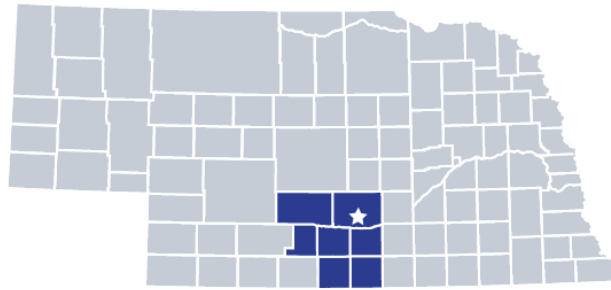


TWO RIVERS PUBLIC HEALTH DEPARTMENT

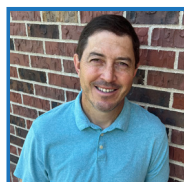
"A healthy community for all!"



**BUFFALO, DAWSON, FRANKLIN, GOSPER,
HARLAN, KEARNEY, PHELPS**

Our Priorities

Two Rivers Public Health Department (TRPHD) is working with partners to align the timing of our community health assessment work and community health improvement plan (CHIP) implementation. Typically, these processes occur on a 3-to-5-year cycle. TRPHD is in year 3 of the current CHIP cycle. The priorities of the current cycle are improving access to care, creating a safe environment, addressing mental health, and preventing suicide. The primary objectives for improving access to care include increasing vaccination rates in the district and creating health education materials in various languages. TRPHD has taken steps to assess the environmental needs in the district, sought staff training, and investigated nuisances to ensure a safe environment. TRPHD has focused on addressing mental health and suicide prevention through the OD2A (Overdose Data to Action) program. TRPHD's OD2A work was recently recognized by the National Association of City and County Health Officials (NACCHO).



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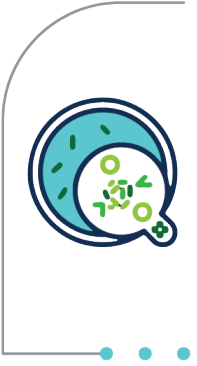


2 of 7 TRPHD counties are **"high need"** for family supports

MATERNAL, CHILD, & FAMILY HEALTH

What we do: TRPHD identified high needs for family supports in our area and is preparing to implement the Healthy Families America (HFA) home visitation model with children up to age 5 and their families.

Why we do it: TRPHD seeks to foster lifelong health by supporting children and families and preventing adverse childhood experiences (ACEs).

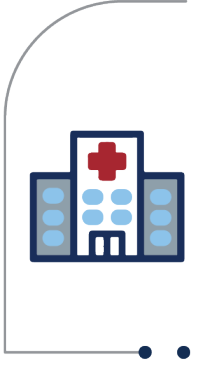


658 investigations of reportable diseases (other than COVID-19)

COMMUNICABLE DISEASE CONTROL

What we do: TRPHD investigates reportable diseases, to detect disease clusters and outbreaks. TRPHD's nursing team assists individuals in need of community support as they navigate their illnesses.

Why we do it: Timely prevention and control activities can stop outbreaks that can result in widespread illness, missed work, school absences, and other hardships. Many reportable diseases can lead to serious illness or death.

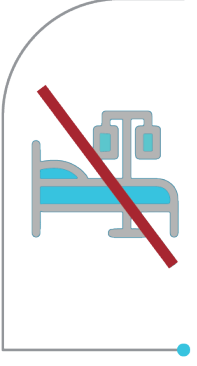


Sealants applied on 3,293 teeth

ACCESS TO & LINKAGE WITH CLINICAL CARE

What we do: TRPHD's LifeSmiles provided 2,612 dental screenings—narrowing the gap in equitable access to dental care in rural areas. We help with preventive services, education, and connections with local dentists.

Why we do it: Rurality and poverty impact access to dental care. Most of TRPHD is rural. Many children are low income and/or experience homelessness. Limited English complicates oral health access for immigrant residents.



Franklin County reported **11.5 overdose deaths per 100,000** in 2021

CHRONIC DISEASE & INJURY PREVENTION

What we do: TRPHD'S opioid awareness and overdose prevention program provides information, education, referrals on substance use disorder, and distribution of Narcan for harm reduction and safety.

Why we do it: We combat the stigma of substance use disorder through public education such as social media and presentations. In addition, TRPHD promotes tools to address both mental health issues and substance misuse.



60.2% of homes in the district were **built before 1979**

ENVIRONMENTAL PUBLIC HEALTH

What we do: TRPHD monitors/tracks environmental health issues and diseases that impact our communities such as West Nile Virus, lake algae, public health water violations, radon, lead poisoning, and air quality.

Why we do it: Lead is especially toxic to children under age 6, impacting the brain and other organs. Lead is often present in structures built before 1979.

TWO RIVERS PUBLIC HEALTH DEPARTMENT (TRPHD)

BUFFALO DAWSON FRANKLIN GOSPER HARLAN KEARNEY PHELPS

Minority population: **20%**



Hispanic American Indian Black Asian Hawaiian/Pacific Islander

 **13%** of residents speak languages other than English
Common Languages: Spanish, Somali

Minority Health Initiative (MHI)



MHI eligible residents: **20,471**



Funds Received FY 2022-2023: **\$126,362**

Strategies & Outcomes

TRPHD's MHI work centers on connecting disproportionately affected communities to appropriate healthcare services. TRPHD provides mobile vaccination clinics where individuals can receive routine vaccinations such as flu, COVID-19, HPV, and others. Mobile clinics occur on a regular monthly schedule. The mobile clinic location with the highest attendance occurs at a nightclub in Lexington prior to the club opening for the evening. Our Community Health Workers present information in multiple languages, and assist in increasing access to transportation, sometimes paying transportation fees for individuals to attend appointments. TRPHD also engages with key community partners who participate in an advisory board for minority health.

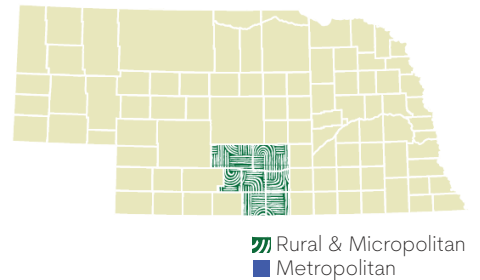
Other work helping all communities thrive

TRPHD is developing two crucial programs to address health disparities in our area: expanded environmental health services, and a home visitation program. Environmental health staff will help ensure that environmental issues like lead poisoning are investigated and remediated. Program staff will work with other experts on our team to ensure assistance and education reach remote areas and are culturally appropriate. Our Healthy Families America (HFA) program will make the benefits of early support through home visitation available to children up to age five and their families.

Other Demographics:

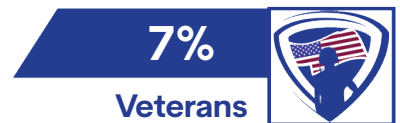
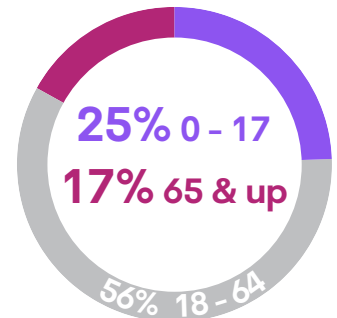
Based on total population: 97,423

7 Rural counties:



13%
Persons with disabilities

Ages:



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We speak English & Spanish!