



2024 **ANNUAL REPORT**

CRAWFORD COUNTY
Health & Human Services



OUR VISION

Building hope for
a lifetime

OUR MISSION

Promote and strengthen
the safety and wellbeing of
Crawford County residents

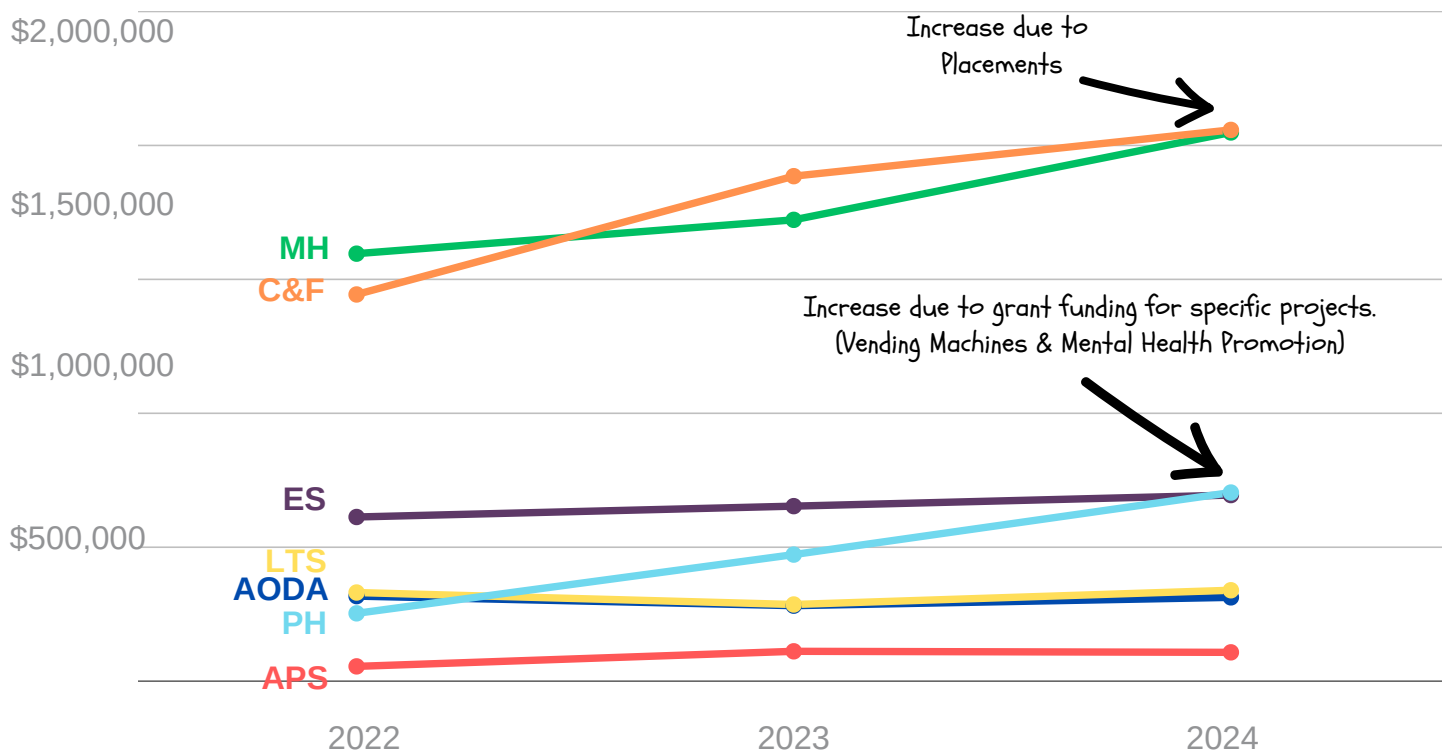
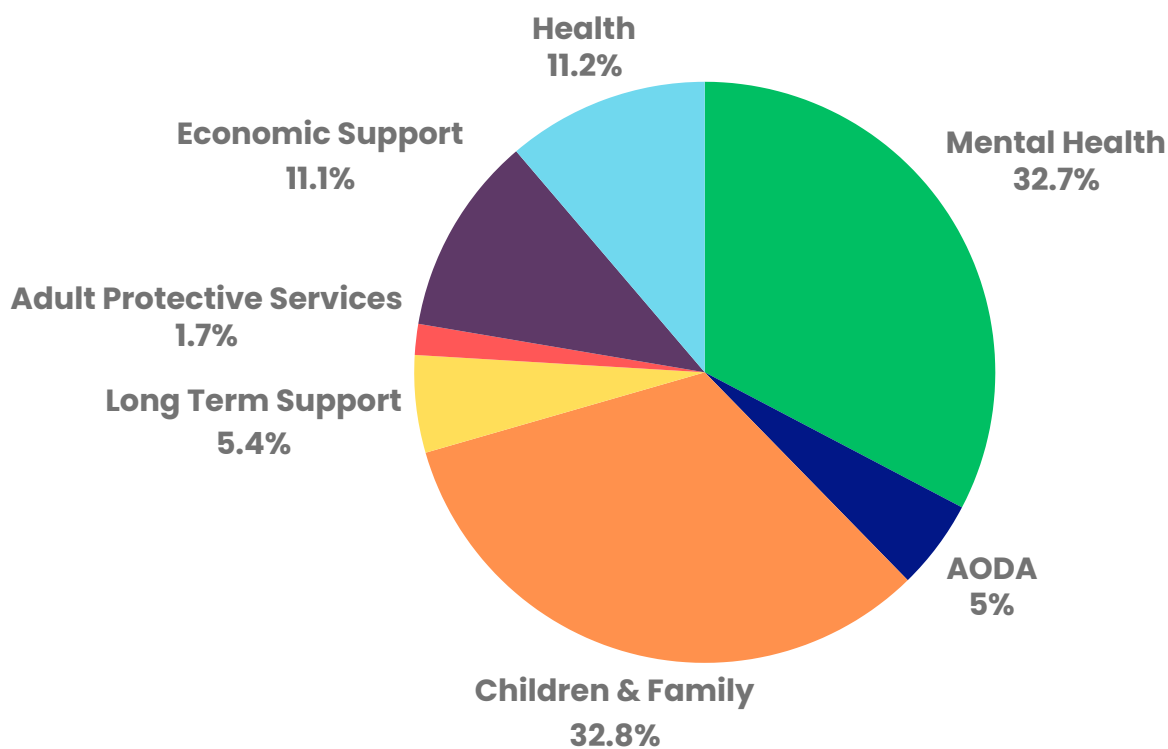


