

Florida
HEALTH
Escambia County

2019

YEAR in
REVIEW



MISSION

To protect, promote and improve the health of all people in Florida through integrated state, county, and community efforts.

VISION

To be the **Healthiest State** in the Nation.

VALUES

Innovation

We search for creative solutions and manage resources wisely.

Collaboration

We use teamwork to achieve common goals and solve problems.

Accountability

We perform with integrity and respect.

Responsiveness

We achieve our mission by serving our customers and engaging our partners.

Excellence

We promote quality outcomes through learning and continuous performance improvement.



FROM THE DIRECTOR



John J. Lanza

MD, PhD, MPH, FAAP, PHPS
Director and Health Officer

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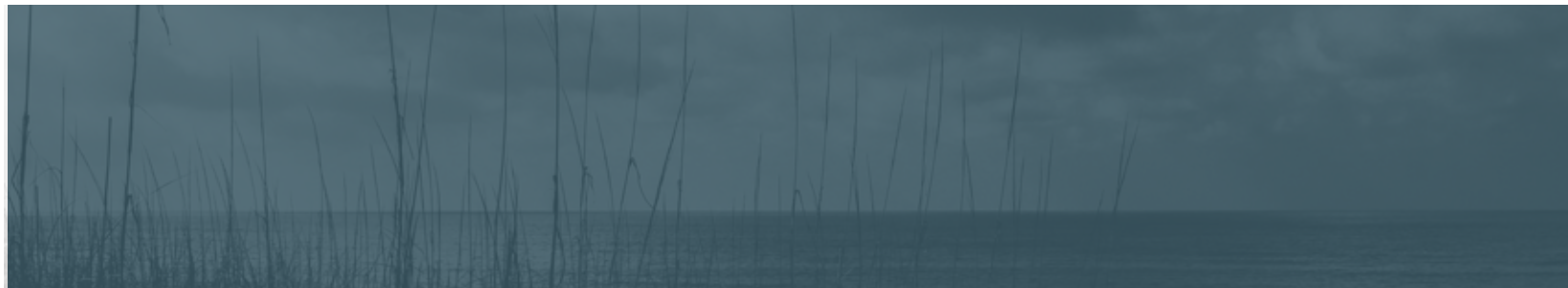
“As one of the oldest continuously-operating public health organizations in the world, the Florida Department of Health in Escambia County (FDOH-Escambia) is committed to sustaining our long tradition of leadership and service to the local community. As the Health Officer for Escambia County, Florida, I endeavor to lead a high-performing, trustworthy, and courteous staff. Each staff member plays a key role in the assurance of the essential public health services within our community through both the delivery of programs and services and the forging of community partnerships.

FDOH-Escambia saw yet another exciting and impactful year in public health. This year’s report accounts a variety of successes, from launching a new program that serves low income, uninsured women aged 40-64 in our community to promoting equity and engagement through functional design for our clients.

These accomplishments, and many more, are thanks to our dedicated employees and partner organizations. Working together, we stand committed to protecting, promoting, and improving the health of our community and beyond.”

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Protecting, Promoting, and Improving the Health of Our Community

Where we are born, grow, live, work, play, learn, and age all impact our health. These social determinants of health include socioeconomic status, education, employment, neighborhood and physical environment, and access to health care and social support networks. Each of these factors together create unique community health service needs.

In order to respond to the needs of the community, FDOH-Escambia partners with numerous governmental and non-governmental organizations to protect the public's health. Notable partnerships include area hospitals and medical facilities, infectious disease practitioners, the University of West Florida, Pensacola State College, the Escambia County School District and Early Learning Coalition, emergency management, law enforcement, City of Pensacola, Emerald Coast Utilities Authority, Healthy Start Coalition, Opening Doors Northwest Florida, Naval Air Station Pensacola, Community Health Northwest Florida, and many more.

LEFT: The sixth annual Day of Play at the Maritime Community Park in Downtown Pensacola.



Community Health Planning Collective Impact

The Florida Department of Health in Escambia and Santa Rosa are in a unique position to collaborate on a collective impact initiative to improve the health of the two counties. This initiative involved working together with the area hospitals: Baptist, Sacred Heart, West Florida, Community Health Northwest Florida and other health-related nonprofits to align resources and enhance program impact. The biggest success factor here is the opportunity to combine resources with the cradle to career collective impact model—Achieve Escambia—to create cross-sector alignment that has not previously been done across these two counties. Using the Community Health Assessment and Improvement Plan as a guide, the aim is to produce aligned strategies and tactics to reach our community's long-term vision of everyone living well and thriving. The planning team of this effort hopes to use this model to make upstream and notable impact on issues concerning community health and well-being that has not yet been managed in previous efforts.

Community Health Improvement Planning 2020 Goals

The end of 2019 saw the development of strategic goals that will guide the *Achieve Healthy EscaRosa* planning team through year 2020. *Achieve Healthy EscaRosa* is a health collaborative focused on improving the overall health of residents in Escambia and Santa Rosa counties. These goals, strategies, and objectives promote resource alignment and coordination around shared measures. These goals will be monitored and evaluated each year.



Births and Deaths in 2019

Vital statistics play an important role in community health assessment and improvement. FDOH-Escambia's vital statistics office maintains these records by issuing and reporting birth and death certificates. The data collected from these certificates is used to track death and disease for Escambia County residents. Data, like what is indicated below, was used in the Health Assessment process to determine priority areas for the current health improvement efforts.

5,780
BIRTHS

54 DEATHS
UNDER AGE 1

4,812
DEATHS

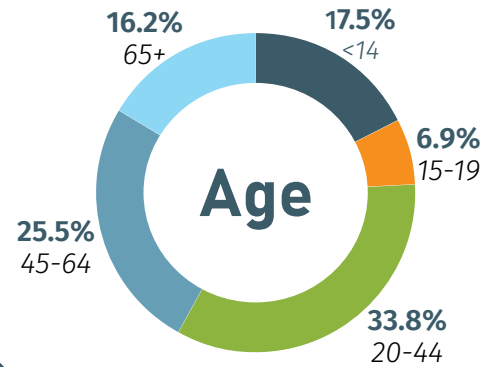
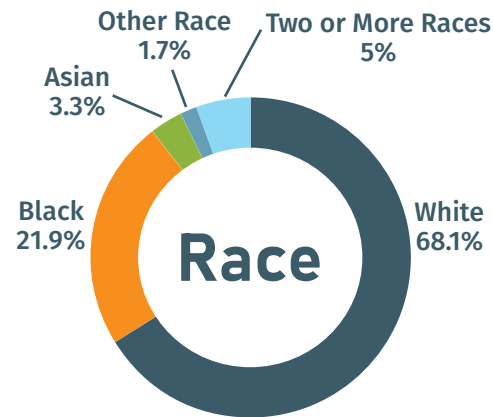
26 FETAL DEATHS
(≥ 20 weeks gestation)

Escambia County, Florida

Escambia County, Florida is the 20th (out of 67) most populous county in the state, with 1.5% of Florida's population. Escambia County boasts a strong military presence with four naval facilities located within the county, including Naval Air Station Pensacola, Corry Field Station, Saufley Field Station, and Naval Hospital Pensacola. Military and Civil Service, education, health care, and retail are primary employment industries.

321,134
Escambia County Residents

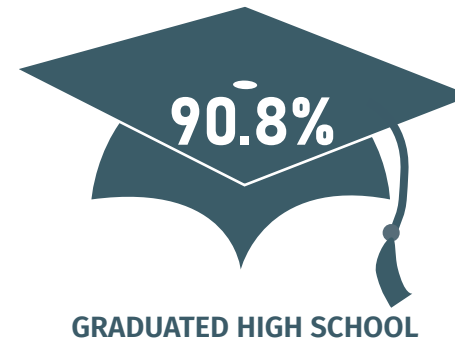
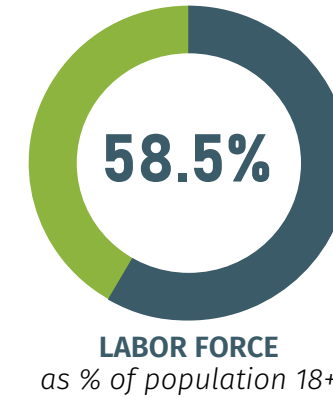
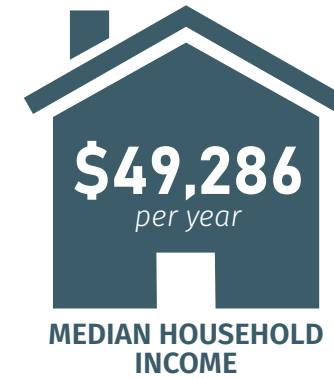
488.8
Persons per Square Mile



LEFT: Florida Department of Health in Escambia County Fairfield Service Center.



Social and Economic Characteristics



* Population information derived from the latest data available, US Census Bureau American Community Survey 5-Year Estimates, Florida Health Charts.

** Index crimes include homicide, forcible rape, robbery, burglary, aggravated assault, larceny over \$50, motor vehicle theft, and arson.

Clinical Health

Clinical health programs link people to the personal health services they need either by directly providing those services or by making referrals to other community resources. Programs include a medical clinic providing primary care for children and adults, family planning services, immunizations, and sexually-transmitted disease (STD) testing and treatment.



Family Health Clinic

The Family Health Clinic provides primary care for children and adults. Services include sick and well child exams, adult annual check-ups, refugee health, Pre-exposure Prophylaxis (PrEP), HIV and STD Test & Treat services, management of chronic diseases, such as high blood pressure and type 2 diabetes, and lead testing. Appointments for preschool and school entrance physicals are also available.

