

Annual Report 2023

Executive Summary



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LANGLADE COUNTY
HEALTH
DEPARTMENT

Mission

Promote health and wellness for all in Langlade County; regardless of social, economic, or cultural reasons; by providing public health services essential for a safe and healthy community.

Vision

Langlade County: thriving people, healthy communities, and safe environments.

Core Values

Accountability: We strive to engage in continuous quality improvement, and to deliver services in a cost effective, efficient, and transparent manner that addresses the health of our community.

Collaboration: We work together for the mutual benefit of the community through the sharing of information, resources, and ideas to achieve a common goal.

Excellence: We aim to provide quality services with a highly skilled workforce, that meet the needs and exceed the expectations of the individuals and communities that we serve. We promote efforts to continuously improve our services and outcomes through best practices and innovation.

Integrity: We adhere to high ethical and professional standards in our work and interactions. We advocate for public health policies and programs that promote fairness, social justice, and cultural awareness.

Staff

John Zenkovich- Director, Health & Social Services

Meghan Williams, REHS- Health Officer

Karen Marten, RN, BSN- Public Health Nurse

Jean Turunen, RN, BSN- Public Health Nurse

Donna Wiegert, RN, BSN- Public Health Nurse

Kendall Kuenzli, MS-Community Health Specialist

Tammy King, RS- Environmental Health Specialist

Sheila Rine- Office Manager

Kristin Hetto- Administrative Assistant



Foundational Public Health Services

The foundational public health services framework outlines the responsibilities of governmental public health and defines a set of foundational capabilities and foundational areas that must be available in every community. **Foundational areas** are the public health programs and services aimed at improving the health of the community. **Foundational Capabilities** consist of the skills and capacities needed to suppose basic public health programs and activities.

Foundational Areas

Communicable Disease Control



- Disease Investigation
- COVID-19

Chronic Disease & Injury Prevention



- Alcohol & Other Drug Use
- Bloodborne Pathogens
- Healthy Living & Active Lifestyles
- Harm Reduction
- Sharps Disposal
- Living Well with Diabetes

Environmental Public Health



- Animal Bites
- Establishment Licensing & Inspection
- Human Health Hazards
- Water Testing Laboratory
- Lead
- Radon

Maternal, Child & Family Health



- Mental Well-Being & Suicide
- Car Seat Safety

Access & Linkage to Clinical Care



- Immunization
- Nursing Services

Foundational Capabilities

Assessment & Surveillance

- Community Health Improvement Plan
- Community Health Needs Assessment
- Annual Report

Equity

- Staff Training
- Core Competency Assessment

Organizational Competencies

- Health Equity
- Workforce Development Plan

Community Partnership Development

- Building a Healthier Langlade County Coalition
- Mental Well Being & Suicide Prevention Coalition
- Alliance for Substance Use Prevention Coalition
- Immunization Coalition

Emergency Preparedness & Response

- Volunteer Management
- Public Health Emergency Preparedness Plan

Accountability & Performance Management

- Strategic Plan
- Performance Management & Quality Improvement Plan

Policy Development and Support

- Updating policies
- Creating new policies

Communications

- Health promotion- Multi-media campaigns, social media presence & outreach.
- Data sharing
- Branding & Communication Plan

Communicable Disease Control & Access & Linkage to Care

606
Cases of COVID-19 reported

831
Vaccinations provided

382
Flu vaccines to students

62%
2 year-olds up to date on vaccinations

54
TB skin tests provided

169
Communicable diseases investigated

329
Blood pressures taken at community events

5
Offsite flu clinics



Maternal, Child & Family Health

8
Home visits to new mothers

334
Students received a vision screening with **49** referrals made

22,840
Diapers distributed

411
Packs of wipes distributed

Diaper Bank Program Goal:

By December 31, 2023 the diaper bank will increase the number of families it reaches by 20%

Diaper Bank Program Outcome:

The diaper bank increased the number of families it reached by 41 families which was a 33% increase.

Chronic Disease & Injury Prevention

Prevention Efforts

- 5 Medication Safety Education Events
- 503 Take Away Bags distributed
- 86 Locked Bags provided to community members
- 100 Drug Deactivation Kits distributed
- 4 "In Plain Sight" Mock Teen Bedroom educational sessions
- 830 Students participated in "Escape the Vape" educational sessions
- 2 Harm Reduction Vending Machines installed

What difference did it make?