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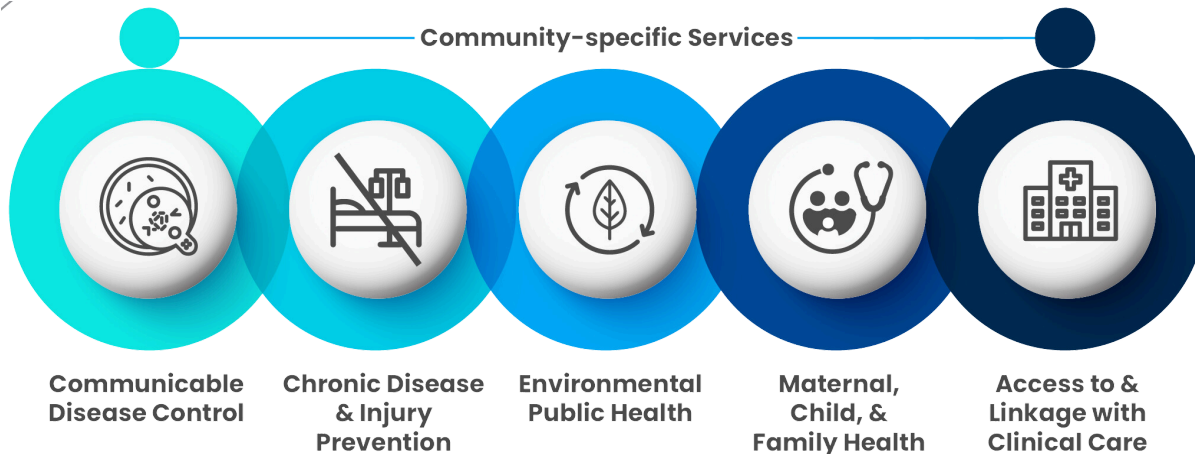
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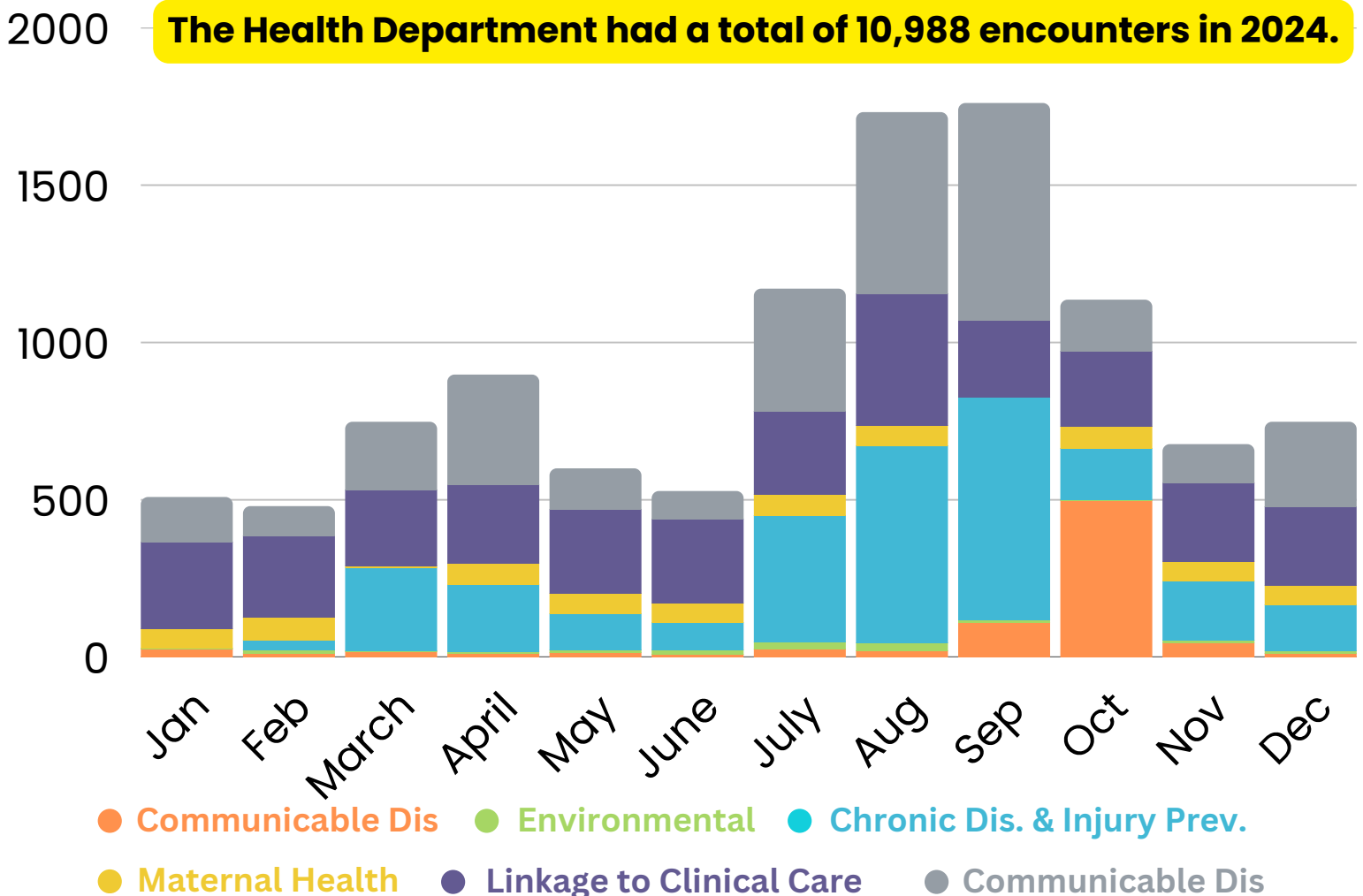
EXPENSES BY PROGRAM AREA



