

# 2023 Annual Report



“Healthy families. Strong communities.  
Building our future together.”

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## Message from the Director, Jason Tiller



What is public health?

For many, the idea of public health is wrapped up in their experiences from the pandemic. But public health is so much more, although outside of pandemic times, the work of public health often goes unseen. With the release of our first annual report, we hope to change that.

Our vision of “Healthy Families. Strong Communities. Building our future together.” is more than just a statement. It is the drive that we all have to get a little better each day and, in the end, leave things in a much better state than what we found them in. While we played an integral but almost invisible role before the pandemic, the last few years have shown the importance of public health. As we emerge from those pandemic years, it’s time to refocus and renew our commitments to the public, our partners and to build a stronger public health system that is capable of dealing with today’s challenges and new ones that will come, whether it be from a novel disease to policy changes or lead contaminants. A strong public health workforce that is trained and equipped is necessary to accomplish this. What is also necessary is an ongoing dialogue between the public and the health department, maintaining a visible presence in the community and building trust.

So what is public health?

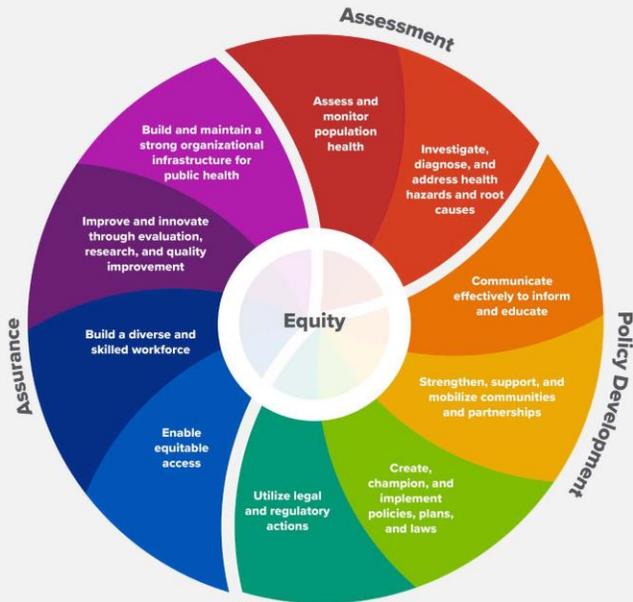
It would take much more space than this to answer that question in detail but in a nutshell, it is all the things we do to accomplish The 10 Essential Public Health Services, see next page, which is the national framework for public health to protect and promote the health of all people in all communities.

Although this report is a review of the past year, we also hope you will find it informative about all of the things that our dedicated staff do to improve lives and the community every day.

# THE 10 ESSENTIAL PUBLIC HEALTH SERVICES

*To protect and promote the health of all people in all communities*

The 10 Essential Public Health Services provide a framework for public health to protect and promote the health of all people in all communities. To achieve equity, the Essential Public Health Services actively promote policies, systems, and overall community conditions that enable optimal health for all and seek to remove systemic and structural barriers that have resulted in health inequities. Such barriers include poverty, racism, gender discrimination, ableism, and other forms of oppression. Everyone should have a fair and just opportunity to achieve optimal health and well-being.



- ESSENTIAL PUBLIC HEALTH SERVICE #1**  
Assess and monitor population health status, factors that influence health, and community needs and assets
- ESSENTIAL PUBLIC HEALTH SERVICE #2**  
Investigate, diagnose, and address health problems and hazards affecting the population
- ESSENTIAL PUBLIC HEALTH SERVICE #3**  
Communicate effectively to inform and educate people about health, factors that influence it, and how to improve it
- ESSENTIAL PUBLIC HEALTH SERVICE #4**  
Strengthen, support, and mobilize communities and partnerships to improve health
- ESSENTIAL PUBLIC HEALTH SERVICE #5**  
Create, champion, and implement policies, plans, and laws that impact health
- ESSENTIAL PUBLIC HEALTH SERVICE #6**  
Utilize legal and regulatory actions designed to improve and protect the public's health
- ESSENTIAL PUBLIC HEALTH SERVICE #7**  
Assure an effective system that enables equitable access to the individual services and care needed to be healthy
- ESSENTIAL PUBLIC HEALTH SERVICE #8**  
Build and support a diverse and skilled public health workforce
- ESSENTIAL PUBLIC HEALTH SERVICE #9**  
Improve and innovate public health functions through ongoing evaluation, research, and continuous quality improvement
- ESSENTIAL PUBLIC HEALTH SERVICE #10**  
Build and maintain a strong organizational infrastructure for public health

Created 2020

More information can be found at the CDC page:

<https://www.cdc.gov/publichealthgateway/publichealthservices/essentialhealthservices.html>

## Vision

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“Healthy families. Strong communities.  
Building our future together.”

