

PUBLIC HEALTH IMPROVEMENT PARTNERSHIP

HIGHLIGHTS OF THE 2010 PUBLIC HEALTH ACTIVITIES AND SERVICES INVENTORY

These are a few examples of the many ways the governmental public health system (consisting of 35 local health agencies and the State Department of Health) helped to improve health in Washington in 2010:

PREVENTING AND RAPIDLY RESPONDING TO COMMUNITY HEALTH THREATS

- Distributed nearly 2.5 million doses of childhood vaccine for community providers to prevent communicable disease
- Provided 97,557 childhood vaccinations, 75,134 adult vaccinations and 15,737 travel vaccinations to prevent disease
- Enrolled 1,212 health care providers in Child Profile, the state immunization registry, to help manage children's immunization history
- Investigated over 41,397 cases of communicable disease to prevent further disease
- Provided more than 12,128 people with screening and treatment services to prevent the spread of Tuberculosis; worked directly with 2,518 people who were contacts of the 236 new active TB cases reported in WA in 2010
- Treated 14,237 people diagnosed with STDs and notified and treated 7,063 other people to prevent further disease
- Exchanged more than 10 million needles to prevent HIV and other communicable disease

PREVENTING CHRONIC DISEASE

- Checked 1,271 times for retailer compliance to prevent youth access to tobacco products
- Twenty local health agencies increased access to low cost recreation opportunities, and 18 local health agencies increased access to healthy food by developing policy proposals, engaging stakeholders or implementing change
- Twelve local health agencies conducted broadly focused community health assessment projects to identify their community's public health issues and develop recommendations for action

KEEPING OUR FOOD, WATER AND ENVIRONMENT SAFE

- Investigated 2,425 complaints of food borne illness to prevent further illness
- Inspected 49,456 restaurants, grocery stores and food carts for health hazards 59,877 times, with 2,644 of these inspections requiring immediate re-inspection for critical violations
- Responded quickly to 74 food product recalls and safety alerts to check that the products were no longer available to the public
- Educated over 243,000 food workers on safe food handling and disease prevention
- Responded to 3,184 reports of failing onsite sewage systems and prevented ground and surface water contamination.
- Collected and analyzed 646 mosquito and 114 bird samples for early detection and prevention of the West Nile virus.
- Collected and analyzed 17,668 shellfish samples and evaluated 156,454 drinking water samples



GETTING BABIES OFF TO A GOOD START AND HELPING FAMILIES

- Provided 12,918 Nurse Family Partnership visits to 1,732 families with services to promote health baby development
- Provided clinical care and case management services to 11,693 children with special health care needs
- Provided healthy foods and nutrition education to more than 152,705 mothers and children at risk for nutrition-related health problems
- Served about 24,157 pregnant and new mothers (resulting in 89,653 visits) to promote healthy pregnancies through prenatal services and prenatal education services proven to reduce low-weight births and infant mortality
- Provided family planning services to 20,071 patients
- Performed 8 million genetic screening tests on 161,572 specimens from 82,930 newborns; identified 134 infants with one of the conditions who were put on treatment early in life

OVERSEE OUR HEALTH CARE SYSTEM; WORKERS AND HOSPITALS FOR SAFE HEALTH CARE

- Licensed 340,993 health care professionals in 79 different health professions for safe services
- Licensed 98 acute care and general hospitals and conducted 54 inspections
- Licensed 500 aid and ambulance services and over 2,500 vehicles
- Regulated 5,795 facilities using x-ray machine and conducted 1,759 inspections for safe use

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