



Loup Basin
PUBLIC HEALTH DEPARTMENT

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+2024-2025 Annual Report

Loup Basin Public Health Department (LBPHD)



15 employees

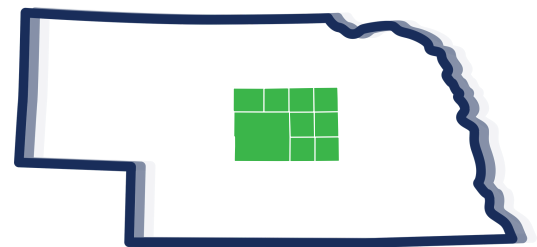


29,846 residents



CHIP Priorities:

- ▶ Expand Access to Mental Health Services
- ▶ Improve Access to Childcare
- ▶ Prevent Diabetes
- ▶ Reduce Harm from Alcohol, Drugs, & Tobacco
- ▶ Promote Cancer Detection & Prevention



Blaine, Custer, Garfield, Greeley, Howard,
Loup, Sherman, Valley, and Wheeler Counties



9

rural counties



4.89

FTEs per 10,000
(Nat'l average is 5.6)



17%

of adults report
fair to poor health

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—Amanda Jeffres, Executive Director
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Examples of Foundational Public Health Services



392 home visits completed

Maternal, Child, & Family Health

Through regular in-home visits, our Healthy Families America program offered parenting education, child development screenings, and connections to community resources—helping parents build confidence, strengthen family bonds, and ensure children grow up healthy and safe.



27 car seat safety checks at community events

Chronic Disease & Injury Prevention

Certified car seat technicians provide safety checks and education at community events. We also provided 12 car seats to families in need. We serve parents and caregivers across the area, ensuring children travel safely. This work prevents injuries and promotes child passenger safety in our communities.



23 elevated blood lead level (EBLL) cases investigated

Environmental Health

LBPHD mitigates the risk of diseases related to environmental exposures. We helped the families of 23 area children with EBLLs to identify and address sources of exposure. Other environmental work involved collecting 198 mosquito and tick samples to monitor for vector-borne disease and distributing 66 radon test kits to help residents monitor their exposure to this cancer-causing gas.



2,145 children given oral health treatments

Access to & Linkage with Clinical Care

By bringing care directly into 29 schools and long-term care facilities across our district, LBPHD reduced transportation and financial barriers, helped identify dental needs early, and supported overall health and well-being. This work makes a substantial impact, as oral health is directly linked to physical health, academic performance, and quality of life.



785 vaccinations administered

Communicable Disease Control

LBPHD completed 118 disease investigations, with campylobacteriosis being the most common reportable disease (n=24). We also administered 785 immunizations for all ages, regardless of insurance, with the help of our VFC and VFA (Vaccines for Children and Adults). We vaccinated 309 individuals at district-wide, bimonthly clinics. Timely disease investigation and accessible vaccinations help prevent the spread of illnesses in our communities.

From the Director

Loup Basin Public Health Department (LBPHD) is proud to share the work we are doing to improve health, safety, and access to care in our rural communities. Our department is in the process of building a new facility that will allow us to expand services and increase access to care for the people we serve. This investment will strengthen our ability to deliver public health programs more effectively, and we are grateful to our Board of Health for their guidance and support throughout this process. Like many local health departments, LBPHD has had to adapt to reduced financial support. We have been proactive in seeking new funding opportunities and braiding resources together in order to sustain essential services. Despite these challenges, we remain committed to protecting and improving the health of our community. We are actively pursuing PHAB accreditation, recognizing the many benefits it brings to our organization, our partners, and the people we serve. Accreditation will help us strengthen our systems, demonstrate accountability, and ensure that we are delivering the highest quality public health services. LBPHD is proud of our Healthy Families Loup Basin home visitation program, which continues to grow and flourish.

This program provides critical support to families, encouraging healthy child development, positive parenting and safe home environments. We see many inspiring stories from families whose lives have been strengthened through this program. In addition, we have expanded our services to include CPR classes and coordination of the Medical Reserve Corps (MRC) unit. These programs help fill important gaps in rural health services by equipping community members with lifesaving skills and strengthening local emergency preparedness. LBPHD's mission is to improve the health and well-being of our nine-county district by providing accessible, high-quality public health services, promoting disease prevention and addressing health disparities through education, outreach, and collaboration. This mission guides every program we offer and every decision we make. We deeply appreciate the Legislature and the Division of Public Health for their ongoing support of local health departments, which makes this work possible.