## Mission

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To build a healthy and equitable future for families and communities through:

- Providing education and care to prevent disease and promote whole person wellness across the lifespan
- Support policy development, education, and enforcement
- Growing and sustaining partnerships to connect people with essential resources and services

# Values

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## Saline County Health Department Values

The infographic consists of five vertical columns, each representing a core value. At the top of each column is a square icon within a rounded rectangle. Below each icon is a colored rectangular box containing the value name and a brief description.

- Teamwork:** Working together to support and achieve our common goals. (Icon: Five hands reaching towards a central point)
- Service:** The act of doing good for others and the community. (Icon: One hand reaching out to another)
- Integrity:** Doing the right thing, even when no one is looking. (Icon: A shield)
- Equity:** Fair and just opportunities for all. (Icon: A balance scale)
- Trust:** Instilling confidence in the accuracy of all we do. (Icon: A green seal with a checkmark)

## Department Summary

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“The Saline County Health Department is dedicated to the health and well-being of the citizens of Saline County. We recognize that improving the health and wellness of the community takes a community effort.”

# About Saline County<sup>1,2</sup>

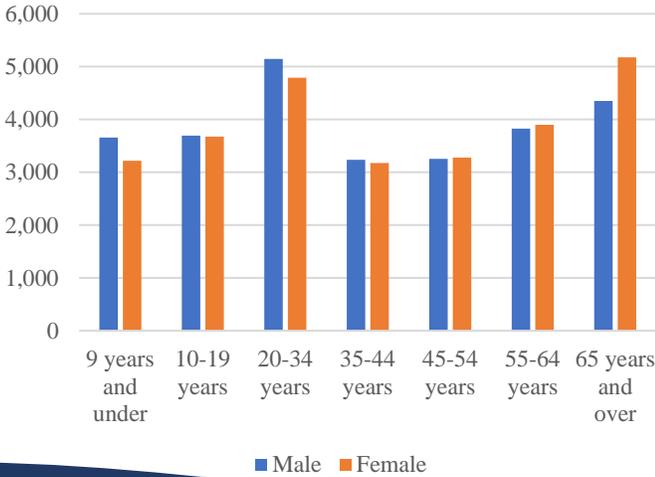
Population – 54,303  
 Median Household Income in Saline County - \$55,175  
 Median Household Income in Kansas - \$68,925

## Race/Ethnicity in Saline County



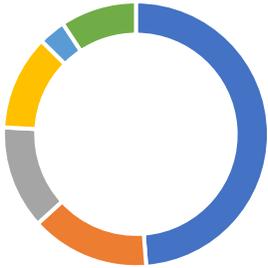
- White, Non-Hispanic - 79.9%
- White, Hispanic - 7.37%
- Two or more ethnicities, Hispanic - 3.52%
- Black or African American, Non-Hispanic - 2.66%
- Asian, Non-Hispanic - 2.02%

## Saline County by Age



## Health Insurance Coverage

- Employee Plans - 48.8%
- Non-Group Plans - 14.5%
- Medicare - 12.6%
- Medicaid - 11.6%
- Military or VA plans - 3.29%
- Uninsured - 9.3%



## Top 3 Demographics

### Living in Poverty

1. Females ages 25-34
2. Females ages 18-24
3. Females ages 6-11

11.5% of people in Saline County are living in poverty, meaning that around 6,100 people fall under poverty status.

<sup>1</sup> United States Census Bureau  
<sup>2</sup> Saline County, KS Data

# MEET THE TEAM



Jason Tiller  
MS, C.H.E.S.  
Director & Health  
Officer



Tammie Schneider  
RN, BSN  
Nursing Clinic  
Coordinator



Leigh Ann Montoy  
Child Care Licensing  
Coordinator



Virginia Soukup  
RD, LD  
WIC Coordinator



Christi Ponton  
RN, BSN  
Home Health  
Coordinator



Sherri Dockter  
RN, BSN, CLC, PMH-C  
Maternal & Child  
Health Coordinator



Melissa McCoy  
Public Information  
Officer



Candice Sauers  
Account Specialist



Kara Marlow  
Ryan White Medical  
Case Manager



Anabel Feauto  
MS  
Health Educator

# Community Outreach

The Health Department hosted their annual Community Flu clinic at the 4H Building in October. During the clinic, approximately 390 flu shots were given during the 7-hour event both inside and in the drive-thru.



Staff provided a cooling tent during the 100+ degree temperatures at National Night Out in Jerry Ivey Park.

The Health Department participated in Salina’s Downtown Trunk or Treat this year with a Mickey Mouse theme. They shared messaging about the importance of getting the flu vaccine, getting outside, exercising, and eating healthy.