The Foundational Public Health Services (FPHS) framework outlines the unique responsibilities of public health and defines a minimum set of Foundational Areas that must be available in every community.

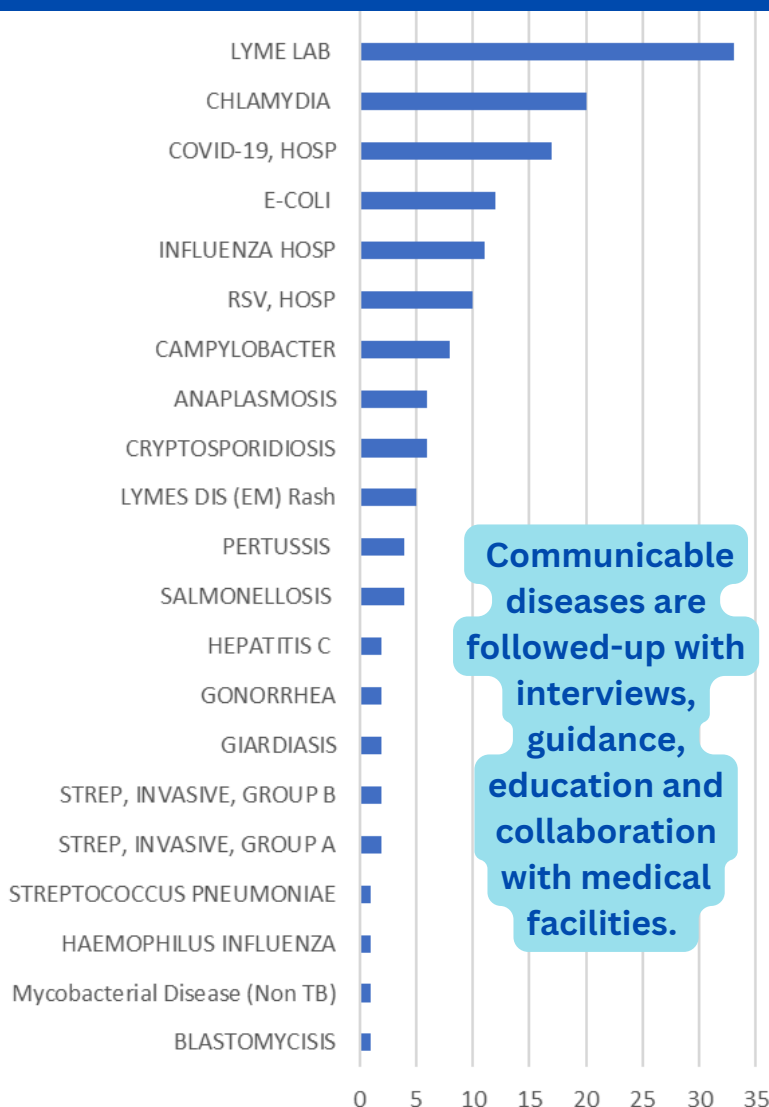


The Health Department had a total of 10,988 encounters in 2024.



Protects the health of the community by controlling disease spread through prevention and mitigation of disease outbreaks.

