



Community Annual Report

Fiscal Year 2020-2021

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COVID-19 PANDEMIC PUBLIC HEALTH RESPONSE

- Prevented disease through administering 26,086 vaccinations at 257 community vaccination events and clinic days in health centers for vulnerable populations.
- Promoted wellness by educating the public about steps they can take to protect themselves and their families. Logged 4,150 calls through the nurse call line. Mapped COVID-19 data to inform the public of hotspot areas and provide information through the website and social media.
- Protected communities from exposure to slow spread of the pandemic. Implemented outbreak response emergency plans in collaboration with response partners. Educated and provided enforcement of the Governor's Executive Orders. Distributed personal protective equipment from the Strategic National Stockpile to health care providers and first responders. Provided COVID-19 testing for vulnerable populations. Processed and tracked 41,759 COVID-19 cases, which included conducting disease investigations, managing contact tracing and processing of data for disease reporting.

PREVENT DISEASE

- Continued clinic services in the county health centers and community in addition to providing COVID-19 vaccinations.
 - 1,014 received Family Planning services
 - 584 received STD or Cancer Screening services
 - 98 received other clinical services.
- Continued to provide inspection services among public facilities to maintain public health and safety.

PROMOTE WELLNESS

- The home visiting program provided virtual smoking cessation classes to small groups. Collaborated with nine participating pharmacies to provide 269 redemptions of free NRT.
- Provided the Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants and Children (WIC) remotely and by phone. 10,544 received WIC or medical nutrition therapy services.
- Provided support to breastfeeding mothers and promoted the benefits of breastfeeding.
- Implemented Active Transportation initiatives in two cities. Ft. Thomas passed a Vision Zero Resolution on March 15, 2021 to focus more on safer streets.
- Six LiveWell community coalitions implemented physical activity and nutrition initiatives.
- Case Managers worked with HIV clients and specialty healthcare providers to ensure antiretroviral treatment is prescribed and to monitor adherence.
- Promoted oral health. The Adult Dental Assistance Program provided financial assistance with dental services for 270 adults through funding made available by the fiscal courts of Boone, Campbell, and Kenton counties.

PROTECT FROM HEALTH THREATS

- As part of the continued response to the region's epidemic of heroin and opioid use and to address the rise in overdoses during the pandemic, NKY Health continued its community naloxone education and distribution program along with its fifth year of operating the Grant County Health Center Syringe Access Exchange Program (SAEP) and its third year of operating the Campbell County and Kenton County mobile syringe access exchange programs to provide supplies, education, testing, naloxone and referrals for other services including treatment.
 - 4,710 unduplicated participants were served.
- Staff testing for HIV and Hepatitis C was very limited due to COVID-19, providing 257 HIV tests to the community through appointments and SAEP. Linkage to care continued when positive cases were reported. 55% of all clients that tested positive for Hepatitis C through FOCUS grant testing were linked to care and education.
- 2,464 naloxone kits distributed to reverse opioid overdoses and help save lives. 483 lives were reported to be saved.
- 32 trainings on overdose reversal were provided to 693 people, including individuals representing 19 law enforcement agencies.
- 341 radon testing kits were provided to residents living in our four counties and 21 (19%) of the 111 test results received exceeded safe radon levels. Breathing radon increases your risk of lung cancer, and testing is the only way to determine your home's radon levels.

Percent of Total Actual Budget 2020-2021

Total Expenses: \$17.4 million