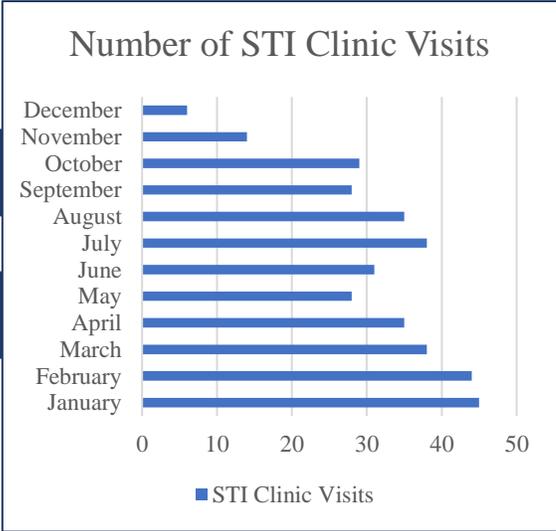
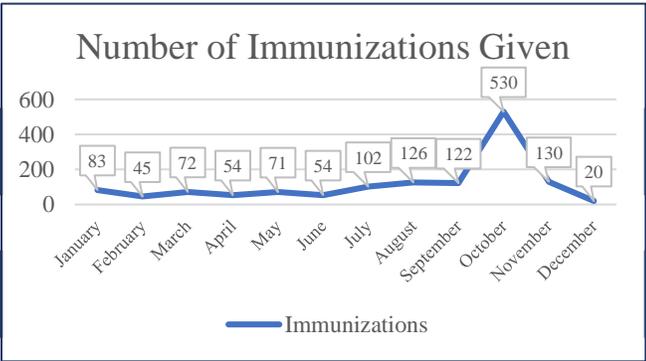
Our Women, Infants, and Children (WIC) department hosted a successful first-ever Breastfeeding Bash during Breastfeeding Week in August.

Staff members from different divisions came together to promote public health at the annual Healthy Kids Day at Salina Family YMCA.



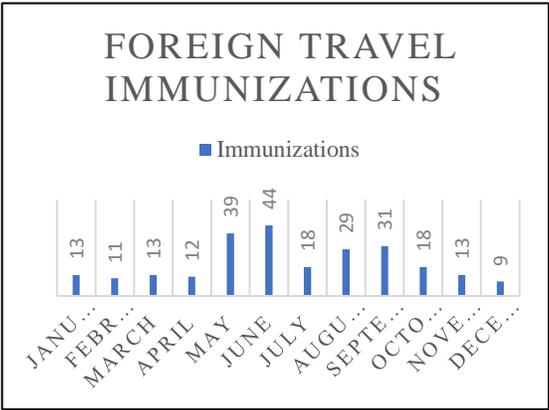
# Clinic Services

Staff: Tammie Schneider, BSN, RN – Clinic Coordinator, Noel Schreiber – Clinic Receptionist, Tammy Brown – Clinic Receptionist, Maria Shoultys, RN – Communicable Disease Nurse, Tia Edwards- Clinic Biller, Daytha Lindburg – Physician Assistant, Kim Berry – Lab Tech, Khrysty Burkhardt-Diester, LPN – Communicable Disease/Public Health Emergency Preparedness



The Health Department Clinical Services offers several options including family planning, testing for sexually transmitted infections (STI), general and foreign travel immunizations, TB Services, disease investigation and more. In May, staff held the first Out of School Bash aimed at getting families ahead on school vaccinations. In October all staff participated in a variety of events and trainings which included the county in-service, annual flu clinic, and mental health first aid training. The annual flu clinic provided over 390 flu shots. In November, flu shots were offered at the Senior Center by a couple of the clinic staff. Clinic staff have been in the process of planning the implementation of Patagonia Electronic Health Records (EHR) for most of the year and transitioning away from paper medical records. In mid-December,

Month	Visits
January	39
February	53
March	55
April	47
May	57
June	32
July	40
August	46
September	49
October	41
November	38
December	10



Clinic went live with the new EHR system. SCHD remained busy throughout the year, as one of the few locations statewide to administer vaccinations for overseas travel.

# Disease Investigations & Surveillance

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Disease Investigations are a subset of the clinical services and although small in the number of staff, their impact is immeasurable. Although most may feel they know the health department because of the pandemic, disease investigations for communicable disease take place on a daily basis with the goal to quickly identify disease and curb outbreaks. While many investigations only require a short-term investigation, others such as tuberculosis (TB) or Hepatitis may require more long-term monitoring by our staff. For example, a person who is diagnosed with TB will need to be followed by the disease investigation staff for many months depending on the treatment regimen. This list of reportable disease is too long to publish for the purpose of this report but can be found on KDHE’s website at: <https://www.kdhe.ks.gov/1492/Disease-Reporting-for-Health-Professiona>.

Disease investigations also take place for other diseases that can have impacts on humans such as the possibility of rabies from animal bites, tularemia from small rodents like rabbits and hares or mosquito-borne diseases such as West Nile Virus.

