

CCHD's mission is to be a responsive agency that strives to prevent disease and illness, ensure a healthy environment, promote healthy choices, and deliver quality services to all in Cascade County.



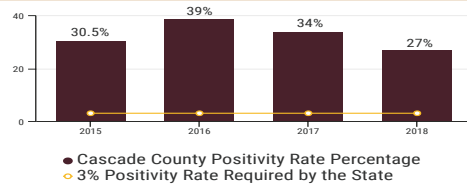
CITY-COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT



CCHD achieved accreditation in 2018 for five years by the Public Health Accreditation Board (PHAB). This milestone accomplishment is official recognition that CCHD meets or exceeds standards established by PHAB that demonstrate accountability and credibility.

Accreditation means that CCHD is committed to continuous quality improvement so Cascade County's needs are met effectively.

Moving forward, CCHD must submit Annual Reports exhibiting continued compliance and work towards the betterment of the agency. CCHD will apply for re-accreditation in 2023.



Prevention Services

Sexually Transmitted Disease (STD) Clinic serves high risk populations that may not otherwise receive services.

A measurement method utilized for local health jurisdictions is positivity rates. To receive reimbursement for medication and testing from the State's STD/HIV section, each jurisdiction must maintain at least 3% positivity rate for females aged 15-24.

CCHD's STD clinic has one of the highest positivity rates in the State, indicating CCHD is testing the appropriate people; those most at risk for acquiring STDs.



Family Health Services

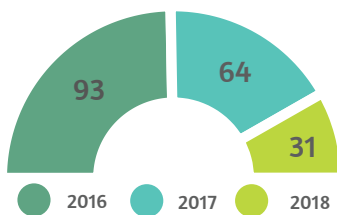
SafeCare received National Accreditation during October of 2018. SafeCare involves trained home visitors working with families, in-home, to improve skills or parent interaction, health and home safety. SafeCare's modules involve baseline assessment, intervention (training) and follow-up evaluation to monitor change.

Moving forward, each year CCHD's SafeCare will participate in the accreditation process on an annual basis. Accreditation must be achieved annually to provide the SafeCare model to families.

Accreditation ensures CCHD's home visitors are helping parents provide a nurturing, safe and healthy home environment.

For five consecutive years, CCHD has finished within or below budget.

CFPM Violations Observed During Routine Inspections



Environmental Health offered Certified Professional Food Manager (CFPM) courses to food establishment operators and managers for the second year. During 2018, Sanitarians conducted 7 classes for 127 students.

A study by the Centers for Disease Control showed the presence of a Certified Food Protection Manager in a retail food facility is linked to decreased food-borne illness risk factor violations. Each food facility is required to employ one CFPM. Since offering CFPM classes, CCHD has seen less CFPM violations during routine inspections.

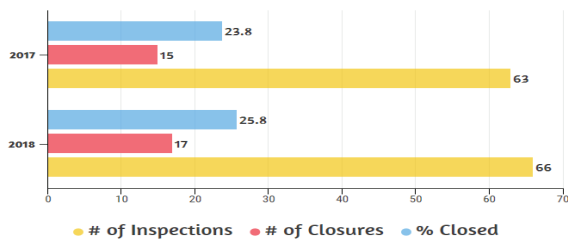
Environmental Health (EH)

Sanitarians inspected 100% of the licensed pools in Cascade County during 2018, along with creating a Chemistry Log Sheet to increase chemistry compliance and decrease pool closures. The Chemistry Log Sheet was included with all of the 2018 pool and spa licenses from DPHHS.

A local Certified Pool Operating training was held locally to reinforce regulatory requirements for licensed pools with EH's Sanitarian presenting a segment to attendees. 2018 showed higher compliance with requirements for pools to have a Certified Pool Operator. However, disinfectant residual and pH range compliance violations were slightly higher during 2018.

CCHD aims to decrease closures and increase overall compliance by scheduling one inspection with each Certified Pool Operator to educate them on regulations and requirements.

Cascade County Pools & Spas 2018

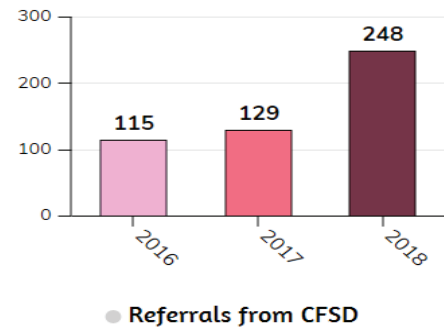


Healthy Montana Families

provides home visiting and family support services in Cascade County. CCHD's First Year Initiative was piloted to reduce child abuse, neglect and deaths through specific early intervention, education and prevention. This collaborative approach between Child and Family Services Division and CCHD is the first in the Nation focused on preventing entry and re-entry of children into the Child Welfare System.

CCHD's Home visitor provides support on four levels of CFSD involvement by engaging in early intervention on a wide range of issues including domestic violence, substance abuse and barriers to resources.

This collaboration has increased the families served. Referrals from CFSD were higher in 2018 than previous years due to CCHD's home visiting services being an identified resource for high-risk families.



Prevention Services

public health nurses and registration staff conducted the first year of "Fire Station Flu Shot Fridays" in collaboration with Great Falls Fire Rescue. Each Friday in October, CCHD held flu shot clinics at one of the four fire stations in Great Falls. The community had opportunities to meet fire fighters, tour fire stations, look through fire trucks; all while getting their flu shot. 331 people received their flu shot during the first year of the collaboration. CCHD and Great Falls fire Rescue look forward to this being an annual event for community members to participate in.

These collaborative efforts are essential services available to the community. During 2018, 1088 cases of influenza were reported to CCHD. This is a significant increase from previous years. 2018 numbers may be a result of increased testing and reporting by healthcare providers. The number of hospitalizations due to influenza remains consistent with the previous year. CCHD will continue to look at new and innovative ways to provide Cascade County with easy access and opportunities to receive their annual flu shot.

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