

MOW Program Eliminated due to State Budget Cuts

Due to state budget cuts, the Maternal Outreach Program was eliminated effective July 1, 2010. The Maternal Outreach Program, which originated in 1995, was staffed by two specially trained individuals that served a caseload of pregnant women and infants, providing support and education in the home. The elimination of the



Maternal Outreach Program has left a void in our agency but, more importantly, with the clients they served. Our Women's Health Team is committed to providing comprehensive case management services to our maternal health clients in these challenging times.



New Education Curriculum Introduced to Promote Responsible Pet Ownership

In early 2010 Caldwell County Animal Control, Lenoir Veterinary Hospital and Caldwell County Schools initiated an educational program for sixth grade students to promote responsible pet ownership. The program was piloted in two local elementary schools with three days of classroom work followed by a field trip to the Animal Shelter and Lenoir Veterinary Hospital. The program was a success and was provided to three more schools in the fall. Plans are underway to include the program in the sixth grade curriculum. Our hope is that teaching our children to be responsible pet owners now will result in fewer animals being cruelly treated, abandoned, and euthanized.

Caldwell County Leads The Way for Pediatric Immunizations

The Caldwell County Health Department has made every effort to increase the childhood immunization rate in our community. We are happy to report that over 97% of 2 year olds in Caldwell County are up to date on their childhood vaccinations. Staff received training on the NC Immunization Registry (NCIR) and have worked diligently to update records to ensure the accuracy of immunization records.

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Director's Message



North Carolina achieved an historic moment for the health of its people in 2010: the smoke-free restaurants and bars law (also known as House Bill 2) went into effect on January 2, 2010.

Local Health departments are responsible for implementation of the law and enforcement is complaint-driven. I am proud to report that Caldwell County's compliance is strong, helping our citizens to avoid many of the health problems caused by secondhand smoke.

I applaud our community's support of this important legislation. Your public health department will continue to advocate for policies that will help us fulfill our mission to **"Promote, Protect and Improve the Health of our Community."** We look forward to serving you and helping to make Caldwell County a healthier place to live, work and play in 2011!

Denise M. Michaud, MPH, RD, IBCLC, RLC
Health Director



Clinic Nurse Nominated for Public Health Spirit Award

Judy Dilling, RN was nominated for the 2010 Public Health Spirit Award for her loyalty and devotion to public health. Judy is a true public servant and has a passion for helping others. Her enthusiasm and ability to nurture others makes her an ideal candidate for this special honor.

13th Annual Prostate Screening

The Caldwell County Health Department and Caldwell Memorial Hospital held the 13th annual Prostate Screening. The screening was available to all men ages 40 to 75 and consisted of a digital rectal exam and a PSA (Prostate Specific Antigen) blood test. A total of 251 men were screened: forty-six had elevated or high PSA levels and were referred to a local oncologist for follow up.

Seasonal Flu Clinic

On Saturday, October 23rd, 2010 Caldwell County Health Department kicked off the 2010 flu season with its annual drive by flu vaccination clinic. Health Department employees and officers from the Lenoir Police Department and the Caldwell County Sherriff's office were on site from 7:30am-11:30am. During the four hour time span, approximately 500 seasonal flu vaccines were administered to both pediatric and adult residents. Another 200 flu vaccines were administered to Caldwell County employees at the Caldwell County Employee Health Fair on October 7th, 2010.

Pride in Public Health All-Star Award

Ray Rhinehart, REHS, was selected as a 2010 Public Health All-Star Award recipient and was recognized at the annual NC Public Health Association conference in September. His nomination states that "(Ray) is highly regarded by his peers and colleagues for his quiet determination and steadfast ability in maintaining the highest level of professionalism within his department. Ray has all of the qualities of a seasoned professional and he uses his expertise, his professional character, his ethics and his strategic vision to safeguard our citizens. He is truly a Public Health All-Star."

Dental Clinic Establishes New Partnership

The dental clinic has partnered with the Happy Valley Medical Center and Collettsville Medical Center to provide routine dental care, extractions, fillings, and other emergency services for uninsured and underinsured adults in Caldwell County.

WIC Works!

- WIC services are more accessible with the initiation of our new open access scheduling system, enabling participants to make appointments the day they call for services.
- The number of WIC mothers who are breastfeeding has increased from 33 to 84 women with the help of our Breastfeeding Peer Counselor who makes home and hospital visits to support them.
- WIC launched a new website where WIC participants can find useful information about appointment scheduling, WIC program services, and nutrition education.

Visit myWIC.org for more information

Debt Setoff Program Proves Valuable Asset

The North Carolina Debt Setoff Program is available for government agencies to recover delinquent debts by offsetting debtors' NC state tax refunds and Education lottery winnings. As of September, 2010, Caldwell County has collected over 1.18 million dollars and is the 19th North Carolina county participating in the program to reach the \$1 million mark. In 2010, the Caldwell County Health Department submitted 5,378 accounts to the Debt Setoff Program and collected \$68,895.29.