SCHD also participated with KDHE and the University of Kansas Biological Survey to conduct mosquito surveillance throughout the summer and early fall, July to October. This project consisted of weekly sampling of mosquito populations using mosquito traps to look not only at the number and types of mosquitos but also to look for any evidence of disease, i.e. West Nile Virus, that can be harmful to humans. We hope to continue this type of disease surveillance in 2024 to serve as an early warning and protection for Saline County residents and the North Central region.



Clinic Staff are shown here embracing the holidays and advocating for vaccinations during the 2023 Pumpkin Decorating Contest.

# Child Care Licensing

**Monthly  
Inspections**

January	65
February	47
March	26
April	25
May	38
June	26
July	26
August	49
September	37
October	43
November	39
December	22

Staff: Leigh Ann Montoy - Child Care Licensing Coordinator and  
Jessica Pickering - Child Care Licensing Specialist

Our Child Care Licensing (CCL) team currently serves Saline, McPherson and Ottawa Counties. In May, the team hosted a Provider Appreciation Day Disco Party.

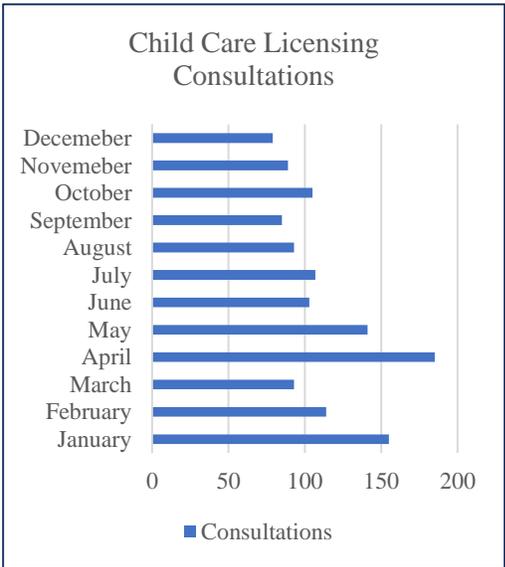
In June, the CCL department began working with the City of Salina building services to find solutions to barriers in meeting building/planning codes when opening childcare



businesses. Leigh Ann Montoy spoke at a City of Salina Planning & Zoning board meeting regarding conditional use permits and city requirements for childcare homes. The intent behind this is to make the process easier to follow and less restrictive for home childcare

providers. Leigh Ann was interviewed for childcare articles for the Salina Journal, the Spotlight, and 311. Leigh Ann is working with the Saline County Childcare Taskforce and Jessica Pickering is working with the McPherson County ChildCare Task Force. Both Licensing Specialists attended the Public Health Aspire series hosted by Wichita State University regarding access to childcare. Both Licensing Specialists attended the NAEYC (National Association for the Education of Young Children) conference, KDHE Site Approval training, KDHE Public Health meeting, participated in a Child Care Resource Fair and numerous regulatory trainings. In October, the CCL team hosted a 6-hour child care training with over 40 participants.

The CCL team also worked with Administration to design and put into place two childcare recruitment billboards on Crawford and Santa Fe streets this year.



# Health Education

Staff: Anabel Feauto, MS – Health Educator



Public health education aims to promote and improve the health of our community by increasing awareness,

knowledge, and understanding of health-related issues. This education is to help empower Saline County residents to make informed decisions to contribute to their overall well-being. In July, Anabel was featured on the King in the Community podcast to emphasize the importance of back-to-school immunizations. You can listen to the podcast [📻 King in the Community: Anabel Feauto, Saline County Health Educator \(salinapost.com\)](#).

Moving into August, she attended a community panel meeting at USD 305 focusing on Substance Use among youth. Alongside attending various community meetings and coalitions, Anabel actively participated in events representing the Health Department, such as National Night Out, Salina Family YMCA Healthy Kids Day, and North Central Pride Fest. Before

the Annual Flu Clinic in October, Anabel promoted the clinic and provided education on flu shots within the community. She also provided several presentations on various public health issues at Ashby House.

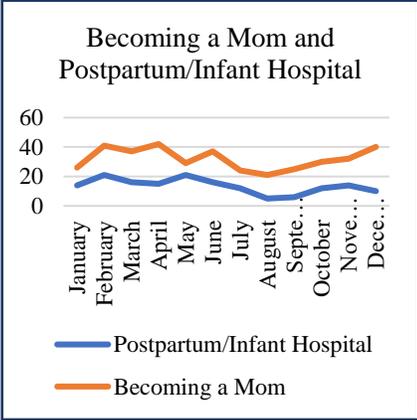
In October and November, Anabel trained Saline County staff in Mental Health First Aid and was interviewed on KWCH 12 News in December to discuss Seasonal Affective Disorder. One of the significant initiatives Anabel took on was the formation of an Opioid Task Force. The task force, consisting of community partners, has been actively discussing prevention strategies and current opioid information, identifying gaps and current efforts in the community.

