



Community Health 2024 Accomplishments

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Women Infant & Children Nutrition Program (WIC)

- Served 9,122 individuals with over 32 different languages
- Received a glowing review on DOH monitor
- Created the Breast-Feeding (BF) Expert position and put plans in place to start BF walk-in clinics in 2025
- WSU Pediatric Med Students participated in a one-day WIC Clinic rotation
- Served as a preceptor for WSU RD Students to support in their learning about WIC and community health dietetic work



Nurse-Family Partnership (NFP)

- Served 179 clients with 66 new client enrollments and 38 client graduations
- Baby Book Club: started in 2024 to increase literacy education, prenatally-1 year. Interested families are given one new book and additional education once a month.
- Blue Bands: Received a grant from the Department of Health (DOH) for early identification and monitoring of pregnant clients at risk of pregnancy hypertension and preeclampsia. The funding allowed NFP to purchase blood pressure kits, education and Blue Bands to distribute to interested clients. Renewed for 2025
- Became the first HOPE certified program at SRHD with TA support from Healthy Living



HIV Case Management



- **Clients**
 - 557 clients served in 2024, an 11.6% increase from 2023
 - 99% of clients are prescribed antiretroviral treatment
 - 90.7% of clients were virally suppressed at last lab
- **Peer Support**
 - About 5% of clients worked with a peer
- **Housing**
 - 21 clients assisted with moving into housing from homelessness
 - Prevented 16 households from eviction
 - Assisted 130 households with housing support

Healthy Living



- Walk Audit Pilot Program - Conducted 5 walk audits, with 50 community members
- Started a Healthy Aging Community of Practice with WA 12 LHJ and DOH participating.
- 6,000 kits of Narcan were distributed
- Approximately 5,000 healthcare professionals reached with “The Brief” a news blast with emerging public health information.
- Distributed almost 7,000 safe sleep and firearm safety education material
- 1,000 prenatal partners were impacted by early relational health programs (HOPE)

Healthy Families

Early Support for Infants and Toddler Program (ESIT)

- 3,161 children received early intervention services
- 91.86% of the children enrolled in early intervention services received those services in natural environments
- Held four County Interagency Coordinating Council (CICC) meetings facilitated with parents. Increased awareness and had representation from school district, DDA, Providence, Early Intervention Providers, and other social service agencies

Access to Baby and Child Dentistry (ABCD) Program

- Attended 20 outreach events
- Provided Phase 1 training for three dentists and Phase 2 training to five dentists
- Provided Phase 1 training to EWU dental students



Children & Youth with Special Health Care Needs (CYSHCN)

- Systems Work
 - Supported the startup of the Spokane Autism Collaborative; leading to a greater investment in community collaboration, improvement in systems, and initiation of a Marshallese Autism Educational project.
 - Supported the planning and day of efforts of the 2024 Family Support Conference for caregivers of children with disabilities and special health care needs. (84 in attendance and 20 vendors)
- Enabling Services
 - 195 families connected to resources
- WorkFirst
 - 52 WorkFirst evaluations completed





Questions



Board of Health

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