

# Caldwell County Health Department Annual Report

2023

PROMOTE, PROTECT AND IMPROVE THE HEALTH OF OUR COMMUNITY

## Vital Records



## 2023 Patient Visits

 Adult Health **1423**

 Immunizations **2298**

 Family Planning **1616**

 Maternal Health **1223**



## New Patient Portal

We have **1377** patient portal users. They can get test results, request call backs, and pay on-line. Global Pay, through CURE MD, started in September. Patients can now pay on-line through the patient portal.

New enhancements are coming in the second half of 2024 to the patient portal.

## Breast & Cervical Cancer Control Program (BCCCP)

**123** women were screened for Breast Cancer and Cervical Cancer through this program in 2023.

# Admin



The Admin team lead the Caldwell County Health Department Staff in being re-accredited for the next 4 years. **141** out of 143 benchmarks were completed.

## Child Care Consultant



**218** Encounters with Child Care Centers (including consultations, visits, and communications)



**31** Child Care Facilities serviced in Caldwell County



**13** Trainings completed with over **100** participants



Over **125** kids received handwashing education for National Handwashing Week



**50** Moms received Breastfeeding gifts during Breastfeeding Awareness Month

## Environmental Health



**553** applications for septic systems



**231** septic systems installed



**27** complaints investigated



**110** applications for wells



**54** wells completed



**703** completed onsite permits

# Dental



Over **1,700** patients (adults and children) were seen in 2023 with **173** new patients. **1235** sealants were placed. **653** fluoride varnishes completed.



Dental staff participated in a variety of community outreach events and screenings in 2023 to promote dental health, including Blue Ridge Community Action, the Child Safety Fair, and Bright Beginnings Community Fair.

## Women, Infants and Children (WIC)

Overall participation in the WIC program in Caldwell continues to rise and currently remains well above the state recommended caseload.



Caldwell County WIC continues to see an increase in breastfeeding rates across the county due to efforts in raising breastfeeding awareness. With our breastfeeding peer counselor program and in celebrating National Breastfeeding Week during the first week of August every year.



Our WIC program remains active on Facebook with over **700** followers where we update on special programs, events, and office closures

## 2023 Community Outreach

In 2023, CCHD did **14** Flu clinics outside of regular clinic hours. A total of **394** flu shots were given during these clinics which include National Night Out, Town of Granite Falls, Hudson Police Department, Caldwell County Senior Center, long-term care facilities, and many others.



# Health Promotion



Our Health Promotion team participated in promoting healthy habits, dental health, handwashing, and services offered at CCHD through **50** various community partner events. They were recognized for their efforts by being nominated for the GlaxoSmithKline Child Health Efforts award.

CCHD staffs the County Wellness Coordinator that encourages wellness among county employees through the **Positive Pulse** program. In 2023, over **140** county employees participated in the wellness program. Programs for employees include **3** challenges, Walk a Hound Lose a Pound in partnership with Animal Care Enforcement, a Employee Wellness Fair, **6** Lunch and Learns, **5** Employee Blood Pressure Checks, and **4** Blood Drives.



CCHD is the lead agency for Caldwell County Safe Kids. In 2023, Safe Kids participated in **18** events, including car seat checks, fire prevention education, water safety, and bicycle helmet giveaways. Caldwell County Safe Kids was also awarded almost \$2000 in participation grants.

## Women's Health/ CMARC



**326** Ultrasound Visits



**821** Pregnancy Tests



**1223** Maternal Health Clinic Visits



**314** New CMARC Referrals



**119** Current CMARC Clients