4,658 CLINIC VISITS FROM **2,632** CLIENTS

Immunizations Clinic

The Immunizations Clinic provides vaccines for children, adolescents, and adults. Prior to entry into Florida child care facilities or attending school (kindergarten through 12th grade), each child is required to have a Florida Certificate of Immunizations, or DH 680 form, on file documenting age-appropriate immunizations. Immunizations for adolescents include shots required for entering 7th grade and college. The FDOH-Escambia Immunization Clinic is also a designated travel center, providing consultations and immunizations to travelers. Immunization records may also be obtained for students transferring out of state, child care, or school enrollment.

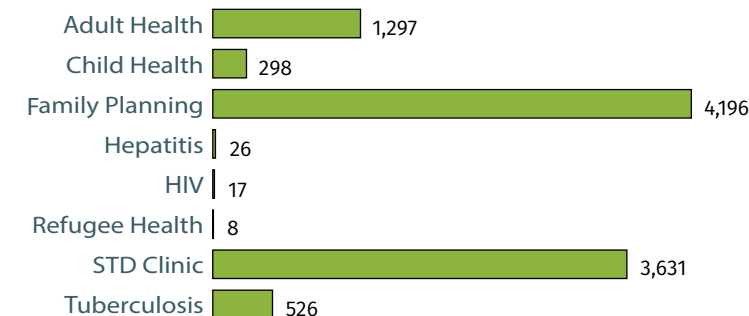
19,140 IMMUNIZATIONS GIVEN TO **7,163** CLIENTS

2-Year-Old Immunization Rates

Goal	Escambia	Florida
90.0%	98.2%	90.0%

Florida Department of Health, Bureau of Immunizations

Labs Processed by Clinical Laboratory



LEFT: FDOH-Escambia participated in the annual U-Count event to provide vaccines to the homeless.

Sexually-Transmitted Disease (STD) Clinic

The STD Clinic provides testing and treatment for individuals exposed to sexually-transmitted diseases, such as syphilis, HIV, chlamydia, and gonorrhea. Registered nurses and clinicians also provide prevention education and counseling in a confidential setting. The clinic has five credentialed STD registered nurse clinicians to facilitate fast-track services when needed.

2,164 CLINIC VISITS FROM **1,449** CLIENTS

94% OF CLIENTS WITH STDs WERE TREATED WITHIN **14** DAYS

Florida Breast and Cervical Cancer Early Detection Program (FBCCEDP)

The FBCCEDP provides education on breast and cervical cancer, the importance of getting regular breast and cervical cancer screening exams, and the Human Papillomavirus (HPV) vaccination. Services offered include referrals for screening and diagnostic mammograms, pap smears, and assistance with medical insurance.

492

REFERRAL SERVICES PROVIDED FOR WOMEN IN ESCAMBIA, OKALOOSA AND SANTA ROSA COUNTIES

63 OF THOSE REFERRALS PROVIDED BY OUR CLINICIANS

Family Planning Clinic

The Family Planning Clinic offers a variety of modern birth control methods, annual exams, counseling, and referrals. Abstinence counseling and information about Natural Family Planning is also provided. Clinical exams, including a pelvic and pap test (if due), are provided to screen for cervical cancer. Available birth control methods include condoms, birth control pills or shots, and long-acting reversible contraceptives (LARC).

96.5% TEEN FAMILY PLANNING CLIENTS WHO ADOPTED EFFECTIVE* OR HIGHER** METHODS OF BIRTH CONTROL

95.9% FAMILY PLANNING CLIENTS WITH DOCUMENTED RACE AND ETHNICITY IN THEIR RECORDS

3,320 CLINIC VISITS FROM **1,716** CLIENTS

*Effective contraceptives are methods that result in 6% to 9% of women experiencing an unintended pregnancy during the first year of typical use.

**Highly effective contraceptives are methods that result in less than 1% of women experiencing an unintended pregnancy during the first year of typical use.

We Care

The We Care Referral program was founded by the Escambia County Medical Society Foundation to address the specialty medical needs of uninsured residents. The program helps meet a critical gap in health care access to those who otherwise would not receive care or would seek care in emergency departments and further contribute to the current health care burden on hospitals and their communities. Potential clients are screened for residency and income. If eligible, staff link them to a participating physician or hospital to receive care. In 2019, 72 physicians participated in the We Care network.

158 INDIVIDUALS REFERRED FOR ASSISTANCE

Improved Pregnancy Outcome Program (IPOP)

IPOP links pregnant women to medical care and other services in the community. Nurses screen women for potential problems or risks, and provide education to promote healthy behaviors during pregnancy. Staff assist women with Medicaid applications to qualify for Presumptive Eligibility for Pregnant Women (PEPW), referrals to the Women, Infants and Children (WIC) program, and assistance in establishing regular prenatal care with a local physician or clinic.

309 CLIENTS SERVED

255 CLIENTS QUALIFIED FOR PEPW

WISEWOMAN/FL Healthy Woman Escambia County Health Department Clinics Received a Grant to Administer the CDC's WISEWOMAN Program

FDOH-Escambia received a grant to administer the CDC's WiseWoman Program, named FL Healthy Woman. This program serves low income, uninsured women aged 40-64 in Escambia County, Florida. Since October 2019, we have structured the logistics of screening and tracking participants and created a data system to easily record and analyze pertinent outcome assessments. Approximately 44 women have been screened for participation and about half of that number (18) have elected to participate in their chosen Healthy Behavior Support System (HBSS). Through the YMCA's Smart Start fitness program, FDOH-Escambia's Healthy University and the Million Hearts initiative (a self-monitoring blood pressure program), we are reaching women who otherwise may not have had the opportunity for education and support to make long-lasting healthy lifestyle changes to reduce their risk for cardiovascular disease and stroke. This includes financial assistance for fitness club memberships, blood pressure monitoring equipment and one-on-one support.

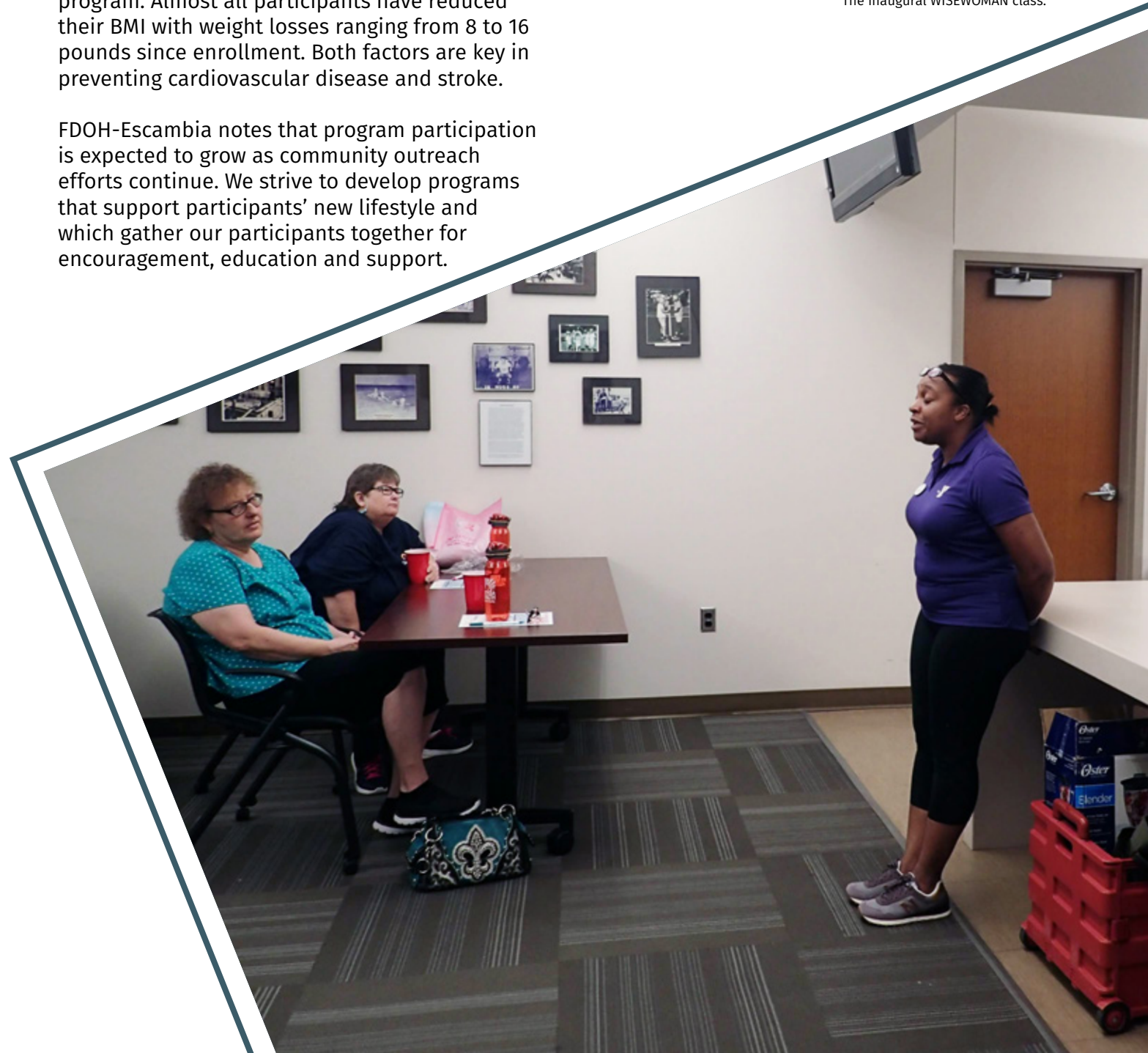
FDOH-Escambia continues to build relationships with several organizations, including our Federally Qualified Health Center (FQHC), to refer participants for FL Healthy Woman. Notable partnerships include Health & Hope Clinic, St. Joseph Medical Clinic and Community Health Northwest Florida. Our interdisciplinary team of registered dietitians and health educators have been meaningful contributors in educating and guiding WISEWOMAN participants.

