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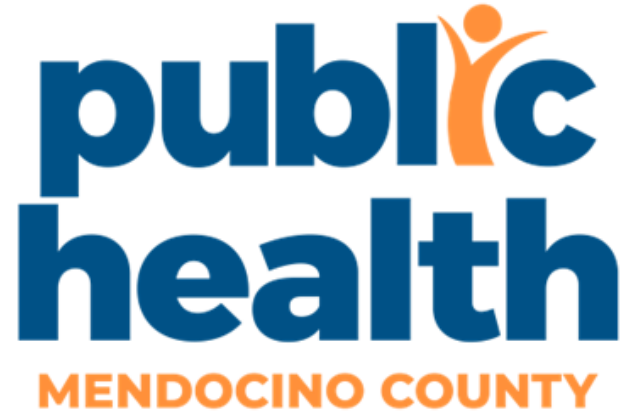
Public Health Nursing California Childrens Services (CCS)

After a couple of rough years, everything is running smoothly in CCS. Maria Manzo and Angelina Contreras work hard on the daily tasks. Sharon Convery is in a couple of times a week to determine medical eligibility for all new referrals and annual reviews for our 459 cases. Sharon is training Dr. James Flaherty who was recently hired as our medical consultant. Angie and Maria are also busy preparing for our September MTC clinic, with Dr Robert Haining.

Public Health Nursing

Communicable Diseases and Immunizations (CD/IZ)

There has been a lot happening within the CD/IZ Programs. The communicable disease department has been selected to begin a new advisership program with the California Department of Public Health (CDPH) Sexually Transmitted Diseases (STD) Control Branch. This program will enhance our communicable disease team's general knowledge and gain additional skills in STD disease investigations. We will develop interpersonal connections with fellow peers and our CDPH advisor. This advisership program is 12 weeks long. The immunization program has been on the move, attending many local community events providing vaccines. They partnered with Adventist Health to attend their Back-to-School Free Sports Physical events to bring vaccine accessibility to the Fort Bragg, Willits, and Ukiah areas. The team has also partnered with the Ukiah Unified School District to help students comply with California school immunization requirements. They mobilized our Public Health vaccine team efficiently to make vaccines easily accessible to families. In collaboration with the schools, we can help reduce school absenteeism and decrease the number of students who are behind on their immunizations. The vaccine team has several upcoming events scheduled: Point Arena Health Fair, Round Valley IHC Health Fair, Hispanic Heritage Celebration, and a Drive-Thru Flu Clinic, to name a few, so be on the lookout if vaccines are needed.



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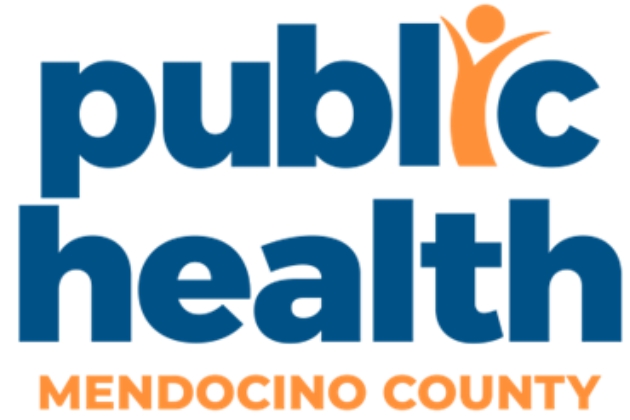
Public Health Nursing Maternal, Child, Adolescent Health (MCAH)

In this reporting period, MCAH submitted a 4.4m grant application to the DHHS Office of Minority Health to improve access to perinatal care for Round Valley/Covelo Native American communities. The Healthy Families Community-Based Perinatal Health Initiative application was developed in partnership with Round Valley Indian Health Center with collaborative commitment from Adventist Health, Mendocino Community Health Clinics, Partnership Health Plan, and the California Rural Indian Health Board. Awards are expected to be announced at the end of August. MCAH attended Perinatal Services Coordinator meetings with Bay Area and Northern Area Perinatal Advocates to discuss coordinating California Perinatal Service Providers transition from CDPH to Managed Care and improving population health services through Managed Care Plan MOUs with Counties.

