

ESSEX COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT

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MONTHLY REPORT

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Health Department Highlights

APRIL – TESTICULAR CANCER AWARENESS MONTH



Department launched a cheeky awareness campaign designed to get people talking. Each year in New York State almost 600 men are diagnosed with testicular cancer, and about 20 men die from this disease. Since testicular cancer occurs relatively early in life, scientists are studying factors around or before the time of a man's birth that may be related to this disease.

TECH CHECK TUESDAYS ANNOUNCED

Free car seat checks are offered at our Elizabethtown offices every Tuesday from 1-4PM throughout the spring, summer, and fall months. Certified car seat technicians are available to assess and assist with the installation of all types of car seats, giving caregivers peace of mind knowing their previous cargo is well protected.

Car seat checks are also available by appointment. Residents can call 518-873-3500!

Tech check TUESDAYS

FREE car seat checks by our certified technicians

1p-4p Every Tuesday 5/7 - 10/22@ECHD

Before baby arrives
Rear/Forward facing infant seat
High back booster seat
Seat belt booster seat
Seat belt
518-873-3500

Essex County Health Department

ECHD REPRESENTED AT NATIONAL CONFERENCE

Lucianna Celotti, Children's Services Coordinator, joined counties across the nation in Maricopa County, Arizona for an *invite-only* joint convening of the National Association of Counties (NACo) Counties for Career Success cohort and Prenatal-to-Three County Leaders Academy on April 30- May 2.

The event brought together a diverse group of county leaders to collaborate on solutions for career readiness and economic mobility for families with young children, grounded in the robust role of counties in removing barriers for families and connecting residents to good jobs.

The convening featured a series of workshops, discussions and site visits exploring local strategies to increase access to childcare, improve maternal and child health and create new career pathways in high-demand fields. Highlights included discussions with federal partners and tours of the East Valley Institute of Technology and GateWay Community College, showing innovative approaches to grow the early childhood and health care workforce.

ECHD Program Data – March (unless otherwise noted)

Community Health Assessment (CHA) and Improvement Planning (CHIP)

CHA Progress Updates & Special Reports

The CHA Coordinator and Essex County System of Care/BRIEF Coordinator presented at the Public Health Partnership Conference in Saratoga, NY on May 3. The presentation discussed how local health departments could work with their community-based organizations and other system partners to integrate trauma-informed practices at an operations level, embedding concepts and strategies that universally consider trauma as a modifiable disparity. Trauma informed assessment and monitoring goals were included in Essex County's 2022-2024 Community Health Improvement Plan. This is possible because the current NYS Prevention Agenda prioritizes strategies to integrate trauma-informed approaches into prevention programs.

Communicable Disease

Communicable Disease Surveillance/Epidemiology Investigations

Respiratory Illness Investigations (Flu, COVID, RSV, TB) - TBD

GI Illness (Water/Foodborne) Illness Investigations - TBD

STI/Hepatitis & HIV Investigations - TBD

Arthropod-borne (Mosquitos and Ticks) Disease Investigations - TBD

Food Safety/Outbreak Investigations – TBD

Immunization Program

Clinics in the community - 0

Individuals immunized - 0

Healthcare provider, school nurse, day care provider or other public health detailing activities - 0 IQIP visits; 1 Stethoscope; outreach to daycare providers for immunization surveys; Kindergarten Round up at Ticonderoga Elementary School for immunization guidance; connecting with school nurse

Screening Services

HCV Screenings - 0

HIV Screenings - 0

TB Screening - 0

Referrals to Planned Parenthood for STI Testing - 1

Rabies Prevention Program

Rabies Vaccine Clinics – 1 (Jay)

Pets Vaccinated - 77

Rabies investigations -

Specimens submitted for testing –

Positive Specimens – 2 skunks in Westport (April); 1 woodchuck in Port Henry (Moriah) and 1 raccoon in New Russia (Elizabethtown) in May. Four total positives in 2024 to date.

People approved for rabies post exposure prophylaxis –

Emergency Preparedness & Response

Real World Events, Drills & Exercises - 0

Training/Continuing Education - 7

Community Engagement/Collaborative Planning Meetings - 6

Volunteer Coordination - 0

Plan Updates/Revisions - 0

Chronic Disease

Campaigns/Events - 1

Coalition/Collaboration Interactions/Meetings - 5

Public Health Detailing Screenings & Disease Concordant Care - 0

Direct Community Outreach Initiatives – 0

Training/Continuing Education - 3

Community Opioid Overdose Prevention Program

Narcan Kits Distributed - **5**

Groups Trained – **1**

SUDOR Submissions/ODs – **6** non-fatal; **2** fatal (total for the year: 33; 30 non-fatal, 3 fatal)

Attended four Community Conversations events (Elizabethtown, Willsboro, Ticonderoga, Schroon Lake) to share information about ECHO.

Family Health

Baby Steps to Bright Futures

Babies born & families offered the Program - **20**

Families enrolled in the program - **5**

Families that were sent a packet as unable to reach or declined the program – **12** (awaiting response for 3 more)

Referrals out to programs and services – **2**

Reached through Little Feeders Support Group – **0** in-person; **1,243** viewed the Facebook Live session

Childhood Lead Poisoning Prevention Program

Lead Cases open (elevated lead levels in pregnant women or children) – **9** active; **8** pending confirmatory testing

Lead levels screenings performed by our Department - **0**

Car Seat Program

Car seat check clinics – **0** (always available by appointment)

Car seats checked - **2**

Car seats issued as new & installed – **0**

Training attended – **0**

School Nurse Stetho-Scoop Monthly Meeting

Topic(s) covered: *Kindergarten Round up and MMR guidance

Sexual/Reproductive Health Program

Schools/Camps/Groups – **1** (BVCS Mountain View Campus)

Classes - **2**

Students reached - **~24**

Children's Services

Early Intervention

Referral received in to the program - **3**

Children found eligible & enrolled (have a plan) - **39**

Children awaiting evaluation - **1**

Speech Therapy - **20** receiving; **15** waiting

Occupational Therapy - **1** receiving; **5** waiting

Physical Therapy - **3** receiving; **0** waiting

Special Instructional Services - **7** receiving; **7** waiting

Preschool Program

Children in process of evaluation, referrals - **21**

Children enrolled - **108**

Children waiting for services: Counseling – **9**; Occupational Therapy – **23**; Physical Therapy – **2**; Speech Therapy – **12**;

Special Education Itinerant Teacher - **9**

Children Attending Center Based Classrooms in County; Out of County - **8**

Children and Youth with Special Healthcare Needs

Children enrolled - **25**

WIC – Update pending

High Risk Families -

Nutrition Education sessions/contacts -

Referrals made to other programs/services -

Breastfeeding initiation rate –

§ Redeemed (spent) through the WIC program -

Home Health Care

The Home Health team is transitioning to a new electronic medical record. Reporting on program data will be suspended until training and transition is complete.

Jennifer Newberry, Director of Patient Services for Home Health, is the recipient of the Home Care Association of New York State's Trailblazer Award!



The award recognizes a home care or hospice provider agency, Managed Long Term Care plan or team that has implemented an innovative clinical model, workforce supports, patient or staff education program, or other initiative with improved outcomes in terms of client satisfaction, population health improvement, and/or cost reduction or avoidance