FL Healthy Woman has also partnered with the Southeastern American Indian Council to extend our services to women in the Native American population where the risk of cardiovascular complications from diabetes is particularly high and outreach has continued at area FQHC's metabolic and women's clinics. Additionally, independent outreach efforts, including Lakeview Lodge's Road to Recovery and Keeton Community Corrections, further expand FL Healthy Woman's impact in the community.



Providing individual support and medication, as well as disease and nutritional education, is encouraging each participant to begin reaching achievable health goals. Participants report gratitude for an opportunity for self-care to both our program leaders directly and our HBSS providers. Six hypertensive clients have achieved and maintained appropriate blood pressure readings since participating in the program. Almost all participants have reduced their BMI with weight losses ranging from 8 to 16 pounds since enrollment. Both factors are key in preventing cardiovascular disease and stroke.

FDOH-Escambia notes that program participation is expected to grow as community outreach efforts continue. We strive to develop programs that support participants' new lifestyle and which gather our participants together for encouragement, education and support.



LEFT: Pictured from left to right: Denielle Satterfield, RN, Community Health Nurse, FL Healthy Woman/ WISEWOMAN Program, Ayonna Andrews, Bear Levin Studer Family YMCA Wellness Coordinator Melanie Paul, and FL Health Woman participants Mary Nell Adams, Deborah Oliver, Gabriella Lyons, Karin Kirk, Shana Nolan, Lakina Jones.

BELOW: The inaugural WISEWOMAN class.

Wellness Programs



Wellness Programs focus on preventing chronic diseases such as diabetes, heart disease, and cancer. Many of our programs promote healthy behaviors such as quitting tobacco products, eating a balanced diet, and being physically active. FDOH-Escambia has a team of subject matter specialists consisting of health educators, nutrition educators, and registered dietitians working to create informational materials and deliver presentations to the community.

Staff provide screenings, education, interventions, referrals, and other support services for individuals and families. Services are aimed at reducing risk factors and modifying behaviors to prevent chronic disease and promote optimal health for all residents. These programs, aimed at early detection and prevention of common health problems, serve people throughout each life stage, with special services for pregnant women, infants, and children.



LEFT: FDOH-Escambia staff volunteer at the 2019 Ciclovía event in Downtown Pensacola educating the community about healthy habits.

Diabetes Prevention Program

The PreventT2 Lifestyle Change program began in 2016 and is part of the CDC's National Diabetes Prevention Program (DPP), which has been proven to help people make modest lifestyle changes and reduce the risk of type 2 diabetes by more than 50 percent. The program goals are to reduce participants' body weight by at least five percent and for participants to reach a minimum of 150 minutes of moderate-to-intense physical activity per week. The program achieved full recognition through the CDC in 2018, which signifies that, on average, the participants enrolled in the Escambia program meet program goals of regular attendance, physical activity, and weight loss.

SOME PARTICIPANTS LOST **20%**
OF THEIR BEGINNING BODY WEIGHT

9 DPP
COHORTS

46 PROGRAM
PARTICIPANTS

142.8 POUNDS
LOST

Health Information (HI) Network

The HI Network aims to improve the health of our community by providing residents with evidence-based information on factors that can affect health. Faith-based organizations play a key role in improving the health of congregation members as well as community residents through health promotion and disease prevention. Since 2016, HI Network program staff provide faith-based organizations important health information in the form of toolkit modules, featuring educational presentations, print materials, and short messages to share with members via social media, email, or church bulletins.

36 HEALTH SEMINARS
WITH **13** FAITH-BASED
ORGANIZATIONS

47 HI-NETWORK
PARTNERS

RIGHT:
Senior Health Educator
Tanisha Thompson
demonstrates some
physical activity exercises
to a Diabetes Prevention
Program Class.



SPOTLIGHT

Achieving CDC Full Recognition for Diabetes Prevention Program

For the second consecutive year, FDOH-Escambia earned CDC's Full Recognition for the diabetes prevention program PreventT2 Lifestyle Change Program. This designation is reserved for programs that have effectively delivered a quality, evidence-based program that meets all of the standards for CDC recognition. PreventT2 is part of the National Diabetes Prevention Program, led by the CDC, and proven to help people with prediabetes prevent or delay development of type 2 diabetes. This continued achievement demonstrates the success of the lifestyle change program, with a commitment to reducing the preventable burden of diabetes within the community and nationally. Since January 2019, 46 participants enrolled and attended at least one session.

5-2-1-0 Healthy Escambia!

As part of our local chronic disease prevention efforts, the 5-2-1-0 Healthy Escambia! program actively promotes daily healthy behaviors of 5 fruits and vegetables, 2 hours or less screen time, 1 hour physical activity, and 0 sugary drinks in various community settings, reaching audiences of all ages.

16,464 RECEIVED 5-2-1-0 EDUCATION AT
108 EVENTS, OUTREACHES, AND PRESENTATIONS

School Health

School Health education helps children, families, and school personnel increase physical activity, improve nutrition, prevent the spread of infectious disease, and reduce teen pregnancy through education. Registered Nurses deliver presentations on a variety of topics to elementary, middle and high schools in Escambia County. FDOH-Escambia School Health nurses taught 935 health education classes during the 2018-2019 school year.

The 5-2-1-0 Healthy Escambia! Education program was presented to 23 elementary schools during the 2018-2019 school year. Three schools were new to the program: Byrnesville Elementary, Myrtle Grove Elementary and Scenic Heights Elementary. School Health nurses also assisted the Escambia County School District in meeting their mandated Kindergarten and 7th grade record review requirements by reviewing over 4,000 student records. Record reviews help assure students are immunized according to our state standards enabling the students to be in school and ready to learn. FDOH-Escambia also partners with the Escambia County School District to transcribe out-of-state immunization records for new students throughout the school year.

Flu Mist Administered to Elementary Schools

FDOH-Escambia's School Health staff collaborated with the Escambia County School District to implement a pilot project in 2019 with 10 Escambia County elementary schools to administer Flu Mist to eligible students. The process included sending a parent letter home to notify families that the Flu Mist would be offered at their child's school, along with a consent form. Schools coordinated with FDOH-Escambia to hold a flu vaccine clinic day, collected the signed consents, and scheduled those students to receive the vaccine on the clinic day.

In total, FDOH-Escambia administered 554 doses of Flu Mist vaccine at the 10 targeted elementary schools in Escambia County, Florida in October 2019. This achievement demonstrates FDOH-Escambia's dedication to protecting children in the community from vaccine-preventable diseases while helping Florida reach statewide immunization goals.

TOP:
School Health Nurses teach 5-2-1-0 at the 5-2-1-0 Day of Play.

RIGHT:
Senior Health Educator Frankie Walker teaches My Plate to an Olive Pre-school class.



Tobacco Free Florida Escambia

The Tobacco Free Florida in Escambia County (TFF-Escambia) program encourages tobacco use prevention and behavior change through media and marketing, policy change, group counseling, community presentations, and activities that engage youth. Since January 2019, TFF-Escambia has reached 30,000 youth. Social media campaigns throughout the year included Through with Chew Week, Tobacco Free Florida Week, and Great American Smoke Out. TFF-Escambia was also at various community events, including Kick Butts Day, annual step shows, graduations, a Pensacola Blue Wahoo's game, back to school events, and football games.

Businesses Tobacco Free Policy Development

Since January of 2019, there were 25 businesses that received technical assistance with tobacco-free policy development. Every quarter, TFF-Escambia assisted at least 3 businesses with tobacco free policy development. In June of 2019, TFF-Escambia was able to reach businesses and business owners at a Pensacola Blue Wahoo's baseball game.



ABOVE: TFF-Escambia along with programs from Orange, Lake, Leon, Miami-Dade, and Brevard counties sponsored the Florida Human Resources 2019 Conference in Kissimmee, FL. (top left) Dr. Vanessa Phillips; (top right) Dr. Angel Bradley with Dr. Vanessa Phillips.

LEFT: Dr. Vanessa Phillips speaks at the Blue Wahoo's Game.

30,000 YOUTH REACHED

Healthy Start

The Healthy Start program aims to reduce infant mortality, reduce the number of low weight babies, and improve the health and developmental outcomes for all Florida babies. Care coordinators provide education, support, and guidance to pregnant and postpartum women, women who have experienced a loss, and women who have a child under age three. Program staff also work to connect families to community resources. Any woman can elect to be screened by their OB provider, or can self-refer for eligibility during pregnancy or at the time of delivery. The confidential screening helps to identify women and infants who may have a greater risk for poor health outcomes.

New System of Care Implemented in Healthy Start

In March 2019, a new system of care was implemented for the Healthy Start Program. The goals of the new system were to enhance and strengthen the program by aligning with research, best practices, and evidence-based models. The new system changed how Healthy Start received clients. The clients now have the option of choosing between two home visiting programs that provide services to pregnant women and children.

Healthy Start Services

Since January 2019, Healthy Start has provided services to 579 prenatal/postpartum women and 373 infants/children, with a total of 6,093 direct services provided. These services include care coordination, education, support, and guidance. This 6,093 does not include the 512 referrals that were made to community resources to help meet our aim of reducing infant mortality and reducing the number of low weight babies.

Providing Community Members with Safe Sleep Environments

Healthy Start joined the mission to prevent infant sleep-related deaths by educating parents and caregivers on the importance of practicing safe sleep. Healthy Start provided 65 pack and play cribs and safe sleep kits to families at no cost, allowing these families to provide safe sleeping environments for their infants. Healthy Start Care Coordinators provide set-up demonstrations and safe sleep education to families upon delivery of the pack and play to ensure that families continue to keep infants safe. The program is aimed at reducing sleep-related deaths.

952 PRENATAL/POSTPARTUM WOMEN AND INFANTS/CHILDREN RECEIVED SERVICES



RIGHT: Healthy Start Care Coordinators educating children on safe sleep at the 5-2-1-0-Day of Play.



