



# Public Health Week

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**NATIONAL PUBLIC HEALTH WEEK**  
Building Bridges to Better Health

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“Making communities safe and healthy is public health’s top priority. COVID-19 has made that even more important.”

– American Public Health Association

# Essential Services of Public Health



1. Assure an adequate public health infrastructure
2. Promote healthy communities and healthy behaviors
3. Prevent the spread of infectious disease
4. Protect against environmental health
5. Prepare for and respond to disasters, and assist communities in recovery
6. Assure the quality and accessibility of health services

# Highlights from 2020



- Public Health helped the county to better understand, control, and prevent the spread of COVID-19
- Set up COVID-19 testing facilities
- Prepared for immunization clinics and reaching vulnerable populations
- Prepared and delivered essential services
- Continued to ensure families had resources to live healthy lives



# Public Health Team



Public Health  
HEROES



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Prevent. Promote. Protect.

**Partnerships**



# Public Health Achievement Awards

2021 Recipients



# Youth: All Dakota County Youth



“All Dakota County Youth” are being awarded the 2021 Public Health Achievement Award for rising to the occasion during a difficult year.





# Individual: Bianca Virnig



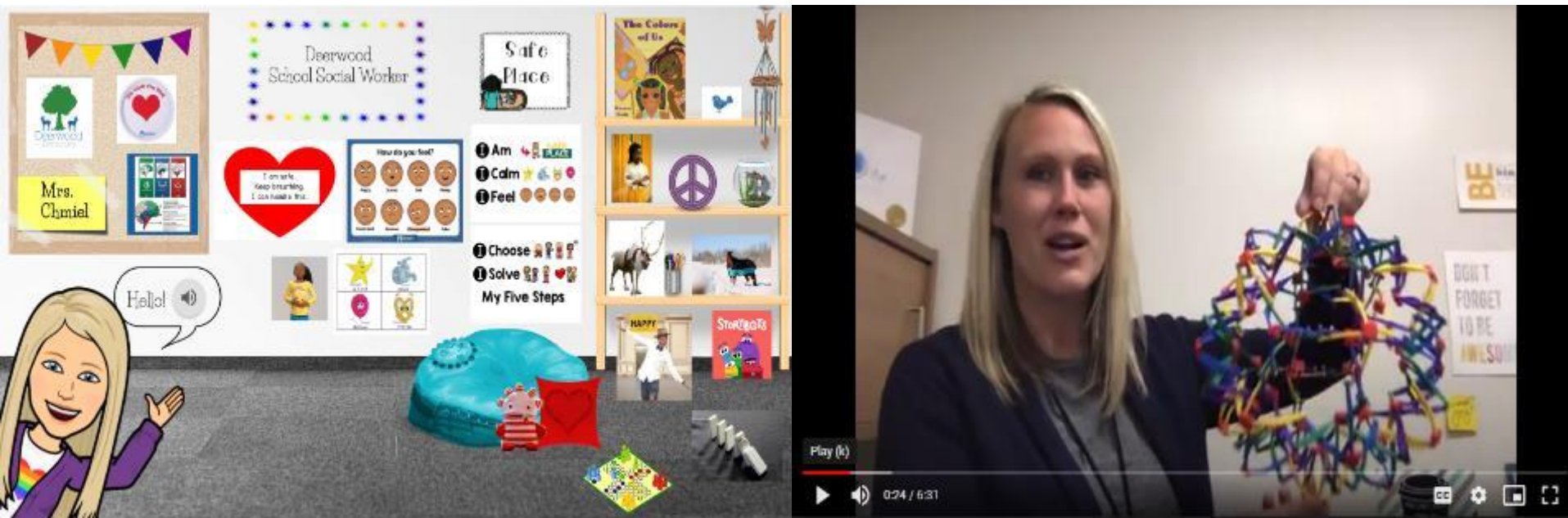
Bianca Virnig works for Metro Educational Cooperative Service Unit ECSU, a nonprofit group established to provide high quality education services for public, private, and non-profit programs in the Twin Cities Metro area.



# Community: Deerwood Elementary School's Virtual Safe Place



Merging team member's creativity, ingenuity, and forward thinking, the staff at Deerwood Elementary have supported students coping with mental health needs during the COVID-19 pandemic.



Thank You!



**Congratulations to our  
2021 Public Health  
Achievement Award winners!**