Environmental Health
Communicable Disease
Immunizations/Education
School & community health education programs
Emergency Preparedness
Vital Records—birth/death certificates
Screenings

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Healthy Eating Active Living
Tobacco Prevention & Control
Women’s Health Forum
Car Seat Inspection Program
WIC
Crib Program
Saving Smiles Oral Health
Lafayette County Health Department is very excited to announce that it is one of only 18 counties in Missouri that have been awarded the Building Communities for Better Health Grant. This is a three-year grant, focusing on three main areas of concern in the county – Healthy Eating, Tobacco Use, and Physical Activity. Over the next three years, LCHD will work to build partnerships, assess community needs, and plan and implement programs addressing these three areas. Heather Campbell and Missy Martin attended the Community Change Academy training September 17th through 19th in Columbia, Missouri, to learn the first steps of this process. LCHD will be working hard on addressing these issues over the next three years. Pictured are Heather Campbell and Missy Martin presenting Information on Lafayette County.

After 10 years at the Lafayette County Health Department, Martha McReynolds, RN, retired in August. Martha did many things over the years at LCHD, most notably coordinating and sustaining our very successful Saving Smiles program. Martha will be missed by all of us here at the health department, but will perhaps be missed more by the many children of Lafayette County she saw every week doing Saving Smiles and daycare programs. Miss Martha is a famous face in Lafayette County’s schools and daycares. She plans to travel and spend more time with family and friends. Safe travels, Martha!
OUTREACH FLU CLINICS

Flu shots are in! LCHD began community outreach flu clinics in September, beginning with the Odessa Senior Center on September 18th. This year we introduced Flublok as our 50+ flu shot. It contains no latex, eggs, gelatin, or mercury. We traveled to six towns in the county to give flu vaccines, holding clinics at 12 different locations, including senior centers, businesses, and city and county organizations. October will see the start of our in-school flu clinics. We are working hard to fight the flu in Lafayette County!

WIC BREASTFEEDING PEER COUNSELOR

We are excited to announce that Bre Jensen became our WIC breastfeeding peer counselor! During their WIC appointments, Bre meets with breastfeeding moms to answer any questions or address any concerns they may have while breastfeeding.

“When you’re pregnant or a new mom, it helps to talk to other moms who know what you’re going through. Being a breastfeeding mother, I can share my own experiences and provide help and advice based on current research and knowledge from experts. Talking to a peer counselor during pregnancy helps women develop the confidence and skill to breastfeed successfully.”
This quarter our Environmental Health Specialist, Debbie Dreves, as always, has been very busy. Food establishments require 1-4 inspections per year depending on the type of establishment. This past quarter Debbie inspected approximately 70 food establishments. These establishments included convenience stores, grocery stores, restaurants and approximately 30 fair vendors in the various cities within our county.

Last year we added swimming pool inspections, and as a result this year we saw great improvement in the upkeep and safety of several pools. Debbie also did several daycare inspections that included checking food preparation, playground safety and overall building safety.

Through an FDA grant, Debbie was able to travel to the National Environmental Health Association (NEHA) conference in California in June and just returned from an FDA conference in Wyoming. These conferences allow one to learn from the best in their field on all areas of Environmental Health. Our local/regional conference is held yearly in Missouri. This conference allows you to interact with people within your state and network throughout the year.

Debbie also provides food handler classes to those who work with food preparation in the county. Food Classes are required through Lafayette County Ordinance to ensure food safety. Food handler classes provided through Lafayette County Health Department have hosted 53 individuals this quarter. Another 81 people have utilized the online food training offered through State Food Safety this quarter, making it a total of 201 people so far this year.
HEALTH EDUCATION

Bre Jensen, LCHD Health Educator, did programs at the Odessa Public Library over the summer—July August and September. The topic focused on Heart Health and included different activities addressing Heart Health—heart health at any age, cooking for a healthy heart, and exercise to keep our heart healthy.

GRANTS

LCHD was awarded two grants this quarter. A grant was written to the HCFGKC for $55,000 to support the Saving Smiles and Dental Sealant program. The Dental Sealant program will expand to the Wellington-Napoleon School District this year. The Health Care Foundation of Greater Kansas City awarded this grant.

A Grant was written to the HCA Health and Wellness board requesting $5,500.00 to purchase additional car seats for the residents of Lexington. We are excited to report that the grant was approved for the full amount October 9, 2018, which will allow LCHD to buy 35 car seats.

SAVING SMILES

Saving Smiles 2018-19 is off to a great start. Saving Smiles has provided services at Lexington’s Early Childhood Center, Grandview Elementary in Higginsville, Immanuel Lutheran in Higginsville and in Wellington so far this season. This is Bre’s first year coordinating the program solo.
CONFERENCES & MEETINGS

Bre Jensen, Public Health Educator, attended the Child Care Health Consultant Advisory Council meeting in Jefferson City. Bre has taken this position after Martha’s retirement. The Missouri Child Care Consultation (CCHC) Program is a collaborative project between The Missouri Department of Health and Senior Services and the local public health agencies throughout Missouri to provide health consultation and training services to child care providers at no cost. Bre Jensen, Health Educator, specializes in Health promotion trainings on a variety of topics including growth and development, obesity prevention, and immunizations.