WIC

The WIC program serves pregnant and breastfeeding women, infants, and children up to age five. Each participant is counseled by a registered dietitian or other trained nutrition staff, and provided an electronic benefits transfer (EBT) card to purchase prescribed healthy foods. Foods are selected based on individual needs and include milk, cheese, juice, eggs, fruits and vegetables, whole grain breads and pasta, brown rice, yogurt, baby food and infant formula. Participants may use the EBT cards at local participating grocery stores and farmers' markets.

Breastfeeding Support

Every pregnant woman enrolled in WIC receives information regarding the benefits of breastfeeding. Peer counselors are assigned to women who express an interest in ongoing support. Counselors remain with these women throughout pregnancy and during the first few months following birth. Breast pumps are loaned to nursing mothers who return to work or school, or have an infant in the hospital. Staff also work with businesses and child care centers on how to develop breastfeeding-friendly policies and support nursing women in their organizations.

8,800 AVERAGE WIC ENROLLMENT

4,128 BREASTFEEDING WOMEN COUNSELED

501 BREASTPUMPS PROVIDED

29 BREASTFEEDING CLASSES HELD



RIGHT: Ashley Sams demonstrates how to move more at the WIC table during the 5-2-1-0 Day of Play.

LEFT: Angelica Westhouse and Ashley Sams man the WIC table at the 2019 5-2-1-0 Day of Play.



Our infectious disease service staff identify and monitor infectious disease outbreaks in the community. Working with area physicians and other community partners, our staff investigate outbreaks of food-borne illness, as well as locate and refer people who have been potentially exposed to tuberculosis (TB), HIV, or other sexually-transmitted diseases to local services. Staff also monitor disease outbreaks in the community, such as flu and other respiratory illnesses.

Infectious Diseases

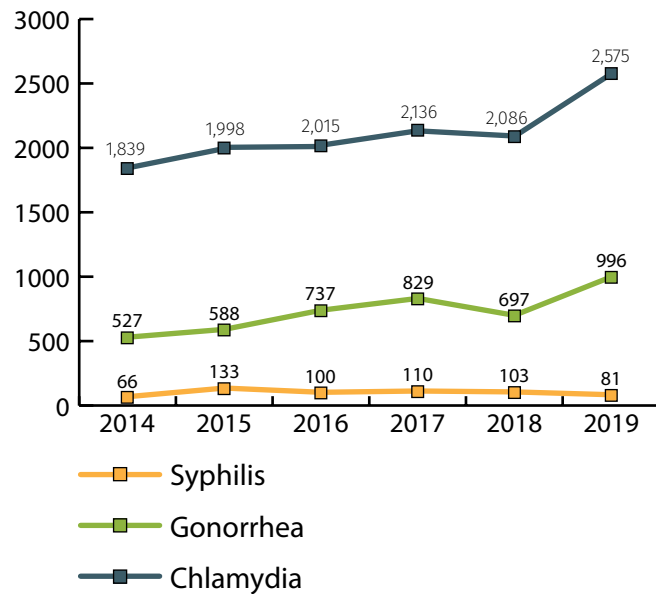


RIGHT:
FDOH-Escambia team for
World TB Day 2019. Pictured
left to right: Beate Bolton,
Pamela Nelson, Corey Cook,
Patricia Hammonds, Velda
Gardner, Catherine Walker.

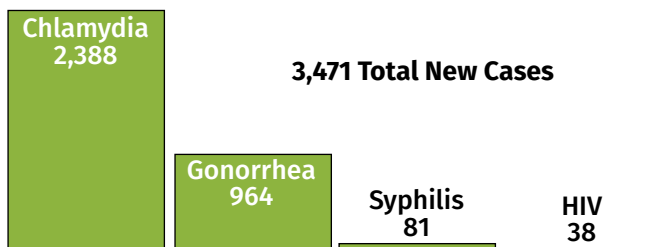
Epidemiology

The Epidemiology program seeks to prevent disease transmission in the community through surveillance, contact investigations, and education. Staff investigate reportable diseases to determine the source of the disease, the time and mode of transmission, and the number of people potentially exposed or impacted. There are currently more than 80 reportable conditions.

STDs in Escambia County, FL 2014-2019



2019 New Cases of STD's



2019 Reportable Diseases in Escambia County

Disease	Cases
Animal Bite (PEP recommended)	180
Animal Rabies	4
Campylobacter	37
Carbon Monoxide Poisoning	1
Cryptosporidium	7
Cyclosporiasis	5
E. Coli (O157:H7)	2
Giardia	13
Haemophilus Influenzae	12
Hepatitis A	9
Hepatitis B (acute)	19
Hepatitis B (chronic)	70
Hepatitis C (acute)	12
Hepatitis C (chronic)	408
Lead Level (greater than or equal to 5 µg/dL ‡)	45
Legionellosis	5
Listeriosis	1
Lyme Disease	6
Meningitis (Bact, Crypto, Mycotic)	1
Pertussis	4
Rocky Mountain Spotted Fever	4
Salmonella	76
Shigella	6
Streptococcus Pneumoniae (invasive)	34
Varicella	21
Vibrio (vulnificus)	3
Vibrio (other)	5
Total Reported Cases	990

Florida Department of Health, Bureau of Epidemiology

Reportable diseases in Escambia County excludes HIV, AIDS, TB, gonorrhea, chlamydia, and syphilis, and any reportable diseases with no reported cases. The current data is provisional and subject to change. Counts reflect reported cases and have not necessarily been confirmed. Many cases might not meet case definition criteria upon further investigation or may be unconfirmable. This document is meant to surveil broad trends.

Area 1 STD

The Area 1 STD program provides many services to persons in Escambia, Santa Rosa, Okaloosa, and Walton counties in Northwest Florida, including prevention services, disease surveillance, education, testing, and treatment. Disease Intervention Specialists (DIS) serve as front-line defense in contact investigations and partner elicitation to intervene in the spread of STDs. Staff also collaborate with public and private health care providers regarding diagnosis and treatment of all reportable STDs.

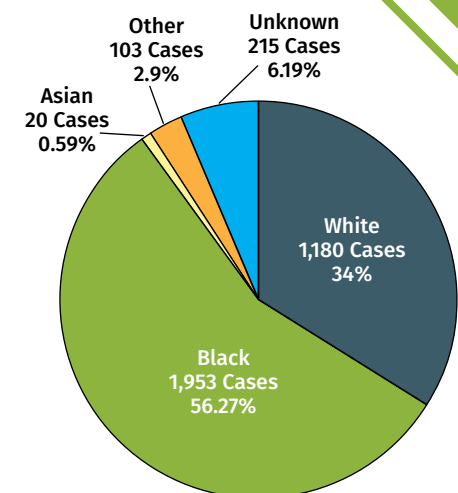
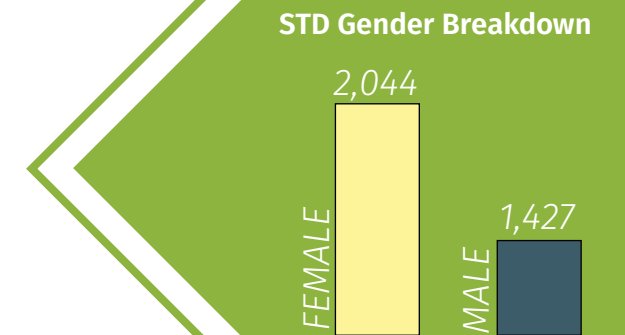
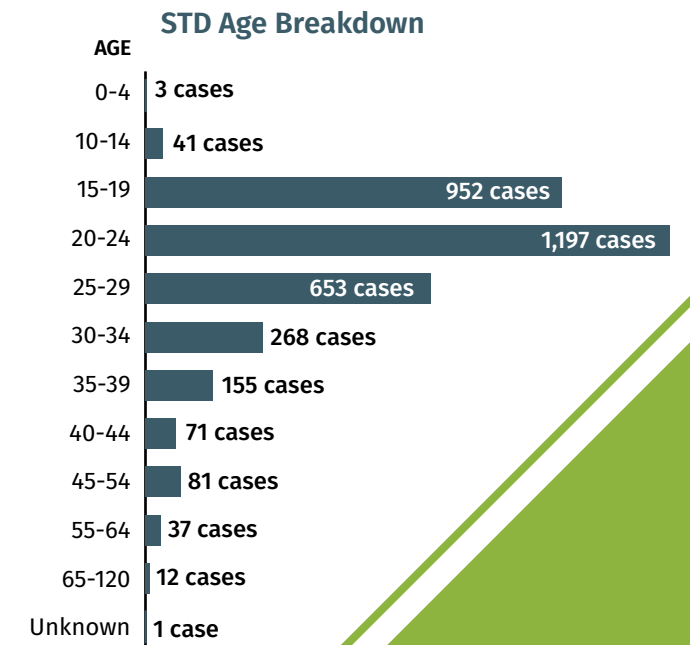
55 STD OUTREACH AND AWARENESS ACTIVITIES

Training Our Front-Line STD Defense, Disease Intervention Specialists (DIS)

For the past four years, Patty Dwiggins, RNC (Escambia County) and Cheryl Adams (Lee County) have co-instructed the CDC's Passport to Partner Services training for Florida Department of Health staff. For 2019, 4 one-week long classes were taught:

- 1/28-2/1/2019 Fort Meyers
- 5/6-5/10/2019 Jacksonville
- 9/30-10/4/2019 Fort Lauderdale
- 12/2-12/6/2019 Port Charlotte

Florida is currently the only state with two trainers able to provide this training to all new DIS, Linkage to Care Coordinators, and surveillance staff. Patty and Cheryl have revised the national curriculum to meet the department's needs and include a portion on disease comprehension and hands-on PRISM training.



