Quarterly Report
March, 2017

Lafayette County
Health Department

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Fourth grade students, in all 9 Lafayette County Mo. Schools, recently participated in a disaster preparedness program called The Pillowcase Project from the American Red Cross sponsored by Disney. The Red Cross provides support for disaster victims, supplies 40 percent of the nation’s blood, and teaches skills to save lives. The program originally created in New Orleans was inspired by University students who carried their belongings in pillowcases during hurricane Katrina evacuations. Each student is given a pillowcase and one fabric marker to decorate with, supplied by Red Cross. Some communities also donated money for extra fabric markers for the students to take home. They are encouraged to put emergency supplies inside their pillowcases and put them near their beds to take with them on their way to their safe spot in the event of an emergency. Students are taught what to do in the event of a tornado and home fire (we chose the 2 most likely disasters to happen in Missouri), learn coping skills to help handle the fear and stress related to disasters, and the Learn, Practice, and Share curriculum so they could take this info back to their households to make an emergency plan. This program was presented, for the first time, by the Lafayette County Health Department. #1 Picture is student: Jordan Ailor and Pillowcase instructor Georgia Guthrie LPN from the LCHD and #2 Picture is Tucker Martin and Maddox Carrillo with instructor Missy Martin.
1076 children were seen in 11 schools this year for the Saving Smiles dental program. Of these examined children 192 were referred for dental treatment. 77% of those referred children received needed treatment. Children pre-K thru 4th grade are eligible for the program. Children receive a dental screening and fluoride treatment and treatment referral if needed. Staff from LCHD follows children with referrals to promote a dental visit for needed treatment.

Schools participating in the Saving Smiles program which began 10 years ago include:
- Lexington ECC and Leslie Bell Elementary
- Grandview Elementary
- Immanuel, Trinity and St Paul's Lutheran Schools
- Wellington-Napoleon
- Lexington and Higginsville Head Start
- Concordia Elementary
- Santa Fe Elementary

70% of the total student population of these schools participated in this free program made possible by MO DHSS, Health Care Foundation of Greater Kansas City, LCHD, school personnel and volunteer dental professionals and community volunteers.

Bre Jensen and Debbie Dreves presented food safety and healthy eating at the Montessori School in Higginsville on January 18, 2017.
PRESENTATIONS & TRAININGS

January 12, 2017 ~ Breann Jensen and Carolyn Boland, RN presented changing bodies in Waverly.

January 31 ~ February 2, 2017 ~ Breann Jensen attended a 3 day CPST (Child Passenger Safety Technician) certification course in North Kansas City, she is now CPST certified.


March 1 & 2, 2017 ~ Breann Jensen presented an anti-smoking course to Concordia 7th grade students.

March 21 ~ March 23, 2017 ~ Missouri Public Health Conference was attended by Breann Jensen, Carolyn Boland, RN, Angel Jiovenale, RN, and Georgia Guthrie, LPN on March 22, 2017. Tom Emerson, Director attended all three days.

NEW EMPLOYEE

In 2011 I graduated from Graceland University with Bachelors of Science degree in Nursing. Since then I have worked in the areas of medical/surgical, hospice, and labor/delivery nursing. Currently I reside in Liberty, MO with my husband and our two children. I enjoy spending time with family and friends and being outside with nature.
On January 18 LCHD participated in the DHSS/LPHA Staff Exchange (Walk A Day) program. Our visitor was Sharmini Rogers, Chief of the Bureau of Genetics and Healthy Childhood. The programs she oversees relate to newborn screening, health of pregnant women, newborns, and children, and the Adult Genetics and Metabolic Formula programs. She visited and observed WIC and clinic activities, and met with staff to discuss MCH issues and resources. She had an insight into how a local health department operates and what we deal with. We had the opportunity to learn about some state programs and information that were new to us.