Accomplishments

The WIC Breastfeeding Team was awarded a Prudential-Davis Productivity Award by Florida TaxWatch for the creation of a database that encourages more new Moms to breastfeed.

During its Back-to-School Day, the Dental staff provided no-cost screenings and treatment services to 267 children who would otherwise not have received dental care.

School-based clinics provided free sports and school physicals to children at several locations in the county.

To encourage children to be more physically active, Safer Routes to School campaigns began at several schools. Children walk to school in groups led by chaperones who carry safety equipment.

To better serve the community, a new health center opened and another temporarily closed for renovations. The Mid-County Health Center made its debut in 2012 and the busy Clearwater Health Center closed for several months for renovations and should reopen in late 2012.

Foreign-travel and rabies vaccination staff are now in one central location within the Mid-County Health Center.

The infant mortality rate in Pinellas decreased from 8.6 per 1,000 live births in 2010 to 6.6 in 2011—a 23 percent drop.

The rate of immunizations completed for two-year-olds in Pinellas—82.4 percent—is above the state average of 81.1.

Pinellas has one of the highest rates of adults who have successfully quit smoking in the state with 36.9 percent.

The Pinellas County Health Department met the CDC’s national Public Health Ready requirements for its high level of readiness in case of disasters or public health emergencies.

Students in Pinellas will have more access to care. With funding by the Juvenile Welfare Board, a third school-based clinic will open at Boca Ciega High School to join others at Gibbs and Northeast.

“We are committed to providing quality public health services that protect the citizens of Pinellas County. We strive to always demonstrate accountability and to treat you with courtesy.”

Claude M. Dharamraj, MD, MPH, FAAP
Director, Pinellas County Health Department

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2011-2012 Sources of Funding, by Percentage

Creating A Healthier Pinellas

COMMUNICABLE DISEASE
- Almost 20,000 clients received immunizations.
- Vital Statistics provided more than 118,000 birth and death records to more than 42,000 clients.
- About 1,500 clients received HIV/AIDS services and 4,500 received Hepatitis services.
- 1,300 clients received tuberculosis services.
- More than 11,000 clients received sexually-transmitted disease services.

PRIMARY CARE (PERSONAL HEALTH)
- 12,600 clients received comprehensive adult health services and 2,400 children received services.
- More than 12,000 children received dental care.
- WIC reported more than 31,000 clients and more than 251,000 services to expectant mothers, babies and children.
- School Health provided more than 786,000 services to students.

ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH
- Almost 21,000 services were provided to protect the community via inspections.
- 3,600 groundwater contamination services were provided.

HEALTH DEPARTMENT PROGRAMS OF NOTE
The Breast and Cervical Cancer Early Detection Program provided 2,226 breast screenings and diagnostic services and 530 Pap tests and cervical diagnostic services to women ages 50-64 who are uninsured and low-income. These screenings detected 26 breast cancers and 3 cervical cancers.

Actual 2010-2011 State Fiscal Year Expenses

Communicable Disease: $10,338,553
Primary Care: $36,477,452
Environmental Health: $4,776,908
Total: $51,592,913

2012 County Health Rankings

The Robert Wood Johnson Foundation and the University of Wisconsin release annual lists of health outcomes in states and counties. They look at mortality (length of life), morbidity (quality of life) and the health factors that affect them. Among Florida’s 67 counties, Pinellas ranked 31st in health outcomes and 15th in health factors, which include tobacco use; diet and exercise; access to care and socio-economic concerns. Counties ranking at the top are the healthiest.

The Pinellas County Health Department has the only Carrera Model program in Florida—one of only 15 in the nation. The evidence-based program follows groups of economically disadvantaged children from middle school to college age as it provides them a solid foundation for success. The children are taught to save, manage money, focus on education and benefit from cultural experiences. The initiative is a partnership with the Juvenile Welfare Board and was developed by Dr. Michael Carrera from New York’s Children’s Aid Society.