- Opioid Taskforce Community Partners (and growing)
- CKF Addiction Treatment
  - Central Kansas Mental Health Center
  - Ashby House
  - The Lantern
  - Heartland RADAC
  - Salina Family Healthcare Center
  - Salina Regional Health Center
  - Salina Tech
  - Salina 911 Dispatch
  - Local Law Enforcement

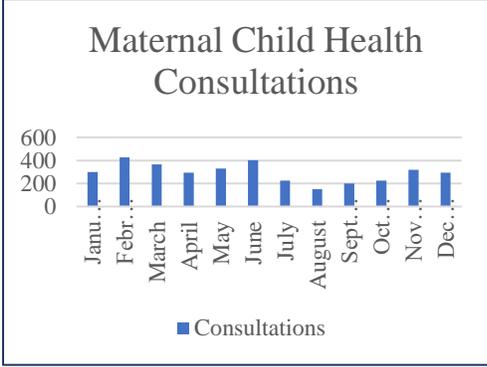
# Maternal & Child Health

Staff: Sherri Dockter, BSN, RN, CLC, PMH-C – MCH Coordinator, Tricia Fry, LBSW – MCH Social Worker, Magie Cumberland, CMI – Interpreter/Spanish Instructor, and Erica Waters, RN – MCH Child Health Nurse

The Maternal Child Health (MCH) staff provides a comprehensive prenatal education program called Becoming a Mom®. This consists of six educational classes offered at no cost to the



participant in Saline, McPherson, and remotely to Republic County. Afternoon and evening classes are available Monday-Thursday during the 3<sup>rd</sup> week of every month except during the summer class schedule. Classes are offered in-person in Saline and McPherson Counties or virtually in other locations.



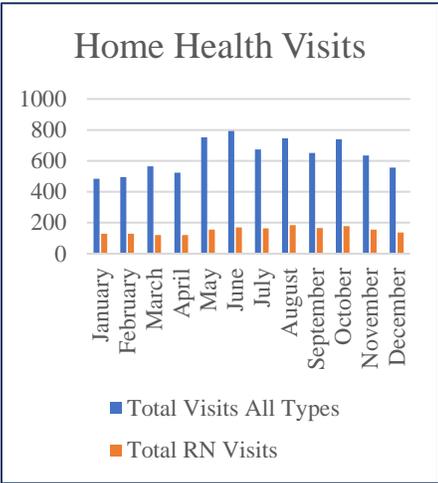
MCH Home Visitation services are provided by registered nurses where basic prenatal and postpartum education is provided in addition to screening for individual needs and risk factors. Visits are available in-person, via phone or zoom for prenatal and postpartum women and families with infants up to one year of age. Lactation consultation is additionally provided by a certified consultant and maternal child nursing staff. All MCH programs are provided at no cost to the participants. MCH staff participated in the Incredible Babies parenting program training in July as the first step to offering classes for parents and their babies up to one year of age beginning in March of 2024. MCH staff also attended the ILCA (International Lactation Consultant Association) in Las Vegas this August to increase breastfeeding knowledge and skills they provide to their program



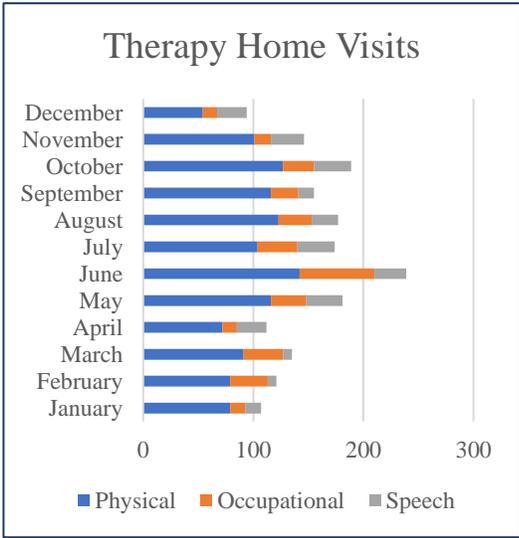
populations. The application for the Universal Home Visiting Grant was approved in the fall of 2022 and provided the MCH department opportunity to expand home visiting services into McPherson County. Additionally, this grant provided funding to purchase infant safety items as well as maternal mental health wellness incentives.

