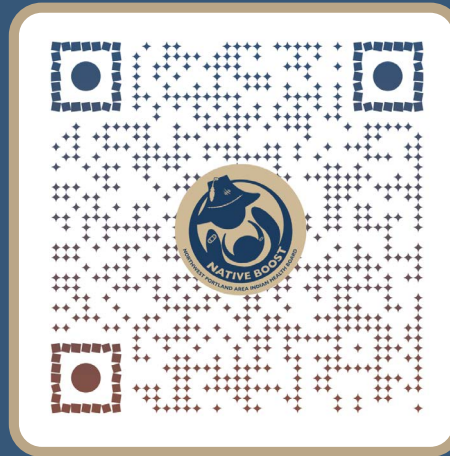
- There is no conspiracy among governments, pharmaceutical companies, or healthcare providers.
- Vaccines are inexpensive in comparison to drug treatments. Vaccine profits are only 2-3% of a trillion-dollar, global pharmaceutical industry.
- Your child's vaccines are free via the Vaccines for Children (VFC) program, Tribal clinics, Indian Health Services, or private insurance.



We recommend vaccines for your safety, not to make money

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