STD Race Breakdown

Area 1 HIV/AIDS

The Area 1 HIV/AIDS program provides disease surveillance, prevention services, education, testing, counseling, referral, and support to community-based organizations. Services for HIV positive individuals who are uninsured or under-insured are provided through the AIDS Drug Assistance Program (ADAP), which offers life-saving medications and adherence counseling. In addition, the HIV/AIDS program oversees Ryan White Part B contracted providers for direct care and support services such as HIV specialty care, health insurance premium and cost sharing assistance, oral health, and others depending on needs assessment results and funding.

In 2019, 95.5% of Area 1 Ryan White patients in care are on antiretroviral therapy (ART) and 86.81% of these patients have reached viral suppression, which also means the virus is considered sexually untransmittable, per CDC. Our records showed a total of 10,042 HIV tests were conducted by our Area 1 network of registered test sites in 2019. There were a total of 283,400 condoms distributed to various locations throughout Area 1 during the year.

Test and Treat Initiative

The Test and Treat initiative is a key component of Florida's plan to eliminate HIV transmission and reduce HIV-related deaths. Testing is available on-site at FDOH-Escambia's clinic or during various outreach events where rapid tests provide results within minutes. The Test and Treat initiative is a clinical program providing immediate linkage to HIV care and initiation of ART during that first visit, if both patient and physician agree. Patients are then referred to local infectious disease physicians for follow-up and continued care.

In 2019, the Test and Treat initiative provided 17 uninsured or under-insured patients with immediate access to HIV medications in an effort to achieve viral suppression and better health outcomes.

2,420 PERSONS LIVING WITH HIV OR AIDS IN ESCAMBIA COUNTY, FL*

86.8% VIRALLY SUPPRESSED

44 HIV OUTREACH AND AWARENESS EVENTS

*Number reflects December 31, 2018. Year end 2019 numbers were unavailable at the time of publishing.

LEFT: David Chmiel and Janice Rothe working the registration table at the National Black HIV/AIDS (2/7/19) awareness event. At these events we encourage routine HIV testing and offer free rapid HIV tests.



PrEP and PEP Program Matures for 2019

PrEP (Pre-exposure Prophylaxis) became a full-service program in 2019. In a single visit, a new PrEP client can receive comprehensive counseling and education from the PrEP Navigator, required lab work, a medical visit with a clinician, and leave with medication. Patients return every three months for follow-up lab work, risk reduction education and assistance with Patient Assistance Program requirements. Most patients are able to receive services and medication for \$0 out-of-pocket. In addition to HIV prevention, the benefit of being a patient in the PrEP Program includes early detection and treatment of STDs, increased immunization rates for at-risk patients and routine medical visits to improve overall health. FDOH-Escambia partners with Curant Health Florida, a Specialty Pharmacy, to provide home delivery of medications and access to rebates to increase funds available for the program.

Referrals for the PrEP Program come from FDOH-Escambia's STD program, Family Planning Clinic and other community-based organizations involved in outreach HIV testing. The PrEP Program maintains an active patient roster of 25+ low income uninsured individuals and follows each for compliance with quarterly requirements for participation. Additionally, the program refers patients for Post Exposure Prophylaxis (PEP) and conducts trainings with local Physician offices, Emergency Departments and Urgent Care Centers to increase access to PrEP and PEP throughout the county.

The goals for the new year include increased access to PrEP for women and under-served minority populations and educating providers to improve access to PEP after potential exposures to HIV.

HIV Surveillance

Since January 2019, FDOH-Escambia's Area 1 HIV program office has held a total of 10 (extended hours) "night clinics" conducting a total of 74 rapid HIV screenings. HIV education presentations and high impact prevention outreach events were also held throughout this year with a total of 23 events to date reaching over 867 people and conducting 260 rapid HIV screenings.

56 NEW HIV CASES REPORTED IN ESCAMBIA IN 2018*

9.7% FOUR-YEAR TREND IN NEW CASES FROM 2014-2018

21.4% BETWEEN THE AGE OF 30-34

80.4% WERE MALE

19.6% WERE FEMALE

*Number reflects December 31, 2018. Year end 2019 numbers were unavailable at the time of publishing.

15 EXPOSED BABIES BORN TO HIV POSITIVE MOTHERS IN AREA 1

12 OF THOSE BABIES WERE BORN IN ESCAMBIA

31 WAS THE AVERAGE AGE OF MOTHERS. AGES RANGED FROM 21 TO 41

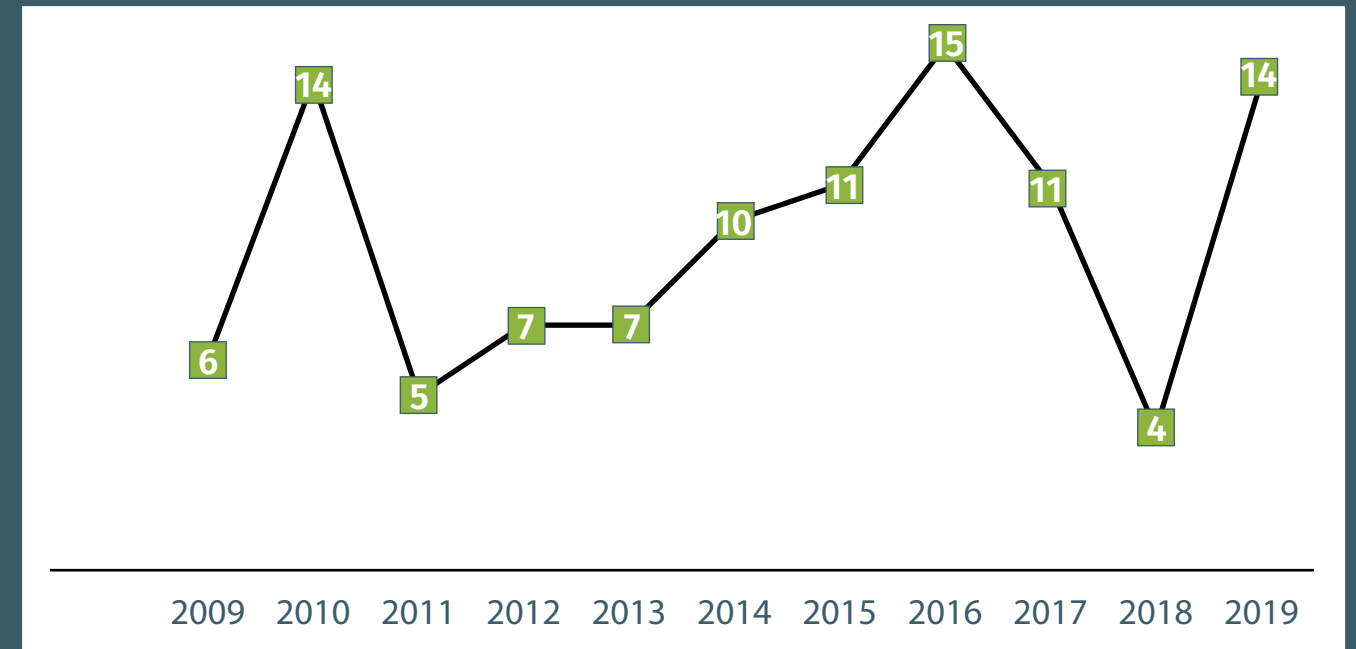
Tuberculosis Prevention and Control

The Tuberculosis (TB) Prevention and Control program staff collaborate with clinicians throughout Escambia County, Florida to ensure that persons diagnosed with TB receive effective and timely treatment, and additional contacts who are potentially exposed to the disease are evaluated and treated as needed.

In 2019, 14 active TB cases were reported and treated by FDOH-Escambia. This is more than triple the number of cases from 2018. Registered Nurse, Pamela Nelson, completed 337 nursing assessments. There were a total of 1,375 directly observed or video observed therapies completed; the vast majority of these were done in the community by FDOH staff member, Catherine Walker.

Escambia County has also been experiencing a rise in medical complexities intertwined with TB. For example, two of the 14 TB cases were multi-drug resistant (MDR). MDR is a form of tuberculosis caused by bacteria that are resistant to treatment with at least two of the most powerful first-line anti-TB medications, Isoniazid and Rifampin. Additionally, three of Escambia County's TB cases were transferred to Shands Hospital in Jacksonville, Florida after they were found to be too complex to manage locally. Shands providers have been outstanding in working with the Department of Health to provide more intensive medical services.

Active Tuberculosis Cases 2009-2019



14 ACTIVE TB CASES TREATED

20 CLIENTS WITH LATENT TB, 19 COMPLETED TREATMENT

RIGHT:
Tuberculosis
Prevention and
Control Team
From left to right
Catherine Walker,
Pamela Nelson, Beate
Bolton, and Stacey
Satterfield.



Environmental Health



Environmental Health (EH) programs conduct inspections, issue permits and licenses, enforce statutes and codes, and respond to questions regarding environmental concerns. Staff use education and training in natural, physical, and environmental sciences to promote and improve the community's health through monitoring and controlling environmental factors.

Water Quality, Healthy Beaches, and Swimming Pools

The Water Quality, Healthy Beaches, and Swimming Pools program regulates drinking water for residential and multi-family units and limited-use drinking water systems under the provisions of Chapter 64E-8, F.A.C. as well as the construction and operation of public swimming pools. This program also monitors bacteriological water quality of Escambia County, Florida's beaches, bays, and bayous.

980 PUBLIC SWIMMING POOLS, SPAS, AND WATER ATTRACTIONS INSPECTED

365 HEALTHY BEACHES WATER SAMPLES TAKEN AND TESTED

LEFT: In response to the known contamination, FDOH sampled 14 private wells and 3 public wells in the area affected by the Navy's PFAS investigation discussed on page 32 (LeeAnn Lutz pictured).