Janine Thompson has taken the lead for MCAH to coordinate the Child Passenger Safety Coalition. She has requested a BOS proclamation in recognition of Child Passenger Safety Month. MCAH is coordinating the next meetings for the Adolescent Health Working Group. MCAH Director attended the August 11th FBI Active Shooter Training at Fort Bragg High School with MCOE School RN Lynn Finley and other educators. MCAH is planning the September Children's Health Committee Meeting. FIRST5 Mendocino will present on the Healthy Outcomes from Positive Experiences (HOPE) framework and their recent round two Children and Youth Behavioral Health Initiative grant award.

Public Health Nursing Health Families of Mendocino County

The Healthy Families of Mendocino County Home Visiting program now serves 53 families. Presently, we are recruiting for two new Home Visitors hopefully eliminating our waiting list that includes five families wanting services. We are working diligently on our Promotoras Project Evaluation, which is due on August 31. This report will be presented to the State Funders on December 13, 2023. There were six new families assigned for home visiting in July. The team has struggled through many transitions this year and is learning to work together for the well-being of all involved



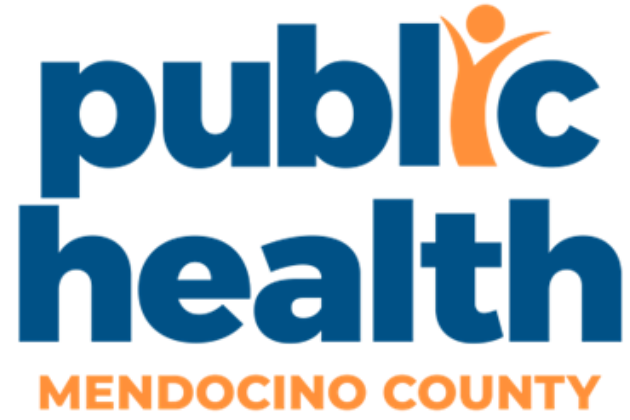
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Public Health Emergency Preparedness (PHEP)

Three trailers containing equipment intended to support Round Valley Indian Health Clinic, Long Valley Health Clinic, and Anderson Valley Health Clinics were deployed this week. This equipment is intended to help the clinics continue to provide patient care during a disaster, where the clinic's ability to provide patient care may be overwhelmed and/or help is delayed.

These trailers are deliberately mobile, so they can be moved anywhere in the County if needed. They are a critical component to the County's ability to continue to provide healthcare when the community may be temporarily isolated due to a disaster. The PHEP unit, in collaboration with the Disaster Healthcare Coalition, selected the equipment based on the annual Coalition's Hazard Vulnerability Assessment and each Clinic's Hazard Vulnerability Assessment. Each mobile unit is tailored to the needs of the community the clinic serves while providing additional overall treatment capacity.

These trailers augment the existing capacity to provide relief to hospitals that may be overwhelmed with patients during a disaster by increasing the clinics' capacity to continue care locally and serve the community during a disaster by reducing a patient's need to travel to a hospital that may be distant



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Public Health Administration Accreditation

Public Health Department staff met their deadline and submitted documentation to the Public Health Accreditation Board on August 11th. Staff from all programs were involved in the final 90 days, showcasing our work with state and community health partners, schools, and businesses.

Public Health Officer Andy Coren, M.D. reviewed and approved over 220 documents prepared by staff, and Interim Public Health Director Dr. Jenine Miller provided completeness attestations before submitting to Accreditation Coordinator Donna Schuler.

The Public Health Accreditation Board has assigned an Accreditation Specialist to do a completeness review, which is expected to take 90 days. At that point, documents may be re-opened, and department staff can amend or replace with alternate documents.

Becoming accredited is a testament of a department's ability to meet or exceed a set of standards based on ten essential public health services established by the CDC, which all health departments are

expected to carry out. The community health improvement plan is a recently completed document which guides staff and community to work collaboratively on pressing health issues like access to care for

pregnant women in rural regions that lack health services and transportation to facilities that provide services.

Public Health Administration

Communications

Public Health will air PSAs in English and Spanish and have a month-long social media campaign to raise awareness on suicide prevention and awareness.

Our message is:

September is National Suicide Prevention Awareness Month. If you or someone you know is struggling, in emotional distress or thinking about suicide, help is available. Call or text 988, chat 988lifeline.org or

contact the Mendocino County 24/7 Toll Free Crisis line at 1-855-838-0404. For more resources go to <https://www.suicideispreventable.org/> or <https://bit.ly/mendocinomentalhealth>. It's ok to be not ok.

You're not alone.