2024 ANNUAL REPORT DAKOTA COUNTY PUBLIC HEALTH





2024 HIGHLIGHTS

SERVICE - We make helping others a top priority

Dakota County Public Health expanded our opioid prevention work to distribute tools and host trainings with the community. In a partnership with Steve Rummler and Dakota County Libraries, we began offering free naloxone and fentanyl test strips at seven locations across the county. Public Health also organized free trainings to teach people how to respond to opioid-related overdoses and emergencies.

INTEGRITY - We are honest, fair, and accountable

Dakota County Public Health received national reaccreditation by the Public Health Accreditation Board. Accreditation is a rigorous, multi-faceted, peer-reviewed assessment process to ensure that health departments meet a set of quality standards and measures. Being reaccredited, we demonstrated that the department has the capacity to become increasingly effective at improving the health of the community.

PEOPLE - We value and respect every individual

Dakota County Public Health sustained an ongoing partnership with Dakota County's self-organized South of the River Collaborative, a group comprised of school district cultural liaisons and cultural family advocates. The collaborative devotes their time, energy, and talents for improving student success and health in the community. The collaborative also hosted an inaugural professional development day to increase the team's skills and knowledge and better implement healthy equity into their day-to-day roles.

INNOVATION - We challenge ourselves to do things better

The Family Home Visiting and Informatics teams participated in a nationwide quality improvement project called HV CollN. Through the project, the team researched the history of racism, oppression, equity, and injustice in our communities, as well as the impact on maternal and child health outcomes. The team then implemented tools to have more impactful conversations with parents about their family's strengths and ways to create stronger parent-child relationships.



OUR MISSION

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

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NUMBERS

5,955 families were contacted by Child and Teen Checkups staff to discuss the importance of well child visits



1041 radon test kits distributed to keep homes safe

Over **75** Child and Teen Checkups outreach events provided health information and resources that reached over **2,600** 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 **3,277** hours in 2024 for Public Health



9,588
client visits made by a family health nurse or a family support specialist

331 Naloxone kits distributed to residents by Public Health and the Dakota County Libraries

participated in the Follow Along Program

555

children



3,272 phone calls from the public were handled by front desk staff to help address their needs

9,236
individuals
received food
benefits,
nutrition
education,
and lactation
support
through
the Women,
Infants and
Children (WIC)
Program



544 families served through the WIC Breastfeeding Peer Counselor Program



10 mobile vaccine clinics were held and served 317 people.

Staff provided training to over 170 people to increase access to overdose prevention resources and reduce stigma of substance use in our communities

KEY FINANCIAL STATS

2024 Budget: \$14,101,992

TOTAL FTEs = 127.4





