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+ 2024-2025 Annual Report

Two Rivers Public Health Department (TRPHD)



23 employees

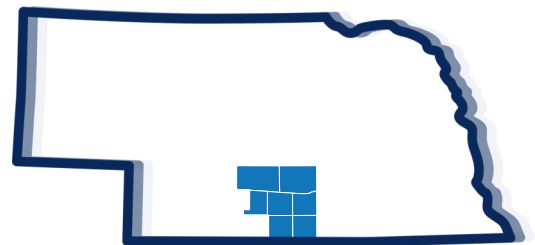


97,826 residents



CHIP Priorities:

- ▶ Access to Care
- ▶ Chronic Disease
- ▶ Environmental Health
- ▶ Behavioral Health



7 rural & micropolitan counties

Buffalo, Dawson, Franklin, Gosper,
Harlan, Kearney, and Phelps Counties



1 of 9

NE LHDs nationally
accredited by PHAB



2.31

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



17%

of adults report fair to
poor health

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and strengthen our community."*

—Jeremy Eschliman, Health Director
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Examples of Foundational Public Health Services



746 home visits completed

Maternal, Child, & Family Health

The Healthy Families America (HFA) program empowers parents through home visits, education, and support, helping children thrive from birth. By strengthening parent-child bonds, promoting healthy development, and connecting families to resources, we help build strong, resilient families and healthier communities for the future.



1,588 residents trained on substance misuse prevention

Chronic Disease & Injury Prevention

Substance abuse is a growing concern in our communities, leading to overdoses and preventable injuries. TRPHD works to expand education about substance use and promote local resources to reduce stigma and connect people with support. TRPHD has also distributed over 1,100 boxes of Narcan (naloxone) to community members, helping ensure this lifesaving tool is widely available. Narcan training empowers families, first responders, and residents to act quickly in an emergency, and together these efforts save lives and strengthen the health and resilience of our community.



2 new programs added thanks to partnerships

Environmental Health

TRPHD worked with the families of 7 area children with lead poisoning to identify possible causes and provide guidance. We collected 700+ mosquito samples to monitor for vector-borne disease, distributed 200 radon test kits, and our 9 PurpleAir sensors provided information on local air quality. We furthered our capacity to limit harms related to environmental exposures: launching swimming pool inspections through a partnership with the Department of Water, Energy, and Environment and receiving an HUD Lead Hazard Reduction grant that will help eliminate lead risks from homes at zero cost to tenants.



1,255 children served by the oral health program

Access to & Linkage with Clinical Care

District-wide oral health work served over 12,000 children at 27 sites. This work prevents disease, reduces pain, and supports overall health. Poor oral health can lead to infections, heart disease, and diabetes complications. Promoting good dental care improves quality of life, boosts confidence, and lowers long-term healthcare costs.



4,230 vaccinations administered

Communicable Disease Control

TRPHD completed 734 disease investigations, most commonly related to chlamydia, enteropathogenic Escherichia coli (EPEC), and animal exposure. We also administered 4,230 immunizations. Our unique mix of in-office and mobile clinics bring essential vaccines to individuals, reducing travel needs. This initiative has increased routine childhood vaccinations at select locations, supporting TRPHD's mission of fostering a "Healthy Community for All."

From the Director

Dear Members of the Governing Body,

I want to provide an update on how our local health department is working to improve efficiency in programming, protect families, and reduce long-term costs to our community. By conducting swimming pool inspections locally, we have cut through red tape and ensured issues are addressed quickly, without waiting on state agencies. This approach helps keep children and families safe while streamlining compliance for pool operators. Local oversight means problems get solved faster, at less cost, and with accountability close to home. Our recent initiatives are not about growing government, but about making government work smarter. For example, our pool inspection system allows us to identify hazards early, avoiding expensive fixes later. These types of practical steps save taxpayer dollars while ensuring our community continues to thrive. We also introduced confidential, community-requested health screenings to address gaps residents identified in timely care. By providing these services locally, we reduce the likelihood of broader health problems that would otherwise lead to higher medical costs for families and taxpayers. This is a straightforward, cost-effective approach that keeps solutions close to home. Your continued support ensures that we can maintain local oversight, prevent costly state or federal intervention, and deliver practical solutions that reflect Nebraska values. Our focus is simple: protect families, safeguard taxpayer dollars, and strengthen our community through efficient, accountable action.

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