

PUBLIC HEALTH IMPROVEMENT PARTNERSHIP

PUBLIC HEALTH ACTIVITIES AND SERVICES

HIGHLIGHTS OF THE 2008 PILOT ACTIVITIES AND SERVICES INVENTORY

Examples of ways the governmental public health system helped to improve health in Washington in 2008 include:

Keeping our foods and water safe

- Inspected restaurants and grocery stores for health hazards 47,402 times
- Educated over 250,000 food workers on safe food handling and disease prevention

Preventing and rapidly responding to community health threats

- Investigated over 30,000 cases of communicable disease to prevent further disease
- Helped communities prepare for and respond to emergencies by completing over 100 exercises and actual emergency responses
- Promoted childhood immunizations through distribution of vaccines to more than 1,200 health care facilities

Delivering science-based prevention programs for families and children

- Checked 966 retail stores to prevent youth use and access to tobacco products
- Connected regularly with over 150,000 people needing food supplements and provided nutrition education
- Served over 37,000 pregnant and new mothers to promote healthy pregnancies through prenatal services and parental education – services proven to reduce low-weight births and infant mortality
- Provided services for 11,186 children with special health care needs (mainly those having multiple complex medical problems)

The 2008 A&S Inventory focused on services delivered by Local Health Jurisdictions (LHJs). It included 47 data items, 19 of which were based on data collected directly from LHJs and 28 of which were based on data collected and provided by DOH or another state agency.

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