

Jessamine County Health Department

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Protecting the public's health and environment

Jessamine County Health Department Annual Report FY 2009

Summary of Services and Achievements

July 1, 2008-June 30, 2009

In 2009, Jessamine County Public Health strengthened efforts to prevent disease, promote healthier choices, protect our environment, and prepare for emergencies. We forged innovative alliances with community partners and reached out to our community in myriad ways. Here are some examples of our work in the past year:

- Responded to cases of MRSA, whooping cough, food-borne diseases, and syphilis, and took actions to prevent their spread into the community.
- Gave thousands of immunizations to our citizens to protect against flu, whooping cough, mumps, measles, rubella, and other preventable diseases.
- Provided 6232 unduplicated patients with physicals, family planning and women's cancer services, immunizations, HIV testing, tuberculosis screening, and STD testing. This represents a four percent increase over the number of unduplicated patients served in fiscal year 2008
- To protect our drinking water, approved 33 new septic system permits and evaluated 76 proposed septic system sites.
- Received and responded to 100 complaints on environmental problems in Jessamine County.
- Through the Healthy Start in Childcare program, offered six trainings to childcare workers to provide required clock hours;
- Coordinated the VERB summertime physical activity program for children aged 9-12, reaching 180 Jessamine county tweens;
- Conducted visits to thirty families through the Health Access Nurturing and Development Services (HANDS) program to provide education and support to first time parents.
- For the Helping Hands in Hard Times campaign, distributed hundreds of posters and informational packets about health department and community resources for the unemployed.

- Became a training center for coaches/facilitators for A Matter of Balance falls prevention program and the StrongWomen exercise program.
- Recruited new Medical Reserve Corps (MRC) volunteers to respond in times of public health emergency and deployed MRC volunteers to Louisville during the Hurricane Gustav response and to a local shelter during winter storm 2009.
- Served nearly 2000 women, infants and children through the Women, Infants and Children (WIC) Nutrition Program and contributed hundreds of thousands of dollars to local grocery stores through WIC food dollars.
- Advertised and promoted over 500 public health educational offerings (in-person, online, or by videoconference) in Jessamine and five surrounding counties;
- Enrolled 133 people in Cooper Clayton smoking cessation classes.
- Continued a successful partnership with Refuge Medical Clinic, a free faith-based medical and dental clinic for persons with no insurance who meet federal poverty guidelines.
- Through school-based dental varnish, sealant, and screening programs, provided preventive dental care to over nine hundred children in Jessamine County schools.
- Conducted more than 400 food safety inspections and certified hundreds of food handlers and food managers to help keep food safe in Jessamine County.
- With Jessamine County schools, hosted a successful community forum on MRSA.
- Raised awareness of radon risk and provided 55 free radon test kits to Jessamine County residents.
- Gave residents information on West Nile Virus and how to prevent mosquitoes from breeding and biting; worked with local mosquito control efforts.
- Worked with Jessamine county governments, medical practices, businesses, institutions of higher learning, and schools to share information, promote prevention, and start planning for community immunization efforts for the novel H1N1 influenza virus.
- Governed and guided by a twelve member Board of Health and the employer of thirty-three public health professionals. The commitment of these stakeholders to the agency and community truly embodies the Jessamine County Health Department's mission statement of "protecting the public's health and environment."

To learn more about our medical, environmental, community health, and preparedness services, check out our website at www.jessaminecohealthdept.org. Or email the Public Health Director, Nancy Crewe, at NancyM.Crewe@ky.gov. She will answer your questions or put you in touch with a knowledgeable Jessamine County Health Department subject matter expert who can tell you more about your program of interest.

For the most recent public health data and health care statistics pertaining to Jessamine County and Kentucky, go to the DPH Data Warehouse at <http://chfs.ky.gov/dph/surv.htm>

To obtain demographic data for Jessamine County and Kentucky, go the Kentucky State Data Center website at <http://ksdc.louisville.edu/>