2024 Reportable Diseases

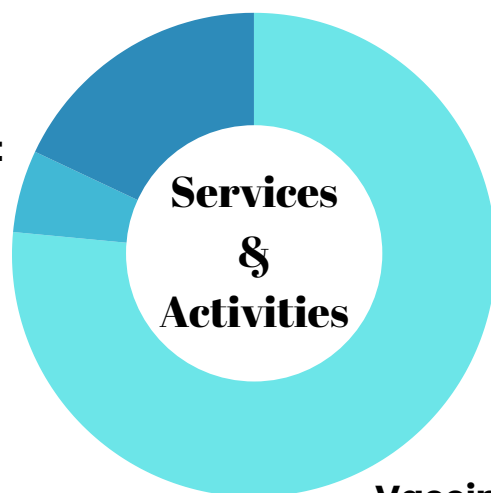


Communicable diseases are followed-up with interviews, guidance, education and collaboration with medical facilities.

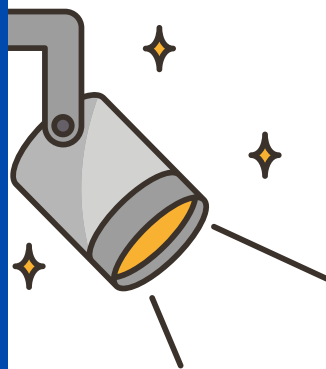
Disease Investigation

144

TB Test
44



Vaccinations
612



Flu Vaccine to students increased 29% from 2023.

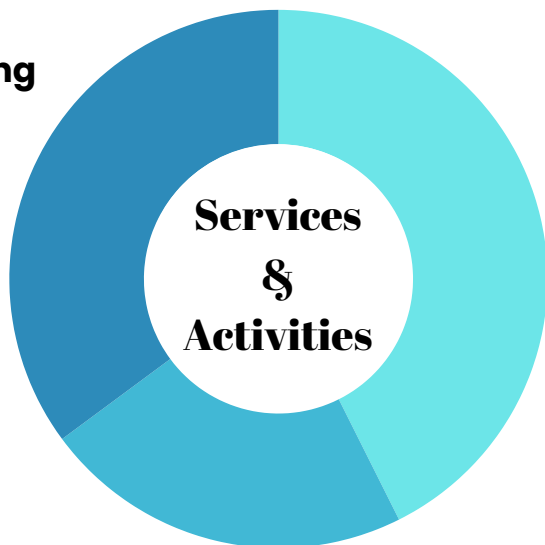
370 students received a Flu vaccine at school clinics in 2024



CHRONIC DISEASE & INJURY PREVENTION

Education, intervention and collaboration with community organizations to promote healthy living and prevent chronic diseases and injury.

Healthy Living
461



Substance Misuse
559



The Health Department implemented this online tool for Mental Health Resources in February



1,629 Users

Promoting 988 & Mental Health Resources

A HHS Workgroup was formed to provide Suicide Prevention Efforts

Promoted 988 with local businesses during Mental Health Month



Shared mental health & suicide prevention material at Culvers during Suicide Prevention Month

Partnered with Hwy Dept to make 988 signs and placed 22 signs at waysides and boat landings around the county.



Other efforts included: 988 ball field signs, 988 yard signs, t-shirt design contest, radio ads, and You Matter Campaign.

Prevent, respond and mitigate environmental factors that affect individual and community health.

