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Crawford County Health Department Launches Hygiene Drive to Support Local Students

The Crawford County Health Department is partnering with schools to launch a community-wide hygiene drive. This initiative seeks to provide essential hygiene products to students who may not have access to these basic essentials. School hygiene closets can ensure that every student has the necessary resources to maintain their health and well-being.

A hygiene closet is a designated space within a school where essential hygiene products are available to students free of charge. Examples of products you might find in a hygiene closet are soap, shampoo, body wash, deodorant, and period products. By providing these resources in a supportive and non-judgmental manner, schools can create a more inclusive and positive learning environment where students can focus on their education. According to the 2023 State of the Period Survey, one-third of teens have reported missing school due to lack of menstrual hygiene products!

We believe that every student has the right to feel good about themselves on the inside and out. By donating new, unopened hygiene products, we can all help remove whatever barriers to access our students may encounter. Donate items March 1st through March 31st at designated collection boxes around the county or at the Crawford County Administration Building 225 N. Beaumont, Prairie du Chien, WI 53821.

For more information about the school hygiene drive, including donation drop-off locations and ways to contribute, please visit <u>https://www.crawfordcountywi.gov/</u> or call 608-326-0229.

The Crawford County Health Department is dedicated to promoting and protecting the health and wellbeing of residents through education, prevention, and community partnerships. By addressing public health issues and advocating for health equity, the department works to create a healthier and more resilient community for all.