

# 2023 ANNUAL REPORT

DAKOTA COUNTY PUBLIC HEALTH



## 2023 HIGHLIGHTS

### **SERVICE** - We make helping others a top priority

In May, Public Health's Emergency Preparedness and Community Engagement teams hosted a community resource fair and food drive for community members at the Diamond Head Education Center in Burnsville. The event was held in response to a potential unhousing situation. Fifteen external and internal partner agencies provided residents and community members with housing, legal, and food resources. The event served over 100 families.

### **INTEGRITY** - We are honest, fair, and accountable

In response to the opioid epidemic, Public Health took lead in launching the Opioid Response Advisory Committee. The Committee represents the county's wholistic approach to serving the needs of Dakota County communities. The group is represented by individuals with a variety of lived and professional opioid experiences. This group is responsible for developing a comprehensive and effective countywide approach to the opioid crisis.

### **PEOPLE** - We value and respect every individual

In the Fall, the Women, Infants, and Children program (WIC) opened a new location at Hastings Family Service. The new location makes it easier for residents to access a variety of different programs along with WIC. Some of the services provided include: a food shelf, emergency assistance, Meals on Wheels, transportation assistance, and a thrift store.

### **INNOVATION** - We challenge ourselves to do things better

Over the summer, Public Health's Statewide Health Improvement Partnership team piloted a new Power of Produce Club. The community program was a joint effort between St. Paul Farmers Market, the City of South St. Paul, and Dakota County. Through the 12-week program, over 170 kids, ages 4-12, participated in the Club, learning about Minnesota grown produce and purchasing fruits and vegetables with free vendor tokens. This pilot was received positively by state and local SHIP programs, paving the way for it to be implemented in other communities.



### OUR MISSION

Collaborate to prevent disease, promote wellbeing, and protect health and the environment.

# BY THE NUMBERS

**5,124 families** were contacted by Child and Teen Checkups staff to discuss the importance of well child visits

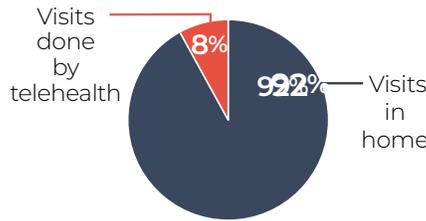
**831** radon test kits distributed to keep homes safe

Over **120** Child and Teen Checkups outreach events provided health information and resources that reached over **5,460** individuals

**9** public school districts were supported to promote equity-focused healthy eating, active living, and mental health/well-being projects

**4** AmeriCorps members worked a total of **3,740** hours in 2023 for Public Health

**8,722** client visits made by a family health nurse or a family support specialist



**549** children participated in the Follow Along Program



**2,707** phone calls from the public were handled by front desk staff to help address their needs

**9,737** individuals received food benefits, nutrition education, and lactation support through the Women, Infants and Children (WIC) Program

**3,443** Immunizations administered



**437** families served through the WIC Breastfeeding Peer Counselor Program

Over **200** West St. Paul residents completed a survey to help make the city more Age-Friendly

**97** community members and professionals trained in Naloxone administration

## KEY FINANCIAL STATS

2023 Budget:  
\$12,551,965

TOTAL FTEs = 121.7