# Home Health

Staff: Christi Ponton, BSN, RN – Home Health Coordinator, Jane Lange, RN – Clinical Manager, Mandy Cranmer, RN – Clinical Manager, Meagan Padron, MSN, RN – RN Case Manager, Shelbi Rigsby – HHA, Shelly Derting, HHA – Aide, Ashly Arnold, HHA – Aide, Terri Boyer- Homemaker, Donna Tremblay – Billing Manager, Sylvia Bradford – Coder & Office Specialist

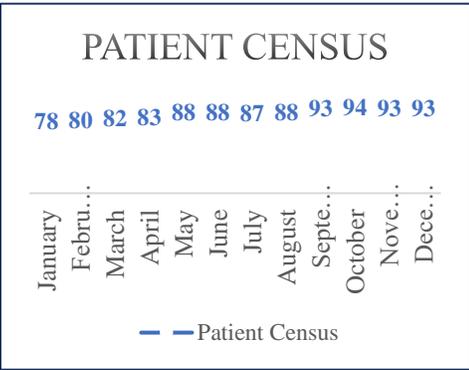


Longest running Home Health Agency in Saline County since 1966. Home Health assists in keeping families together while promoting independence and contributing to an improved quality of life. Home Health provides care services to people of all ages with the



ultimate goal is to keep people in their homes as long as possible. Home Health offers a variety of services including skilled nursing care, physical/occupational/speech therapy, home health aide/homemaker, and medical social work.

Last December, Terri Boyer joined the team and by the end of January already had a full



schedule helping 7 Saline County residents per day to remain living in their home safely. Home Health filled their RN Case Manager vacancy with Meagan Padron. The Saline County Commission proclaimed November as Home Care & Hospice month. This is a time to celebrate our compassionate nurses, aides, therapists, social workers and support

staff as well as the families who are an important part of making this happen.

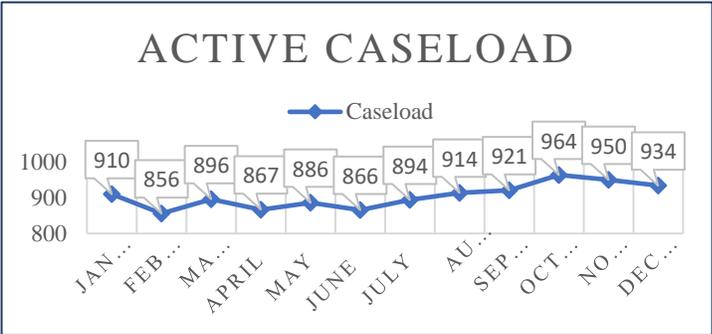
To the right, is a photo of Christi Ponton, Home Health Coordinator, with the Saline County Commission during the proclamation reading.



# Women, Infant & Children

Staff: Virginia Soukup, RD, LD – WIC Coordinator, Mona Hargrave, CLC – Breastfeeding Lead, Alyssa Lesser, RDN, LD – Registered Dietitian Nutritionist, Sarah Schale, RN – WIC Nurse, Magie Cumberland, CMI – Interpreter/Program Assistant, Kim Berry – Lab Tech, Teresa Weiser – WIC Clerk, Kori Powell – Breastfeeding Peer Counselor

The Saline County WIC program is, on average, supporting 897 clients in Saline County, with around 63 new client applications each month. The Kansas WIC program has opted into waivers that allow additional flexibility to support operations. These additional waivers support USDA’s initiative to modernize the WIC program. The Health Department is working on making program changes to fully participate in these options.



WIC started out 2023 under-staffed but by May they were running at full staff. Teresa Weiser, WIC Clerk, began work in January, Sarah Schale, RN, began work in March, and Kori Powell, Breastfeeding Peer Counselor, started work in early April.

During World Breastfeeding Week, WIC hosted the first-ever Breastfeeding Bash resulting in over 50 participants including three sets of twins. Along with this, staff participated in Healthy



Kids Day at the YMCA. Mona Hargrave, CLC, Breastfeeding Lead, did a presentation at Ashby House and led “power hour” for mother baby staff at Salina Regional Health Center. Kori Powell and

Mona Hargrave have been hosting the Breastfeeding Moms Community Café, a group where first-time moms just starting their journey to seasoned pros can share stories, or an expecting mom curious about breastfeeding can ask questions. In October, the WIC staff went to the Kansas Breastfeeding Coalition Conference.



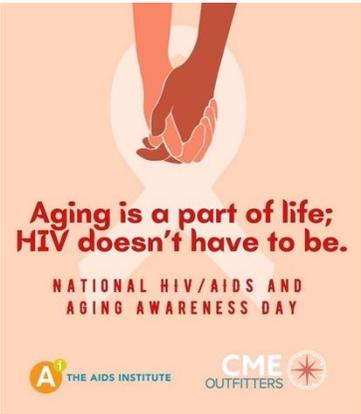
# Ryan White

Staff: Diane Pancake – RN Medical Case Manager, Kara Marlow – HIV Medical Case Manager

The purpose of the Saline County Ryan White Part B HIV Medical Case Management Program is to provide compassionate Case Management services to HIV positive individuals in North Central and Northwest Kansas. There are typically 130-145 active clients who partner with Case Management to develop a comprehensive care plan that addresses their specific concerns and assures their access to necessary medical care and supportive services. The Saline County Health Department hosts an HIV Outreach Clinic every other month that is made possible by providers from the KU School of Medicine. Working with a Case Manager ensures clients have access to Primary Health Care, Dental Care, Specialty Care, Vision Care, and Behavioral Health Care services. The Case Managers work together to provide affirming care for those who need it.

