



A Safe and Healthy Community

Health Care Program for Children in Foster Care (HPCFC) -

HPCFC is a Public Health Nurse program serving foster children under the state Child Health and Disability Prevention (CHDP) program involving case management of a sensitive population. During 2022 HPCFC staff handled 350 requests for records, and processed 159 new placements and hundreds of placement changes. Total active foster cases in 2022 was 321. The CHDP program in Mendocino County was re-established in 2022 following years of inactivity due to lack of adequate staffing. In 2022, the CHDP nurse manager advocated for Mendocino County participation in the 3-year funding cycle for the state Childhood Lead Poisoning Prevention Program (CLPPP) administered by the California Department of Public Health (CDPH) and is currently managing completion of the application. MCAH programs run through county public health departments utilize CDPH funding to provide services to improve the health of women, children, and adolescents. In 2022 a local level SOW was derived via a collaborative process which included multiple public health program managers and supervisors, the Health Officer, Senior Public Health Data Analyst, and the Public Health Director.

Healthy Families Mendocino County -

Home Visiting (HFMC) functions under the umbrella of the MCAH Program serving vulnerable families with children, from pregnancy through age 5. This critical early support focuses on child/caregiver bonding and family relationships. Face to face services continued throughout the pandemic with a 58% increase in referrals in 2022, and an annual total of 85 families served, with a 6-month retention rate of 80%. In 2022 HFMC achieved national accreditation from HFA, the successful initiation of our California Home Visiting Program (CHVP) Innovations Promotores pilot to assess and improve home visiting services for rural Latina women and their families, and on-boarding of a new Home Visiting Program Manager, Dr. Cathy Boyle, PNP-BC, and Home Visiting Supervisor, Katy Reihl, RN PHN.

CalFresh Healthy Living –

In 2022, CalFresh HL provided nutrition and physical activity education at 11 sites throughout Mendocino County, with 246 Indirect and 34 Direct Education activities. Our success story for 2022 was brokering the collaboration between the Round Valley Indian Health Clinic Diabetes Program, and the University of California Cooperative extension. This partnership created the Healthy Kids Tele-Nutrition Project, which provided an 8-week evidence-based nutrition education workshop to caregivers of children.



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Tobacco Prevention (TP) -

On April 5, 2022, the Board of Supervisors voted unanimously to introduce and waive first reading of a revised Tobacco Retail License Ordinance #4474 banning menthol cigarettes. In November, CA voters chose to ban all flavored tobacco products in California. Tobacco Retailer Education sessions were presented in September in Ukiah, Willits and Fort Bragg, and a youth training was offered in December. Additionally, Tobacco Prevention staff appeared on KGUA Radio on "Peggy's Place".

Oral Health -

7 Family Resource Centers, Unified School District and Coyote Valley Tribe received oral health supplies and materials to provide education to families and students. In late Spring, partners in Point Arena, Laytonville, and Ukiah were able to provide oral health screenings in elementary schools. Oral Health Staff appeared on Dr. Marvin Trotter's KZYX "Mind Body Health".

Healthier Living with Chronic Pain –

During 2022, Stanford-trained workshop leaders Susan Era and Charlie Seltzer delivered 5 free virtual workshops serving 52 individuals.

AIDS Drug Assistance Program (ADAP) -

Public Health supports residents through the ADAP to help ensure HIV-positive, uninsured and under-insured individuals have access to life-saving medications. When taken as prescribed, HIV medications decreases the amount of HIV present in a person's blood to be too low to measure.