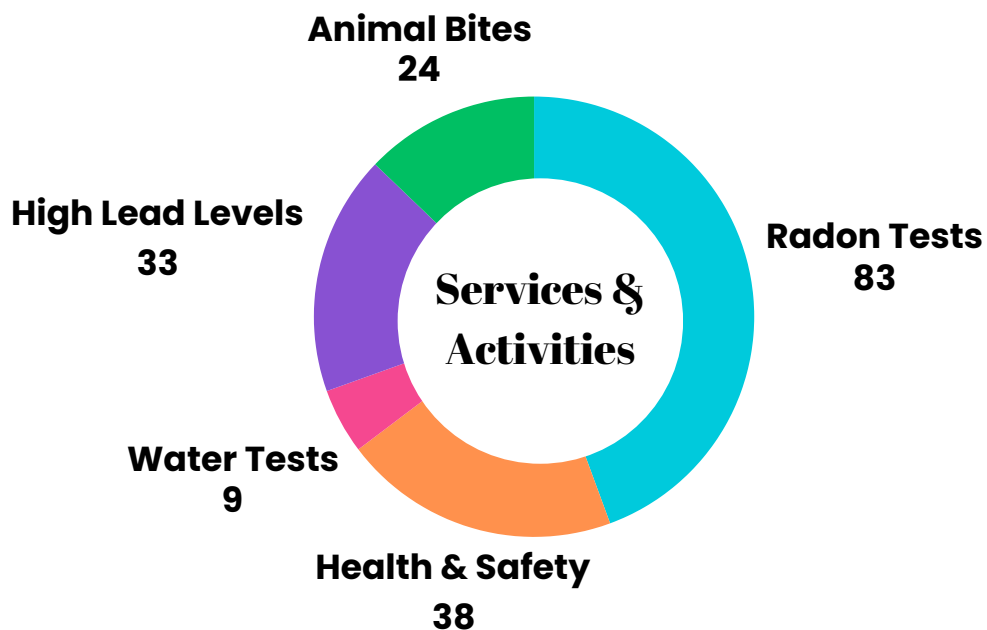


Lead-in-Water Testing & Remediation

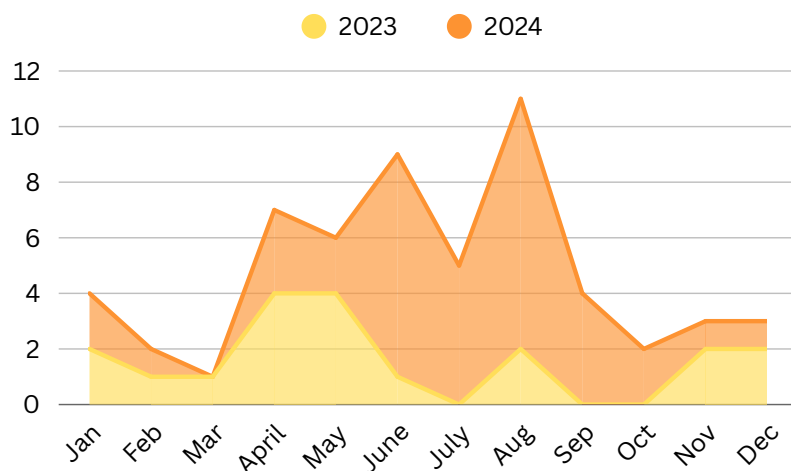
Partnered with DHS to offer free lead-in-water testing to licensed group childcare centers in the county.

All three licensed centers in Crawford County took advantage of this opportunity, and 31 water outlets in total were tested.

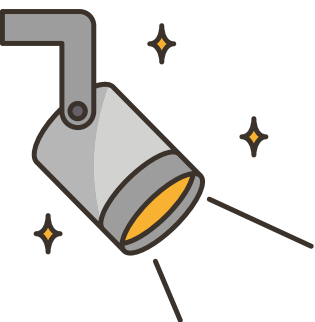
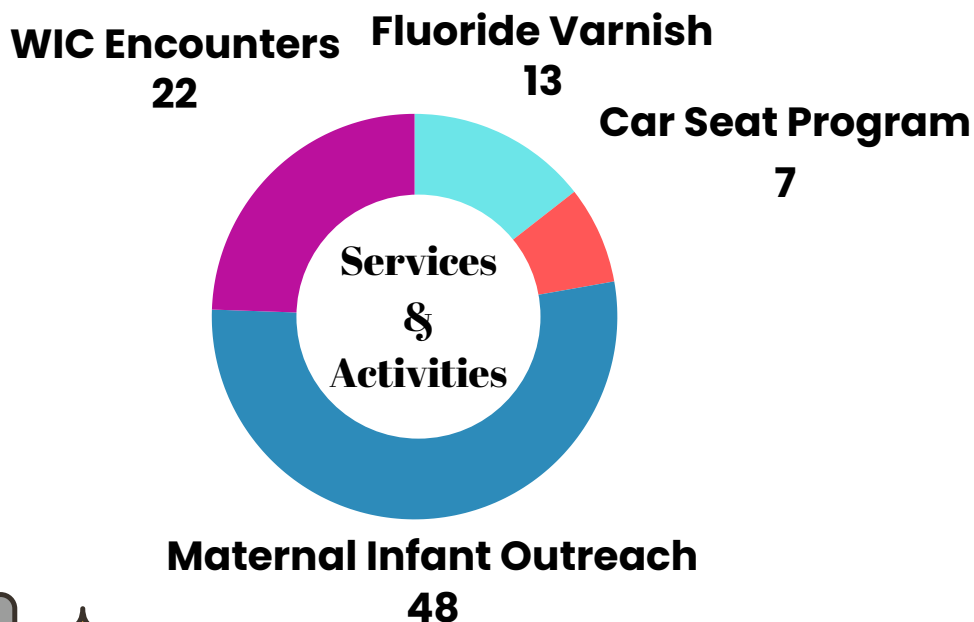
No initial samples exceeded the program guidelines, ensuring safe drinking water at each facility.



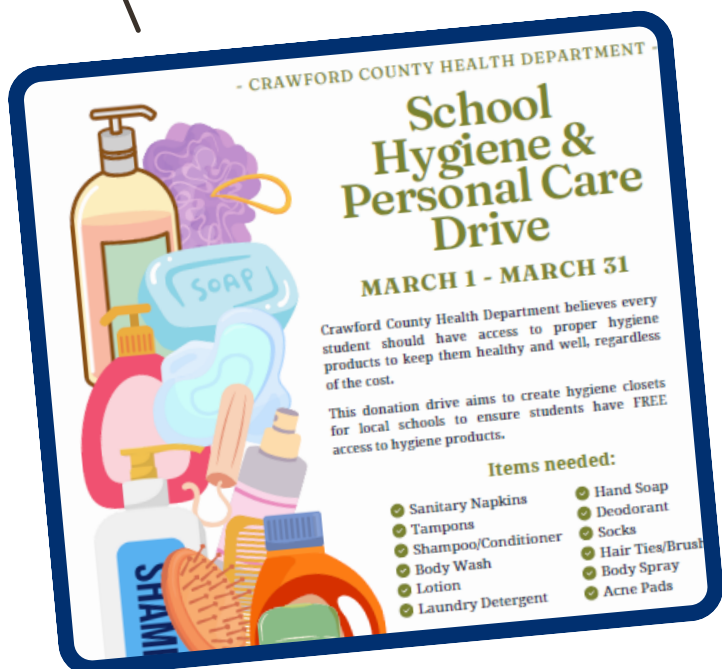
Human Health & Safety Complaints Increased



Education and intervention to help ensure mothers and families are healthy and safe.