KU Outreach Clinic	
Clinic Date	Number of Clients Seen
01/12/2023	17
03/10/2023	20
05/12/2023	11
07/14/2023	22
09/08/2023	17
11/17/2023	25

Both staff members attended a variety of trainings and conferences throughout the year;



including the KDHE Prevention and Care Summit that 3 of their clients attended and sat on the “Aging with HIV” panel. Other trainings include the Fair Housing seminar, a class on homeless clients and compassionate solutions, training for engaging communities with an HIV status neutral approach, CPR training, and a 5-part series about strengthening statewide HIV prevention and care in Kansas.

In June, The HIV Case Management team was able to start distributing Frozen Meals from Saline County Senior Services/Meals on Wheels to clients. Kara was invited by KDHE to attend and represent Kansas in a Nationwide meeting: “Peer Learning Opportunity: Statewide HIV Prevention and Care Planning Bodies.” In July, the Health Department participated in the “National Night Out” event where the team provided information about Ryan White Case Management and safe sex products to distribute.

# Public Health Emergency Preparedness

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Public Health Emergency Preparedness works with other local response agencies in the county and in the region to identify gaps and build capabilities to respond to disasters and ensure strong medical preparedness and response. Much of this is accomplished through working with the Saline County Emergency Management and with the North Central Regional Health Care Coalition. (Seen below at the National Healthcare Coalition Preparedness Conference)



Whether it is attending advanced training on managing disasters or participating in innovative tabletop tornado exercise, Khrysty and Jason are always building relationships and capacity to help Saline County, respond to and recover from disasters or pandemics. The PHEP program also provided community outreach during National Preparedness Month around winter weather preparedness, specifically about home medical equipment that is dependent on electricity and making plans in case that electricity is lost.

The Health Department was happy to close out the Pandemic response to COVID-19 in early 2023 and, like the exercises before, uses those lessons learned to update plans and preparations for the next pandemic.

Exercises are not the only place the health department staff practice their PHEP skills. The operational set up for the Community Flu Clinic each year uses principles from the PHEP capabilities around mass dispensing of vaccines and/or medications during a disease outbreak or biological attack.

# Elevated Blood Lead Monitoring

Recognizing lead exposure early is an important way to prevent long-term effects on the development of kids. Lead screening usually involves a simple blood test at the pediatrician’s office. There isn’t a safe level of lead in the blood so when a child is identified as having lead in their blood, an investigation takes place with the family to attempt to determine what the source of the lead is and how to mitigate that ongoing exposure. One aspect is also ensuring the public is aware of possible contaminations such as occurred earlier this year with certain kinds of applesauce that were contaminated with lead.

**Kansas**  
Department of Health and Environment

**Information for Providers:  
FDA Recall and Investigation  
of Cinnamon Applesauce  
and Puree Pouches**

**Product**

- Recalled **WanaBana** apple cinnamon fruit puree pouches
- Recalled **Schnucks**-brand cinnamon-flavored applesauce pouches and variety pack
- Recalled **Weis**-brand cinnamon applesauce pouches

**Symptoms of Lead Toxicity**

Lead is extremely toxic to humans and can affect people of any age or status; however, children aged 6 and under are most at risk. Most children do not show obvious symptoms of lead poisoning. However, short-term exposure may result in symptoms such as headache, abdominal pain, and/or vomiting. Long-term exposure to lead, even at low levels, can cause irreversible damage to hearing, growth, and development including behavior problems, learning difficulties, and poor performance in school.

**The only way to know if a child has been exposed is to get a blood lead test.**

**Recommendations**

- Clinicians are asked to talk with parents/guardians, particularly of young children, about consumption of the recalled cinnamon applesauce and puree pouches.
- Educate parents/guardians about the recall due to high lead levels and recommend that they stop serving the products. Parents/guardians are advised to dispose of any remaining products.
- Order a venous blood lead test as soon as possible if a child has consumed these products.
- For more information [visit the FDA's website](#).

Elevated Blood Lead investigator, Khrysty Burkhardt-Diester, performed over 700 visits, including ongoing follow ups for children and adults who had an elevated blood lead level test. The initial investigations are made up of an extensive effort to identify the lead source which could be from old paint, lead pipes, or lead used in hobbies around the home or for industrial purposes. Once the source is identified, (if it has been identified), an individual mitigation and follow up plan is made with the family to remove the source and complete follow up testing to ensure the blood lead levels are going down.

