



2019 ANNUAL REPORT

2019 HIGHLIGHTS

INNOVATION - PUBLIC HEALTH DEPARTMENT OF THE YEAR

As a testament to the excellent work that we do at Dakota County Public Health, we were named Local Health Department of the Year by the National Association of County and City Health Officials (NACCHO). The organization honors health departments that implement innovative ways to improve public health and safety.

INTEGRITY - RELIABLE TRANSPORTATION FOR ALL

In 2019, the Communities for a Lifetime program hosted rideshare education trainings in partnership with the GoDakota transportation initiative for adults ages 55 and older. The classes taught 220 participants how to get around town using options like Lyft, Uber, and public transportation services.

SERVICE - HELPING OTHERS IS OUR #1 PRIORITY

Dakota County Public Health is committed to providing programs and services to help improve the health and wellness of all residents. As reflected on *By the numbers* listed on page two, our staff continuously work with partners in health care, non-profits, schools, and in the community to prevent disease, promote wellness, and protect health for individuals and families.

PEOPLE - EAST AFRICAN OUTREACH

We increased efforts to collaborate with, support, and educate East Africans living in Dakota County by attending health fairs, completing health screenings, discussing youth vaping and tobacco use, and creating culturally appropriate physical activity opportunities.

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By the numbers 2019



9,770 home visits made by a Family Health nurse, community health worker, or family support specialist

1,095 radon test kits distributed to keep homes safe

13,289 families were contacted by Child and Teen Checkups staff to discuss the importance of well child visits



542 children participated in the Follow Along Program that helps monitor and educate about developmental milestones

737 people, including community members and Dakota County employees, participated in the Simple Steps walking program. The program is in its 12th year and helps participants reduce stress, and stay energized

2,379 immunization administered (40% more than 20



293 children connected to their school district for early childhood and school readiness through the Birth to Age 8 Initiative

Supported **18 schools** in **6 districts** to implement approaches to increase physical activity and healthy eating such as:

- Moving and Learning
- Active recess
- Smarter Lunchrooms
- Healthy breakfast & snack options

and also conducted school-based health equity projects



7,401 phone calls from the public were handled by front desk staff to help address their needs

Completed **14** emergency preparedness exercises, which included **37** partnering agencies and **319** participants

\$5,507,240 in leveraged funds were obtained by Dakota County via grants to help fund Statewide Health Improvement Partnership projects

9,178 women and children received nutrition and breastfeeding education through Women, Infants and Children (WIC) Program