Good hygiene practices help reduce illness and improve attendance.



The Health Department recognized a need for better access to hygiene products in the community and coordinated with local schools to create a school hygiene closet to support school-age youth.

We organized a school hygiene & personal care drive and donated all items to schools in Crawford County.

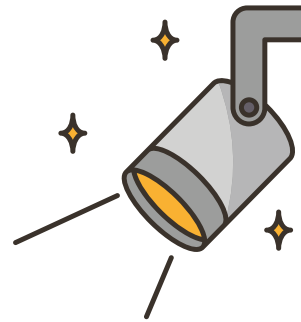
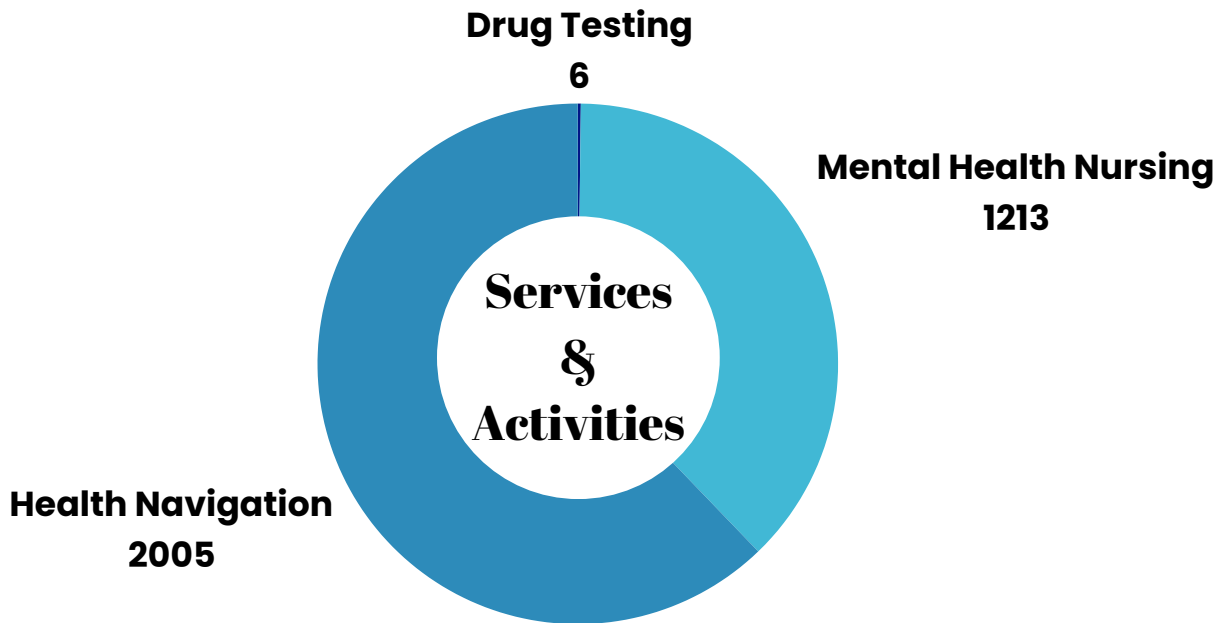


5 SCHOOL DISTRICTS

TOTAL ITEMS
994

ACCESS TO & LINKAGE WITH CLINICAL CARE

Connecting individuals to health resources and link them to clinical care services to benefit their overall health.



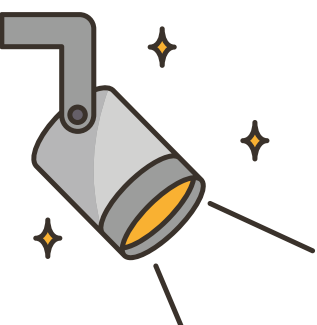
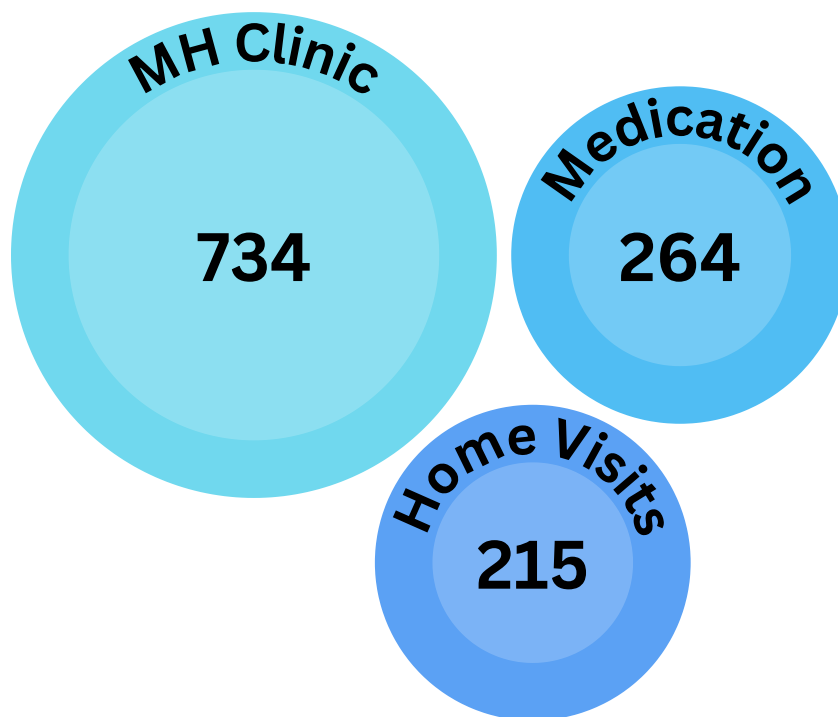
HEALTH & WELLNESS RESOURCES FAIR 2024