553 pounds of unwanted prescription medication was collected between October 2022-October 2023

100's of families educated on where and how teens may hide drugs and alcohol

98% of students reported learning additional information about how vaping can affect their health

Access to harm reduction supplies such as gun locks, NARCAN, drug deactivation bags, condoms and resource guides are now available

380

Samples provided at farmers markets



345

Nutritious recipe cards provided

723

Fresh Flavor healthy recipe and food safety cards provided



14

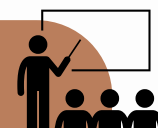
Car seats were checked in 2023 to ensure proper installation

92



People trained in blood borne pathogen exposure response

11



Participants completed the 6-week Living Well with Diabetes Course

Environmental Health Programs & Services

39



Human health hazard complaints received

61



Animal bite follow ups completed

61%

Homes tested had elevated levels of radon (> 4pCi/L)

152

Children screened for elevated blood lead levels

15 tests >3.5 mcg/L which requires nurse follow up and tracking



111

Inspections complete from July 1, 2023-December 31, 2023
This accounts for 40% of licensed establishments (n=111/280)

54

Pre-inspections complete

3

Complaint inspections complete



101

Private wells tested for Coliform bacteria

98

Private wells tested for nitrates

109

DNR TNC facilities tested for Coliform bacteria and nitrates

14.8%

Of private wells tested present for Coliform bacteria (n=15/101)

7%

Of private wells tested elevated (> 10.0 mg/L) for nitrates (n=7/98)

1%

Of DNR TNC facilities tested elevated (> 10.0 mg/L) for nitrates (n=1/109)

5.5%

Of DNR TNC facilities tested present for Coliform bacteria. (n=6/109)



Community Partnership Development

Mental-Well Being and Suicide Prevention

- Hosted "S" Word: Let's Talk About Suicide event.
- Partnered with Langlade County Tavern League to distribute posters, can koozies.
- Provided packets to local businesses with suicide prevention resources.
- Volunteered at AFSP Cornhole event to raise awareness.
- Distributed can koozies with 988 (Suicide & Crisis Lifeline Number) to local Fair, Softball Tournament.
- Attended Music in the Park, Middle School spaghetti dinner, Senior Center, and HS Teen Health Fair to provide mental health resources.

Alliance for Substance Use Prevention

- "Small Talks" campaign.
- State Opioid Response grant that provided take away bags and locked bags to community members.
- Partnership with Antigo Police Dept. for Drug Take Back Day in October.
- Community meeting regarding substance use.

Communications

66

Community outreach sessions

72

Educational displays

14

Radio show appearances.



23

Press releases sent to the media



2587

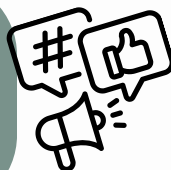
People attending community outreach sessions

310.6

Pounds of food collected and donated to local food pantries

3.8K

Content interactions on Facebook from followers

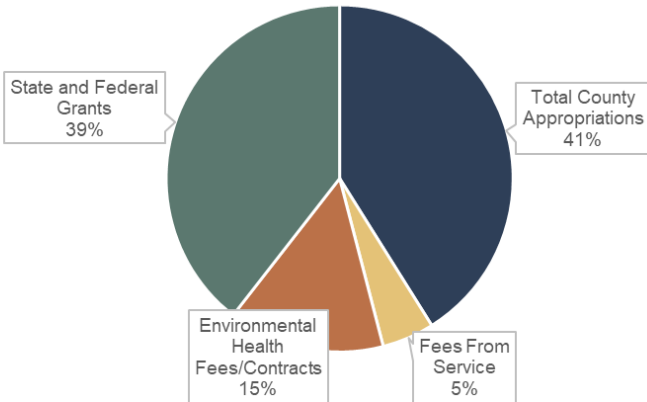


2.7K

Followers on Facebook

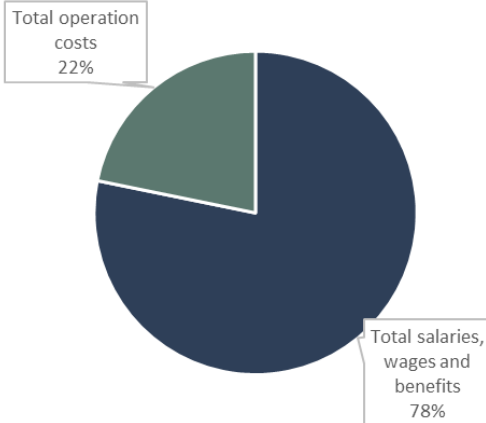
2023 Budget

2023 Revenue



Total County Appropriations	\$385,280.00
Fees From Service	\$45,652.57
Environmental Health Fees/Contracts	\$136,845.00
State and Federal Grants	\$369,969.55
Total Revenue	\$ 937,747.12

2023 Expenditures



Total salaries, wages and benefits	\$653,782.26
Total operation costs	\$182,229.73
Total Expenditures	\$836,011.99

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