Environmental Health Facilities

The Environmental Health Facilities program routinely inspects community facilities to promote and ensure safe practices and prevent the spread of infectious diseases of environmental origins. Staff monitor and inspect certain food service facilities, group care facilities, mobile home and recreational vehicle (RV) parks, biomedical waste generators, storage facilities, and transporters. Staff also investigate rabies and animal bites and respond to complaints and sanitary nuisances.

RIGHT: Pictured left to right: LeeAnn Lutz, Christie Gillenwater, Shane Bragg, Lynn Patterson, Regiene Pangahas, and Donald Moore at the Ink Master's Tattoo Expo.



Tattoo Expo

Several EH employees inspected the Ink Master's Tattoo Shows in Okaloosa County on May 10, 2019 and at Sander's Beach Resource Center in Pensacola on September 6, 2019.

134 TATTOO ARTISTS AND **2** BODY PIERCERS INSPECTED

Onsite Sewage Treatment and Disposal Systems (OSTDS)

Onsite sewage treatment and disposal systems, commonly referred to as septic systems, are a safe and effective means of wastewater disposal for 30 percent of Florida's population. The OSTDS program ensures that the systems are properly designed, constructed, and maintained through permitting and inspection, and contributes to safe ground water, which provides 90 percent of Florida's drinking water.

807 OSTDS APPLICATIONS PROCESSED

Health Assessment Program Participates in Navy Open House

The Naval Air Station (NAS) in Pensacola found per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS) in potable water samples collected off-site that exceeded the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) lifetime health advisory level of 70 ppt. On April 9, 2019, NAS held a public meeting to provide an update for the community. Gladys Liehr, Jesseka Forbes, Anita Poulsen and April Crowley (from the DOH Bureau of Environmental Health) attended to help residents understand their water test results and answer health concern questions regarding PFAS. The team also distributed educational materials. In response to the known contamination, FDOH sampled 14 private wells and 3 public wells in the area affected by the Navy's investigation.

Investigations and Inspections

Program	Total
Biomedical Waste Inspections	1,138
Food Hygiene Inspections	582
Group Care Facility Inspections	192
Healthy Beaches Samples	365
Mobile Home and RV Park Inspections	529
Piercing, Tattooing, & Tanning Facility Inspections	172
Rabies Investigations	1,182
Swimming Pool Inspections	980

5,140 TOTAL INVESTIGATIONS AND INSPECTIONS

Storage Tank Compliance

The Storage Tank Compliance program is designed to protect our drinking water aquifer and surface water bodies in Florida from risks associated with regulated storage tanks, specifically, petroleum tanks. Inspections are performed in Escambia, Santa Rosa, Okaloosa, Walton, Bay, Holmes, and Washington counties. The Escambia Petroleum Cleanup program covers the same seven Northwest Florida counties. Staff work with the Florida Department of Environmental Protection (FDEP) to ensure that all contamination is eliminated.

Registered Environmental Health Specialists

FDOH-Escambia's Louviminda Donado and James Brough passed the National Environmental Health Association (NEHA) Registered Sanitarian/Registered Environmental Health Specialist exam on August 2, 2019. The Registered Sanitarian (R.S.), Registered Environmental Health Professional (R.E.H.P.) and Registered Environmental Health Specialist (R.E.H.S.) credentials reflect the highest level of expertise and competence in the environmental health profession. Registration is voluntary in the state of Florida, so those awarded the credential demonstrate a high degree of personal initiative and long-term commitment to public health. Registered professionals are more likely to be up-to-date on the latest advancements in their field and are better equipped to direct the activities of others. Registration enhances credibility in communicating risks, serving as an expert witness, or discussing environmental health issues with other professionals or with the public.



RIGHT TOP:
Louviminda Donado and James Brough passed the NEHA Registered Sanitarian/Registered Environmental Health Specialist exam.

RIGHT BOTTOM:
Regiene Pangahas, Dennis Bratten, and Trisha Dall participate in the Florida Environmental Health Association (FEHA) Adopt-a-Highway Cleanup.



96.66%

ANNUAL FDEP PETROLEUM STORAGE TANK COMPLIANCE PROGRAM SCORE

661 STORAGE TANK COMPLIANCE INSPECTIONS
546 ROUTINE/115 VARIABLE

Petroleum Cleanup Section

FDOH-Escambia's Environmental Health Division's Petroleum Cleanup Section maintains a contract with the FDEP entailing the assessment and remediation of petroleum-contaminated sites across seven (7) counties including Escambia, Santa Rosa, Okaloosa, Walton, Holmes, Washington, and Bay counties. The Petroleum Cleanup Section is actively working 447 petroleum-contaminated sites, with 28 of those sites receiving a Site Rehabilitation Completion Order (SRCO) since January 2019. The goal of the Petroleum Cleanup Program encompasses both the FDOH's mission to protect, promote, and improve the health of all people in Florida and the FDEP's goal of protecting our valuable groundwater resources.

447 PETROLEUM CLEANUP SITES MANAGED

28 PETROLEUM SITES CLEANED UP AND CLOSED

Environmental Health Composite Scores

FDOH-Escambia's Annual Comprehensive EH Score for 2019 was 94.6%, and encompasses four scores from our Facility Programs, Onsite Sewage Programs, Water Programs and Environmental Health Leadership and Sustainability (100% in 2019). This self-assessment is due annually on October 31st. The tool includes former elements of the bureau program evaluations (staffing needs, supervisory, internal monitoring) as well as those considered essential to the future of environmental public health (leadership, community assessment, well-trained staff).

94.6%

ANNUAL COMPREHENSIVE ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH SCORE FOR 2019

RIGHT TOP:
Pictured left to right: Dr. John Lanza, Louviminda Donado, and Greg Berrian participated in an interview with Pensacola News Journal on the topic of the environment's impact on local health in Escambia County.

RIGHT BOTTOM:
Pictured left to right: Louviminda Donado, James Brough, Regiene Pangahas, and LeeAnn Lutz attend FEHA Waterborne Pathogen Workshop in August 2019.



Public Health Preparedness



A natural or man-made disaster can occur at any moment, and the department is committed to preparedness and response efforts to protect our community as well as other communities across the state. The Public Health Preparedness program assists community organizations in developing formal disaster preparedness plans and participates as the Emergency Support Function (ESF) 8 lead agency in the Escambia County Emergency Operations Center. During disasters, staff work to ensure adequate shelter for vulnerable populations and monitor the safety of the food and water supply.

Working to Respond Faster

The Florida Department of Health uses the Everbridge Mass Notification System to provide quick communications to employees, volunteers, and partner organizations. This system also supports a variety of personnel who may be called to action during disasters, all-hazards response efforts, and other public health activities. Quarterly drills are executed to measure how efficiently we respond within one hour.

Everbridge Drill Response	
Q3 Jan – Mar 2019	85.8%
Q4 Apr – Jun 2019	86%
Q1 Jul – Sep 2019	97%
Q2 Oct – Dec 2019	95.1%

LEFT: Pensacola Beach Pier and waves from a tropical system in the gulf.

U-Count Event Providing Vaccinations for the Homeless

On January 24, 2019, FDOH-Escambia participated in the 2019 U-Count Service Day, hosted by Opening Doors of Northwest Florida, our homeless coalition. This event is dedicated to serving those experiencing homelessness in Escambia and Santa Rosa counties. FDOH-Escambia provided immunizations, free of charge, to clients at the event. FDOH-Escambia partnered with the University of West Florida (UWF) and Pensacola State College (PSC) Nursing Programs to successfully administer 73 Hepatitis A and 65 Influenza vaccines.

73 HEPATITIS A VACCINES

65 INFLUENZA VACCINES

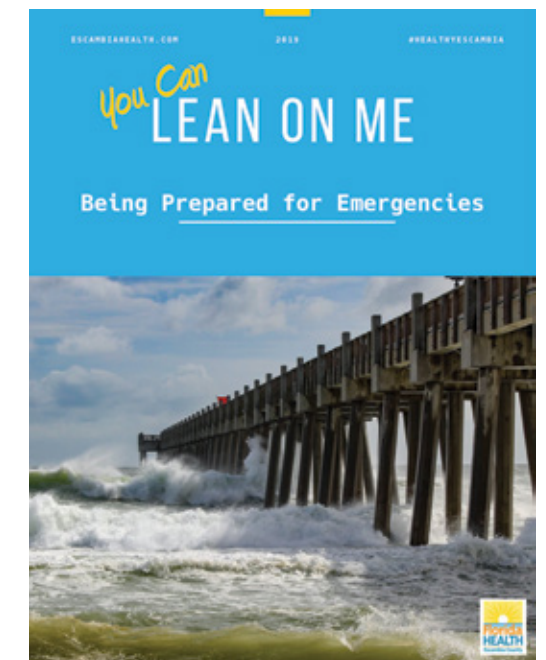


Lean on Me Project

In 2019, FDOH-Escambia initiated the Lean on Me Project in Escambia County. This project is a program coordinated to help our community prepare for emergencies such as severe storms, tornadoes, hurricanes, cold weather emergencies, and man-made disasters. The goal of the Lean on Me Project is to better prepare 130 vulnerable population households with face-to-face education and discussion.

ABOVE: Deborah Tucker and Jennifer Arant update FL Shots on-site to ensure the accuracy and timeliness of vaccination records at the 2019 U-Count event.

LEFT: Regional Emergency Response Adviser Eric Gilmore and Environmental Supervisor James Brough work with UWF Nursing Students at the 2019 U-Count event.



The cover of the Lean on Me booklet created in partnership with the communications team to provide emergency preparedness information specific to our vulnerable population households.

Communications



The communications team develops content and distributes health messages to the public and media outlets through a wide variety of methods, including print and web advertisements, news interviews and press releases, social media, e-newsletters, videos, community presentations, and other shareable resources for businesses and faith-based organizations.