Total
Vendors
35

Total
Attendees
128

Mental Health Nursing provides wrap around care to improve overall health for individuals with mental health diagnoses.

MENTAL HEALTH NURSING



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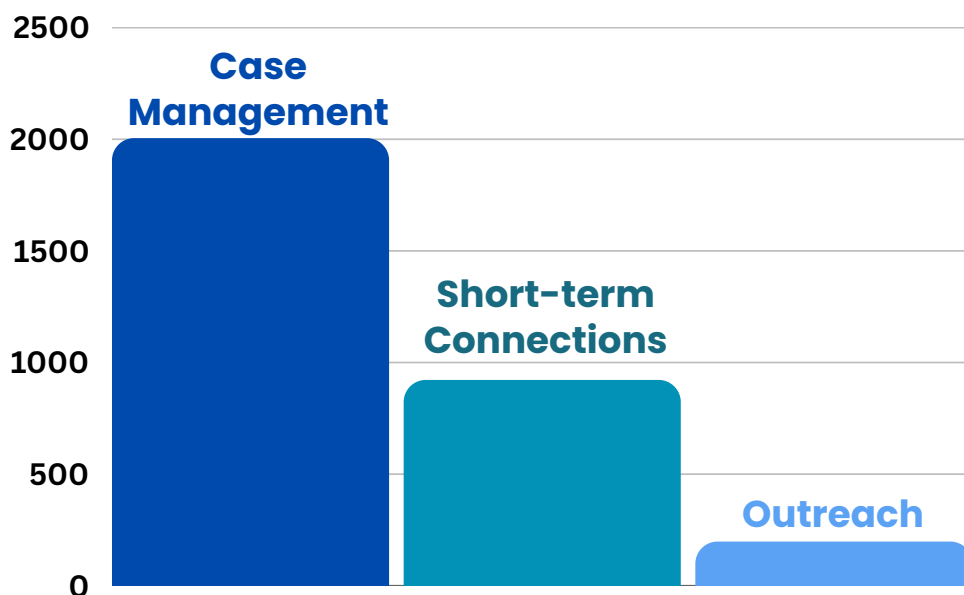
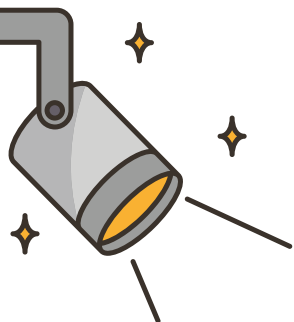
My journey of maintaining good mental health involves a team – a team made up of Hailey, Lisa, Tricia, & Julie at the front desk. Each has helped me in a positive way to feel welcome and accepted on this journey toward a mentally healthy lifestyle.

Professionalism mixed with kindness and compassion are what my team offers me.

– Grateful Patient

The Health Navigator Program helps individuals find, connect and use community resources to improve overall health.

