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**List of Potential Grasstops Champions to Befriend**

 be·friend /biˈfrend/*verb* To take care of; act as a friend to by offering help or support.

* Head of the local health department (he/she can introduce you to other key staff)
* Head of the immunization program at the local health department
* Head of the State immunization program (for those in capital cities. He/she can introduce you to other key community players)
* Service groups like Rotary and the Kiwanis
* Faith based organizations that have national or global presence (you may find chapters in your area, such as [Catholic Relief Services](http://crs.org/); [American Jewish World Service](http://www.google.com/url?sa=t&rct=j&q=&esrc=s&source=web&cd=1&cad=rja&uact=8&ved=0CB0QFjAA&url=http%3A%2F%2Fajws.org%2F&ei=o5baU67YCILfoAS0xYLYCw&usg=AFQjCNF3nTykjB4wkUgqZpsyCTq7jK8ZAg&sig2=oeKL6Zir0FTpUVcs6BzZEg&bvm=bv.72197243,d.cGU) )
* Immigrant/refugee resource organizations (the organization that helps immigrants and refugees have access to English classes, job training, and social services support.)
* Local pediatrician professional groups
* Chapters of the American Lung Association; American Cancer Society
* Read your local paper. Who is in the news that may be a potential grasstops champion?
* Conduct an internet search for "Returned Peace Corps Volunteers in (name of state or city)" or a Facebook search for a Peace Corps group in your area. Contact the head of these groups.
* Native American health centers
* Community health centers
* Mothers groups
* [Shot@Life](http://shotatlife.org/advocate/) advocates
* American Academy of Family Physicians
* American Academy of Pediatrics
* American Medical Association
* The Immunization Action Coalition Organizations and professional societies focusing on vaccines <http://www.immunize.org/resources/part_us.asp>

**Always ask your champions, "Who else should I be talking to?"**