Public Information Office

Public Information Officers (PIOs) interface with local and regional media outlets to provide accurate, timely, and relevant health information to the public. Information is shared through news media, social media, digital and print publications, and EscambiaHealth.com. PIOs also coordinate public health-related communications during disaster response and work closely with partner organizations as well as the Department's Central Office of Communications in Tallahassee.

58 MEDIA RELEASES ISSUED and **38** RESPONSES TO MEDIA REQUESTS

Campaigns

- 5-2-1-0
- Ciclovía
- Day of Play
- Diabetes Prevention
- Drain & Cover is Mosquito Prevention
- Flu Prevention
- Rabies Prevention
- Sun's Up, Cover Up
- Touch Supervision is Drowning Prevention
- WIC

Audio/Video Production

- Produced a Microblading video and campaign messages for use in all 67 counties.
- Produced a video promoting health department clinical and nutrition services.
- Produced a Special Needs Shelter training video for staff.

LEFT:
FDOH-Escambia participated in an interview with WSRE TV AWARE! with Dee Dee Sharp. Dr. Lanza, FDOH-Escambia's Director and Health Officer, joined UWF Microbiologist, Dr. Lisa Waidner, in the discussion on *Vibrio vulnificus*.

Performance Management

Promoting a Culture of Quality

The Performance Management program develops and implements a comprehensive approach to monitoring, assessing, and improving the quality of FDOH-Escambia's work. It encompasses all aspects of organizational development and quality improvement, including state and local-level measuring and reporting, national accreditation, and strategic planning. Through quarterly tracking of our Strategic Plan objectives, corrective actions are taken if targets are not being met.

Performance Management Council

The Performance Management Council (PMC) meets quarterly to monitor the execution of local plans and projects, review and assign action items, and recognize practices that improve performance. PMC includes supervisors and program managers to enhance knowledge sharing and idea generation across the organization.

Quality Improvement

Quality improvement in public health is the use of a deliberate and defined improvement process focused on activities that are responsive to community needs and improving population health. FDOH-Escambia uses the Plan-Do-Check-Act process and achieves measurable improvements in the efficiency and effectiveness of services or processes which improve the health of the community. Quality improvement in 2019 included both administrative and population-based projects.



RIGHT:
Performance Management Council February 2019: Saranne Morrow, Rudy Lopez, Marie Mott, Kimberly Pace, Charlotte McCorvey, Lisa Kemp, Louviminda Donado, Lisha Smith, Patty Dwiggin, Beate Bolton, Linda Kent, Sonya MacGregor, Versilla Turner, Eric Gilmore, Linda Moyer, Janet Thompson, Greg Berrian, John Lanza, Aric Porter, and Erin Jeffreys.

SPOTLIGHT

Way-finding Project

To promote equity and engagement through functional design, FDOH-Escambia completed a Way-finding Project in 2019. This project aimed to make it easier for clients to access the services they need as well as create a comfort zone in the main intake and waiting areas that reduces anxiety, promotes calmness, and inspires confidence. The project adopts established principles of way-finding and neuro-architecture (the science of designing interior spaces that improve cognitive abilities, reduce stress and stimulates the brain).

Goals of the Way-finding Project include:

- ✓ Alleviate the confusion of the current way-finding system through signage that is clear, concise, and of a consistent design.
- ✓ Address health equity to remove barriers by creating an icon system that allows navigation of the facility for those unable to read English.
- ✓ Create a “comfort zone” to reduce anxiety and promote calmness.
- ✓ Stay true to the DOH brand while incorporating different program logos and icons with existing facility décor.

The Way-finding Project aligns with the DOH strategic priority area of Health Equity, ensuring equal access to health services, the Snapshot measures of customer satisfaction, and the DOH value of excellence in customer service.

RIGHT: Jenea Wood, in front of the new mural (from a photo she took) in the front entrance, lead a cross-functional DOH team through the Way-finding Project to improve the Fairfield facility.



Accounting



ABOVE:
 "Pepping and Rallying"
 Fiscal Office, Business
 Operation Services Division
 (BOS) Lisa Kemp, Stephanie
 Mastruzzo, Lora Boyd, Kris
 Evers, and Jenipher Dean (Top
 Row) Eboni Robinson
 (Bottom Row).

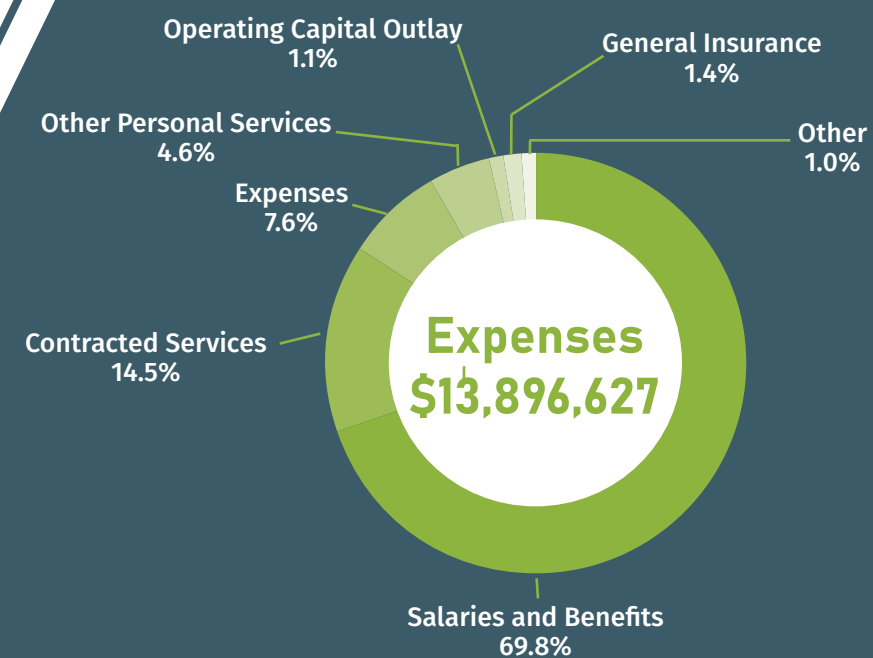
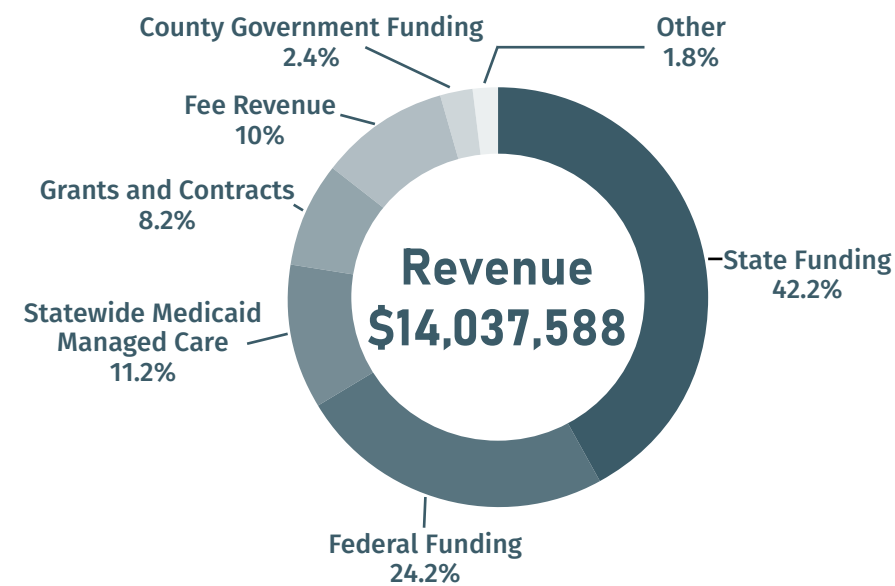
Striving Toward Operational Excellence

The Accounting Office provides budgeting and accounting services to all programs within FDOH-Escambia. The categories of responsibility include accounts payable, accounts receivable, asset management, banking, billing, budget, contracts, procurement, purchasing card management, and provider credentialing.

NOTE:
 The Dental Clinic was closed effective Dec. 22, 2018 since the contract provider discontinued providing services in Escambia County. The clinic generated approximately \$2 million annually in Medicaid revenue.

\$14,427,385

2018-2019 FISCAL YEAR BUDGET



Facilities and Information Technology



Information Technology

Our Information Technology (IT) program supports FDOH-Escambia's technological needs and infrastructure. The IT Help Desk serves as the primary contact for all issues related to computer, network, and telecommunications systems, allowing IT staff to provide the highest level of support and work quickly to resolve reported technology issues.

3,119 IT HELP DESK TICKETS COMPLETED

Facilities and Management

The Facilities and Maintenance program ensures a clean, safe, and well-maintained working environment. Staff inspect buildings and structures to detect malfunctions and perform routine maintenance at three different locations. Facilities supports the day-to-day needs of the department by performing office moves, minor repairs and any other needs through the Help Desk system.

2,047 FACILITIES HELP DESK TICKETS COMPLETED

2019 Special Projects

All Sites:

- Facilities staff replaced fluorescent lighting with LED lights throughout all buildings, to increase visibility and decrease energy consumption.

Downtown Center:

- A new Fire Alarm system was installed with an intercom system included.
- The parking lot and the public restrooms were modified to comply with current ADA requirements.

Northside:

- Installed new carpet in all areas that were carpeted.
- Overhauled the Dental area – painted walls, door jambs and repaired any issues.

LEFT:
FDOH-Escambia had solar panels installed at the Downtown Center. These panels feed power to the Downtown Center location and are predicted to save approximately \$6,335 annually.

Best People



LEFT: CHEN staff and Walker Wiggle show off their favorite healthy messages. Left to right: Kara Holton, Stephanie Sisko, Versilla Turner, Intern Katie Eigenbrode, Alyssa Hudson, Skye Owens, Frankie Walker, Amber McKinnon and our very own Kimberly Pace as Walker Wiggle.