# Academic Health Department

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Academic Health Departments are defined by the Public Health Foundation as health departments that have a formal affiliation with academic institutions that train future health professionals. This is the equivalent of a teaching hospital relationship. For many years we have worked with several institutions to provide opportunities for internships, clinical rotations and more. These relationships are important to training the next generation of nurses and public health professionals. SCHD has a large history of support and partnerships with Kansas schools and universities:

**Kansas Wesleyan University** – Nursing Program

**Kansas State University** – Bachelor of Public Health Program and Master of Public Health Program

**University of Kansas** – Master of Public Health Program – Rural Public Health Fellowship and KU Salina Nursing Program

We have also facilitated other students who are pursuing advanced degrees in nursing to serve as a practicum site from other schools outside of Kansas.



In 2022, in conjunction the University of Kansas School of Populations Health, a pilot project took place called the Rural Public Health Fellowship program which aimed to match up graduate level MPH students for internships and capstone projects in rural areas of Kansas. Courtney was our first student in the pilot project where she completed her internship in Fall 2022 and then her Capstone project of creating a Health Equity Workforce Development plan in the spring of 2023. Her plan will be put into action in 2024.

This relationship also includes participation in their curriculum building or as a member of their respective advisory boards. As such, staff sit on the Advisory boards of both KU and K-State's MPH programs and the nursing advisory board for KWU.

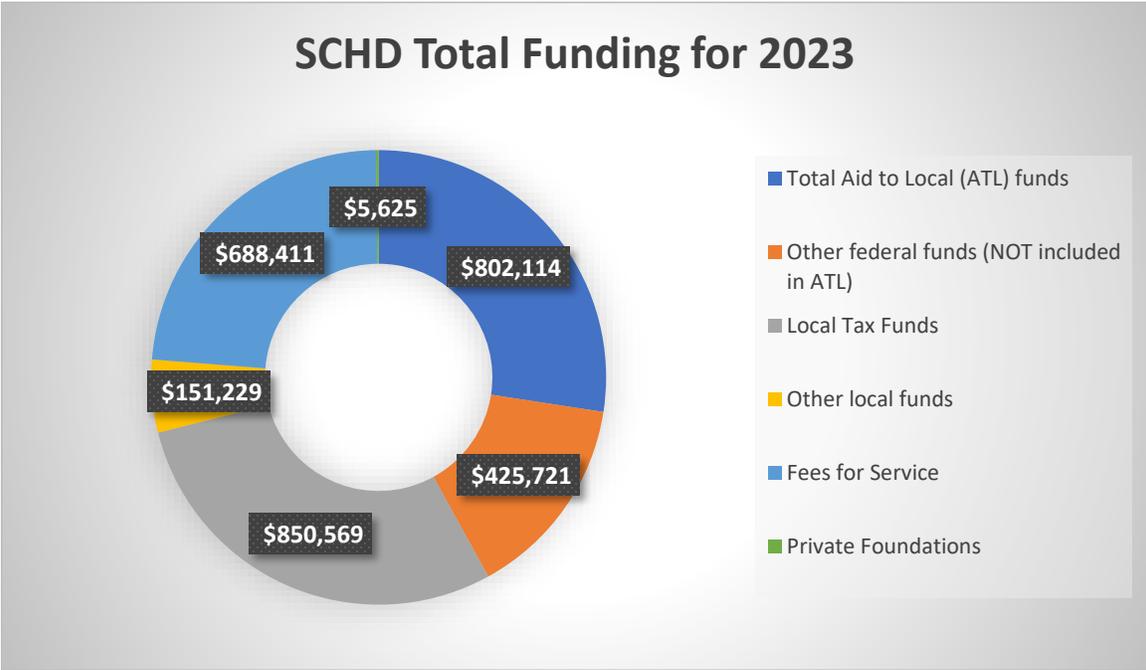
# Administration & Finance

Jason Tiller, MS, CHES – Director, Candice Sauers – Account Specialist,  
Damiann Soper – Administrative Assistant, James Talley – Custodian

Saline County Health Department, although a county department that does receive tax dollars, also relies on a combination of grants, insurance, and fee-for-service to maintain its financial picture. This all occurs across several different fiscal years.

- Saline County – Calendar Fiscal Year, January to December
- Aid to Local Grants from KDHE – State Fiscal Year, July to June
- USDA to KDHE for WIC – Federal Fiscal Year, October to September
- Other Fiscal Cycles dependent upon specific funding contract or grants

The breakdown of the Health Department Revenue for 2023 is below:



## “Ever Forward”



To the left is my personal brand if you will. It reflects my personal commitment to quality improvement, future thinking and generally, a desire to leave things a little better than we found them every day.

The representation of the phoenix was especially meaningful as a symbol of renewal after the pandemic. “Ever Forward” is a reminder to keep making progress, no matter how good or bad things are going around you. With this first annual report, I hope you gain a sense of the commitment to this community that the health department staff embody every day and a commitment to our Vision of “Healthy Families. Strong Communities. Building our future together.” I also hope that you will join us in that commitment in 2024 and beyond and remember each day, “Ever Forward”.

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