

2022 ANNUAL REPORT

DAKOTA COUNTY PUBLIC HEALTH



2022 HIGHLIGHTS

SERVICE - REFUGEE HEALTH SCREENINGS

In 2022, Dakota County was a leader in Minnesota for receiving Ukrainian refugees. There were 155 refugees in the refugee health program, 111 of whom were from Ukraine. The annual average prior to 2022 was 25. Refugee health screenings are conducted to help reduce health-related barriers to successful resettlement. Dakota County Public Health worked with partners, including the new Minnesota Community Care clinic in Farmington, to assist with case management, nursing support, and integrating community health workers in the process.

INTEGRITY - INCREASING ACCESS TO VACCINATIONS

Public Health partnered with the Open Door Mobile Pantry in 2022 to engage with residents who often don't have regular access to health clinics. Dakota County's new mobile health trailer, which served as a pop-up clinic space, was set up at the pantry events to offer vaccines and health services. Over the year, the mobile health trailer hosted 15 clinics across the county and provided more than 375 immunizations to residents with limited access.

PEOPLE - MOTHERS AND BABIES INTERVENTION

Dakota County implemented Mothers and Babies in 2022, an intervention that assists with stress reduction for people who are pregnant and those in their first year of parenting. Mothers and Babies is for clients with mild to moderate depression, anxiety, or stress. Public Health trained three staff members on the intervention; these staff then trained an additional 38 staff. Mothers and Babies is now offered to all clients that enroll in the Family Home Visiting program.

INNOVATION - WIC BREASTFEEDING PEER COUNSELORS

The Women, Infants and Children (WIC) program launched a new way to assist families with infant feeding in 2022. The Breastfeeding Peer Counselor Program is designed for WIC participants who are pregnant, or those who recently had a child, and would like to learn more about breast/chestfeeding. Peer counselors are parents with personal breast/chestfeeding experience who can share that advice with others. Public Health hired four counselors, who served 249 families. The counselors speak English, Spanish, Somali, and Arabic.



OUR MISSION

Building healthy individuals, families and communities in Dakota County through partnerships

BY THE NUMBERS

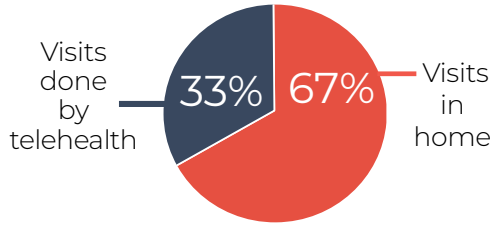
4,927 families were contacted by Child and Teen Checkups staff to discuss the importance of well child visits

576 radon test kits distributed to keep homes safe

10 public school districts were supported to promote equity-focused healthy eating, active living, and mental health/well-being projects which estimated to have impacted 68,420 students and staff

Over **54** Child and Teen Checkups outreach events provided health information and resources that reached over **3,650** individuals

6,358 client visits made by a family health nurse or a family support specialist



481 children participated in the Follow Along Program



4,319 phone calls from the public were handled by front desk staff to help address their needs

9,139 women and children received nutrition and breastfeeding education through the Women, Infants and Children (WIC) Program

7,113 Immunizations administered



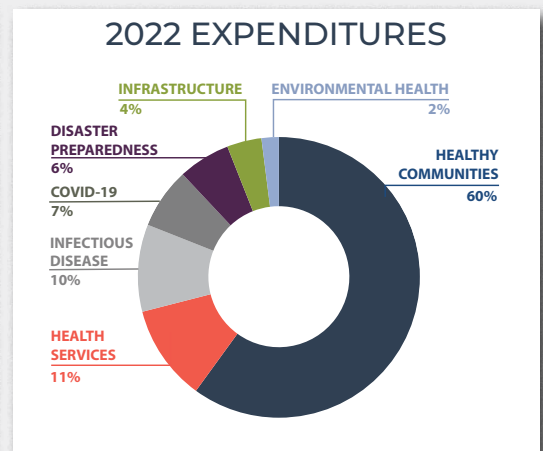
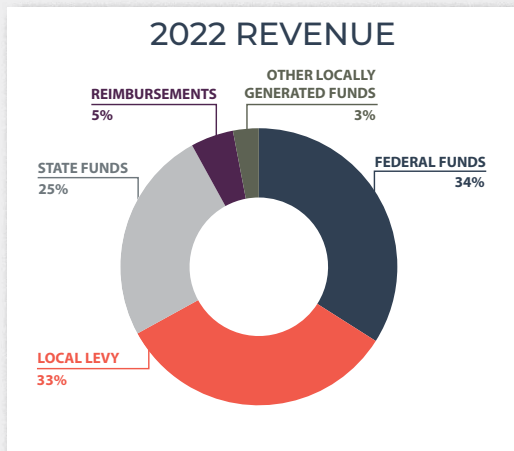
249 families served through the WIC Breastfeeding Peer Counselor Program

70 community members and professionals trained in Naloxone administration

15% reduction in lift assists in 2022 for the South Metro Fire Department (So. St. Paul and West St. Paul) in partnership with the Public Health Falls Prevention program

FINANCIAL STATS

2022 Budget:
\$12,119,717
TOTAL FTEs =121.77



National Association of Counties (NACo) Award Recipient

In 2022, Dakota County Public Health was recognized in the Health category of the National Association of Counties annual awards for planning and purchasing a mobile trailer to reach community members facing barriers to COVID-19 vaccination. The trailer was intentionally built to be adaptable so that it could be used for other vaccine and County needs in the future. The clinics were hosted at a variety of locations including low-income housing complexes, community centers, worksites, schools, and the Dakota County Fair.