HEALTH NAVIGATOR



Success Story



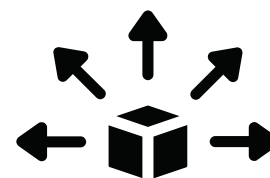
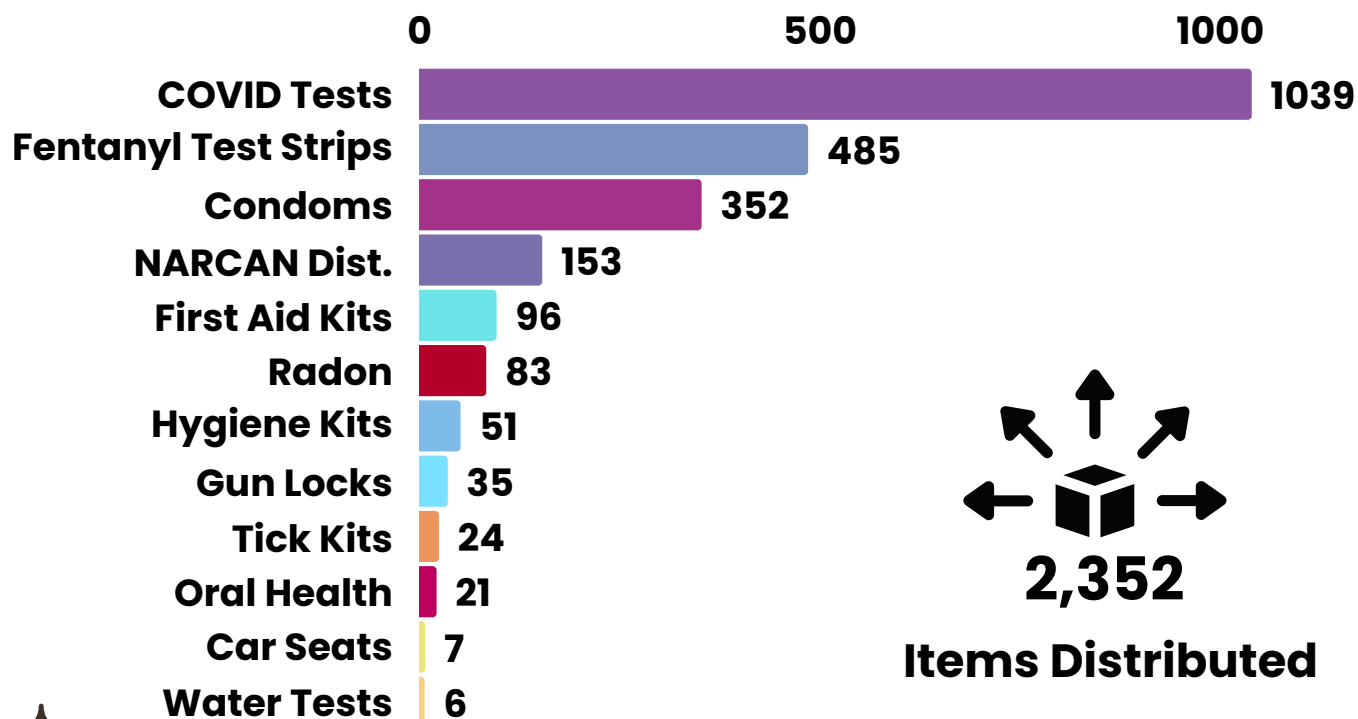
In September 2023, a 53 year old female presented to CCHHS in need of housing and was struggling to find a path forward in her life. Her husband had passed away a year earlier and she had no family support. She had difficulty obtaining and retaining employment due to significant medical and mental health conditions, which she was being treated for. She had previously had emergent surgery to remove toes due to her uncontrolled and untreated diabetes.

The individual connected with the Health Navigator and officially enrolled in the HUB program with obtaining housing and employment as the primary goals. Throughout 2024, she was able to get her diabetes under control, find housing and was connected to DVR employment services and obtained a job that met her physical abilities and could be sustained over time. The navigator helped connect her with ADRC and be approved for disability which helped her be able to get secure housing. She continues to see her therapist and doctors to manage her ongoing conditions.

At the end of 2024, her outlook on life is much more positive, she enjoys doing things with others and she sees light at the end of the tunnel. She completed all her goals and was discharged from the program in February 2025.

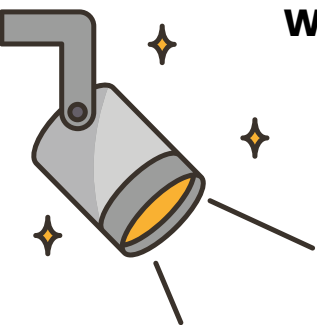
Improving health access by connecting individuals to health items that improve and save lives.

In 2024, health items were available to the community at the Health and Human Services Department, in the Health Boxes and at a variety of community events.



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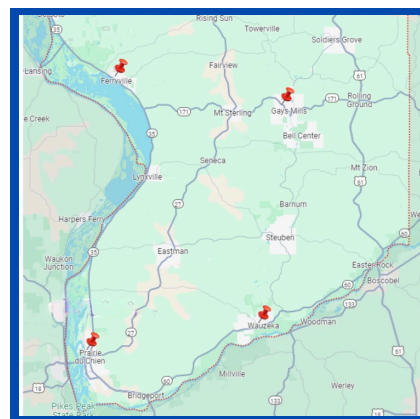
Items Distributed



The Health Department partnered with Emergency Management, local first responders and municipalities to place harm reduction vending machines throughout the county in November 2024.



This project offers 24/7 access in four locations to essential health products like Narcan. This initiative aims to reduce health risks, prevent disease, and save lives.



Vending Machine Locations

SUMMARY

Crawford County Health works hard to assess the communities needs and align our services and support to address these needs. We provide programming that addresses all aspects of health and strive to provide education and services for our community.

In 2024, we continued to expand our outreach efforts. Being part of the community and building partnerships was a emphasis. We did this by attending fairs, events, and community organization meetings. We brought groups together around important topics such as housing, children's hygiene needs, and postvention. We expanded our health item distribution efforts by working with partners. We broadened our education reach by building a social media audience, developing an electronic newsletter, reaching out to young families by mail, and regularly using the newspaper and radio to share our messages. We continue to provide health services and guidance to those most in need.

The Health Departments goal is to be the community connector. We strive to be the agency our community can trust and turn to with questions when they are looking for answers. We provide support and guidance to individuals to improve and sustain their health. We continue to listen to our community and be flexible to respond to the needs and make connections that will help all be healthy and happy.

WHAT'S NEXT?

Looking Forward, we continue to strive to offer the best quality programming to our community. The following are new areas for the Health Department in 2025:

- Establish outreach with Amish population
- Collaborate and create a community Postvention Plan

In 2025, we will be rolling out the Community Health Improvement Plan. We look forward to partnering with our community to set strategies that will impact the health of our community in the following areas: Mental Health, Substance Misuse and Chronic Disease.



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