We employ a wide range of public health professionals, including nurses, physicians, dietitians, epidemiologists, geologists, and planners as well as support professionals, such as accountants, IT professionals, customer service representatives, training and personnel staff, and communications professionals. FDOH-Escambia also provides a wide variety of internship opportunities in various fields.

28 Interns Trained in Key Areas

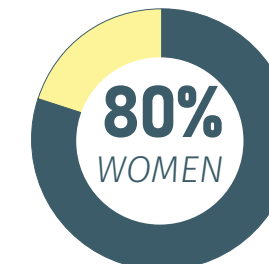
- Clinical Nursing
- Communicable Diseases
- Environmental Health
- Epidemiology
- Health Education
- Infectious Disease
- Nutrition
- Pediatric Medicine
- Pharmacy
- Phlebotomy
- Public Health Preparedness

Participating Schools

- Be Well Solutions
- Florida Agricultural and Mechanical University
- Florida State University
- Gulf Coast State College
- Pensacola State College
- Southern Methodist University
- University of New England
- University of South Alabama
- University of South Florida
- University of West Florida
- West Florida Pharmacy School

100% OF EMPLOYEES COMPLETED ANNUAL MANDATORY TRAINING

204 EMPLOYEES



Employee Wellness

One of the many ways our employees live the department mission to protect, promote, and improve health is by participating in employee wellness activities. A well-designed employee wellness program can have many benefits, such as increased productivity and morale, and decreased absenteeism. FDOH-Escambia offers quarterly wellness challenges to encourage employees to engage in healthy behaviors, like eating healthy during the holidays or meeting physical activity goals.

2019 Employee Wellness Highlights

Dance Class

- Weekly ongoing dance class, led by Escambia WIC's own Pat Watts, to help promote physical health.
- 25 employees and several community members joined in learning 20+ popular line dances like Footloose, The Wobble, Cupid Shuffle, Electric Slide and more.
- The class also provided an opportunity for employees to interact with peers in other work areas while getting active.

January: I Am Healthy 30 Day Challenge

- 30 day challenge to encourage healthy habits with small steps to bring participants closer to their goals.
- Participants were provided with daily healthy behaviors to practice.
- Examples include: drink 8 glasses of water, make a healthy recipe, and take a walk.

Spring into Wellness BINGO Challenge

- Week 1: Move more
- Week 2: Focus on finance
- Week 3: Eat well
- Week 4: Stress less and smile
- 9 employees got BINGO every week of the challenge.

Maintain Don't Gain

- A 6-week challenge to encourage healthy eating during the end of year holidays.
- Participants received weekly newsletters, holiday recipes, tips for having a healthy holiday season, and other useful strategies that can help avoid holiday weight gain.
- 15 participants lost an aggregate of 30 pounds.

Homeland Security Section Honors Dr. Lanza with 2019 Service Award

The 2019 Health Physics Society Homeland Security Section Service Award was presented to Dr. John J. Lanza, FDOH-Escambia's Director and Health Officer, at the 64th Annual Meeting of the Health Physics Society in July 2019. Dr. Lanza was one of the founders of the Health Physics Society Homeland Security Committee, which evolved into the Homeland Security Section. He has served as a board member and president of the section, one of the largest in the Society. As a long-serving member of the section and active participant in numerous homeland security-related activities, the Homeland Security Section honored Dr. Lanza with its 2019 Service Award.



ABOVE: John J. Lanza, MD, PhD, MPH, FAAP, FHPS received the Homeland Security Section's 2019 Service Award at the recent HPS meeting in Orlando.

Public Health Leadership Cohort

Marie Mott, Division Director for CHEN Programs, participated in the University of South Florida (USF) College of Public Health (COPH) Public Health Executive Leadership Program. The program, designed for rising leaders in FDOH, brought public health executives from across the state to the USF campus. Twenty-eight bureau chiefs, program administrators, lab executives, nurses and even IT professionals graduated the nine-month course that required five in-person, on-campus sessions with online work and discussion in-between. At the end of the nine months, participants delivered capstone project presentations on topics ranging from increasing morale and succession planning to improving operational efficiencies.



ABOVE: 2018-2019 Florida Department of Health Public Health Executive Leadership Cohort in Tallahassee.



TOP LEFT: FDOH-Escambia's LeeAnn Lutz (left) and Christie Gillenwater (right) passed the Certified Environmental Health Professional (CEHP) exam with flying colors on Aug. 9.

MIDDLE: Tanisha Thompson was awarded the Outstanding Community Partner Award by Baptist Health Care in June.

BOTTOM LEFT: FDOH-Escambia added two new trained Lifestyle Coaches to their National Diabetes Prevention Program team in 2019. This training is a two-day seminar that includes intensive facilitator training and development of presentation skills. (Not pictured: Frankie Walker and Denielle Satterfield) Pictured from left to right: Kimberly Pace, Tanisha Thompson, Skye Owens, Kara Holton, Marie Mott, and Angel Bradley.

TOP RIGHT: Charlene Lee renewed her Certified Community Health Worker (CCHW) Certification. The CCHW designation signifies Charlene as a front-line health worker, serving as the link between health services and the community to facilitate access to services and improve service delivery.

BOTTOM RIGHT: FDOH-Escambia Recognized as Vaccines for Children Platinum Level Provider. From left to right: Dr. John Lanza, Christy Brantley, Leigh Willoughby, Beate Bolton, Peggy Abbott, Linda Kent, and Suzanne Jeffers.

Some of the 2019 hot topics for FDOH-Escambia County were Hepatitis A and Rabies.

Hepatitis A

Hepatitis A is a contagious liver disease that results from infection with the hepatitis A virus (HAV). It can range in severity from a mild illness lasting a few weeks to a severe illness lasting several months. Hepatitis A is usually spread when a person ingests fecal matter—even in microscopic amounts—from contact with objects, food, or drinks contaminated by feces (stool) of an infected person. Vaccination is the best way to prevent hepatitis A.

2019 saw a continued national and statewide increase in the number of Hepatitis A cases in an outbreak which was first identified in 2017. On August 1, 2019, Florida's Surgeon General and Secretary of Health declared a statewide public health emergency to address the increase in Hepatitis A in Florida due to the national outbreak.

Statewide, reported cases of Hepatitis A increased from 548 in 2018 to 3,408 in 2019. In Escambia County, the number of cases rose from 0 in 2018 to 9 in 2019. Vaccination and education initiatives were expanded to prevent the spread of the HAV. FDOH-Escambia implemented a targeted vaccination effort aimed at reaching persons at greatest risk for contracting the virus. Staff collaborated with local homeless shelters and resources such as clinics, food pantries, etc. to reach populations of persons experiencing homelessness, addiction, and other high-risk lifestyle situations known to increase a person's chance for HAV infection. Our team administered 1,458 Hepatitis A vaccinations in 2019.

Hot Topics for 2019



Rabies

Rabies is a viral disease that infects the central nervous system. Without proper treatment, rabies can cause brain infection and death. Rabies is transmitted by a rabid animal by a bite, a scratch, or by contact with mucous membranes such as the eyes, nose, or mouth. A series of "rabies shots" can protect a bite victim from developing the rabies infection if given soon after the exposure occurs.

In Florida, raccoons, foxes, bats, and cats are the animals most frequently diagnosed with rabies. Other animals that are at high risk for rabies include dogs, bobcats, skunks, and otters. Because of their proximity to people, stray and unvaccinated cats and dogs pose a special risk.

In 2019, FDOH-Escambia issued 7 press releases to notify media partners and the public to protect themselves from the risk of rabies exposure by avoiding contact with wild and stray animals. Of those press releases, FDOH-Escambia issued 2 rabies alerts. These rabies alerts covered parts or all of Escambia County for 60 days each. Alerts are designed to increase awareness to the public that rabies is active in Escambia County.

Locations



Fairfield

1295 West Fairfield Drive
Pensacola, FL 32501

850-595-6500

Hours of Operation
Monday thru Friday
8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Programs and Services

- ✓ Breastfeeding Support and Education
- ✓ Community Health Northwest Florida Dental and Pediatric Clinics
- ✓ Community Health Planning and Statistics
- ✓ Epidemiology
- ✓ Family Health Clinic
- ✓ Family Planning Clinic
- ✓ Florida Breast and Cervical Cancer Early Detection Program
- ✓ Health Education
- ✓ Healthy Start
- ✓ Immunizations Clinic
- ✓ Improved Pregnancy Outcome Program (IPOP)
- ✓ Medical Records
- ✓ Public Health Preparedness
- ✓ Public Information
- ✓ Nutrition Services
- ✓ STD, TB, HIV/AIDS Screening and Treatment
- ✓ Tobacco Free Florida-Escambia
- ✓ Vital Statistics
- ✓ We Care Referral Program
- ✓ Women, Infants and Children (WIC) Special Supplemental Nutrition Program

Downtown Services Center

1300 West Gregory Street
Pensacola, FL 32502

850-595-6700

Hours of Operation
Monday thru Friday
8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Programs and Services

- ✓ Beaches
- ✓ Biomedical Waste
- ✓ Body Piercing and Tattoo Parlors
- ✓ Food Hygiene
- ✓ Mobile Home Parks
- ✓ Onsite Sewage Treatment and Disposal Systems
- ✓ Public Pools and Spas
- ✓ Public and Private Schools
- ✓ Rabies Surveillance
- ✓ School Health
- ✓ Storage Tank Compliance and Petroleum Cleanup
- ✓ Tanning Salons
- ✓ Water Quality Research



WIC Clinic: Northside Services Center

8390 North Palafox Street
Pensacola, FL 32534

850-595-6670

Hours of Operation
Monday thru Thursday
Walk-in Clinic



WIC Clinic: Naval Hospital Pensacola

6000 Highway 98
Pensacola, FL 32512

850-595-6670

Hours of Operation
Wednesday thru Friday
Appointments Only





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