Quarterly Report
June 30, 2017

Lafayette County
Health Department

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- Communicable Disease
- Immunizations/Education
- School & community health education programs
- Emergency Preparedness
- Vital Records—birth/death certificates
- Screenings
- Child Care Consultant
- Healthy Eating Active Living
- Tobacco Prevention & Control
- Women’s Health Forum
- Car Seat Inspection Program
- WIC
- Crib Program
- Saving Smiles Oral Health
Over 100 people were in attendance for the 20th annual Heart-to-Heart Health Forum for Women on June 6, 2017. St. Paul’s High School Gymnasium served as a great venue for women to come together and learn more about their heart health. There were many health screenings & informational booths provided by various healthcare agencies and related organizations from Lafayette County and the surrounding area. After finishing the heart screenings, participants had the opportunity to complete the American Heart Association’s My Life Check heart risk assessment which gave them a heart score indicating areas where they were good, areas where they need improvement and had suggestions they could implement to improve their health outlook.

“The number of women who took time to attend this event show that women are interested and ready to take a greater role in their health care and we were happy to be a part of this opportunity,” states Angel Jiovenale, RN with Lafayette County Health Department.

Included in the evening’s activities were a variety of exhibitors, a demonstration of Marshall Arts by Twisters Sports of Warrensburg, taste testing of participating local restaurants fares and light refreshments by the Simple Life. One of the highpoints of the event was the speaker, Teri Ackerson, recently named National Healthcare Worker of the Year for the American Heart Association. Teri said her life changed forever when she suffered a stroke on Memorial Day of 2013. Since that time, she has recovered and has been using the voice she nearly lost to educate people to take the initiative to make changes to improve their health. Adopting the John F. Kennedy quote “one person can make a difference, and everyone should try” as her motto, she encouraged everyone to become aware of the signs of a stroke and learn CPR as each of us may make a difference in someone’s life recognizing and acting on that knowledge.
LCHD entered into the Big Bam 2017 bike contest in Lexington, Missouri.
FAIRS & TRAININGS

April 14, 2017 ~ Breann Jensen attended the Youth Mental Health First Aid Training.

April 25, 2017 ~ Breann Jensen and Carolyn Boland, RN gave a STD presentation to the DYS (Division of Youth Services) kids.

May 3, 2017 ~ Breann Jensen attended the Margaret Gray Senior Center Health Fair.

July 20, 2017 ~ Georgia Guthrie, LPN and Angel Jiovenale, RN attended the Lafayette County C-1 Back to School Fair.

NEW EMPLOYEE

Heather Campbell is a Registered Nurse who received her nursing degree from Penn Valley Community College Nursing School in 1995. Her prior experience is in long term care and skilled nursing. She lives north of Grain Valley with her husband John and two boys, Colton, 18 and Cameron, 9. Heather enjoys traveling, sports and spending time with her family in her free time.
Lafayette County Health Department participated in Trinity Lutheran School’s Agriculture Day on April 6, 2017. The Lafayette County Health Department used the “Wheel of Nutrition” exhibit to educate the students the source of their food, importance of healthy food for their bodies, and appropriate portions & serving of the food they eat. The children had fun spinning the wheel and answering questions.

The purpose of Project Connect is to address the many needs of those in Odessa, Missouri which took place on Saturday, July 22, 2017. More than 54 non-profit and service organizations, churches, businesses, and many other individuals came together to serve and meet needs such as free haircuts, birth and death certificates, mattresses, manicures, and health and dental services.
Lafayette County Health Department received a 3 year grant from Delta Dental of Missouri to provide dental sealants to 3rd & 6th grade to students at Lexington R-V School District. The grant is administered by Missouri Department of Health & Senior Services. Sealants are thin coatings painted on the back molars to protect them from cavities.

Dental staff at Rodgers Lafayette Dental & Health Center applied the sealants.

On May 5th LCHD convened a group of community stakeholders to hold a Day of Visioning. This is a important step in our Mobilizing Action through Partnerships and Planning (MAPP) process to assess and address community health needs. The main purpose was to have the workgroup answer 3 questions:

a) What does a healthy community mean to you?

b) What are important characteristics of communities for all who live, work, and play here?

c) How do you envision the local public health system in the next five or 10 years?

The answers and information from this session have been compiled to help the community achieve the identified goals over then next few years.
Tar Wars: Our first 5 years

The Lafayette County Health Dept. has just finished up the 5th year of the tobacco-free educational program: Tar Wars, sponsored by the Missouri Academy of Family Physicians. The program teaches 5th grade students in Lafayette Co. how to stay Healthy and tobacco free. They are educated on the health effects, cost, marketing strategies, and chemicals in tobacco products. They take part in a breathing exercise by breathing through small straws to simulate smoking related illnesses such as COPD and asthma. Students participate in a poster contest, at end of the presentation showing tobacco free messages, with 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place prizes given out by LCHD to each school. All 1st place winners are sent on to a State contest with prizes awarded by the AFP. We are proud to announce that all 9 schools in Lafayette Co. participated in the poster contest and we had 2 winners at state this year. 2nd place state winner is Lucas Waterworth from Wellington-Napoleon Elementary (awarded $50.00) and 3rd place state winner is Kameron Dankenbring of Santa Fe Elementary (awarded $25.00). They will be featured in the upcoming Tar Wars Calendar along with all 1-3rd place winner in the County. The TW calendars were designed by LCHD staff and produced in collaboration with the Lexington school district.