

Salem County

Health Department

2017 Annual Report



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*This report summarizes the 2017 calendar
year activities and accomplishments
conducted by the Salem County
Department of Health to meet the public
health needs of Salem County residents.*

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Our Mission

We are dedicated to the promotion and protection of the public's health through prevention, education & partnership within the community of Salem County.

Our Vision

We will continually enhance and adapt our services to the needs of the community resulting in a healthy, accountable population that recognizes the Health Department as a valuable resource.

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To the residents of Salem County:

We are pleased to share with you the Salem County Health Department's 2017 Annual Report. We want the best for our 15 municipalities and strive to do more each and every day. As our mission states, "we are dedicated to the promotion and protection of the public's health through prevention, education and partnership within the Salem County community." The report summarizes the 2017 calendar year activities Salem County Department of Health conducted to meet the public health needs of Salem County residents and to fulfill our mission.

The Salem County Health Department has been hard at work this past year! The 2017 Annual Report highlights our services, 2017 program accomplishments of the department and a look ahead at our 2018 goals. Our department experienced a major change in the world of lead prevention and screening. The State of New Jersey passed new lead regulations, to match current Centers for Disease Control and Prevention guidance, which lowered the blood lead level in a child from 10 ug/dl to 5 ug/dl. Our department successfully applied for grant funding from the New Jersey Department of Health for Childhood Lead Education and Prevention. Check our website or Facebook page for regular updates!

The Salem County Health Department strives to provide exceptional public health services to our communities and continues to maintain a professional and courteous approach to everything we do. We at the department look forward to providing another successful year of services in Salem County. We constantly look for ways to improve our services and assist our residents in new and innovative ways.

Thank you and we hope that you enjoy reading about all the great programs happening in our department.

Sincerely yours,

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2017 Accomplishments & 2018 Goals

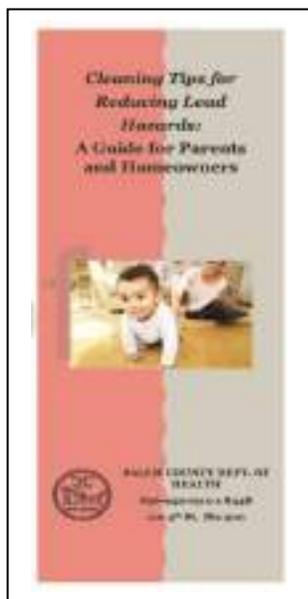
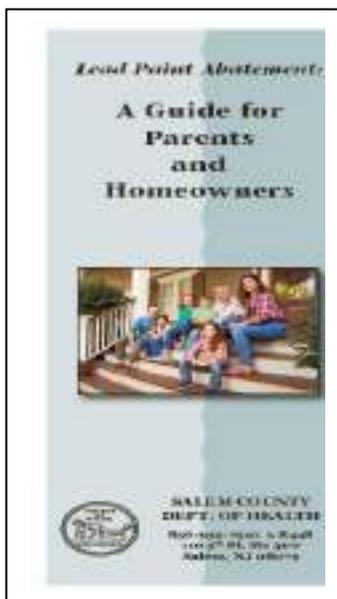
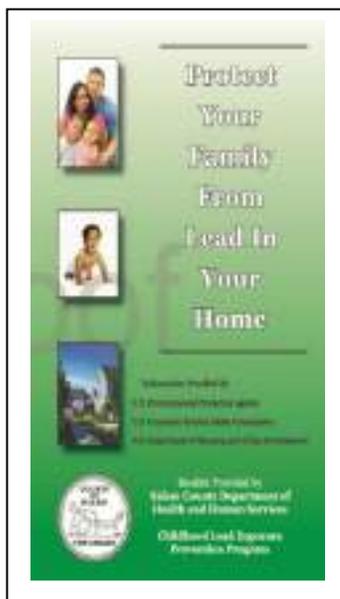
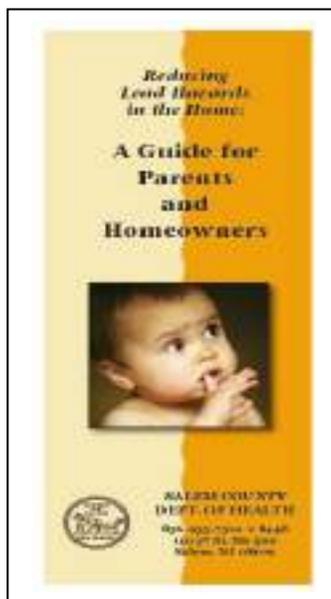
Environmental

2017 Accomplishments

1. Applied and successfully received the Childhood Lead Education and Prevention Grant in order to appropriately respond and prepare for the Blood Lead Level reduction from 10 ug to 5 ug.
2. Obtained funding to secure a contractor for the creation of a Digital Health Department database.
3. All inspection numbers were met for the 2017 year on both the Consumer and Environmental side.
4. Rabies coordinator continues to provide education to the community as well as veterinary providers pertaining to rabies prevention and exposure.
5. Maintained the 3 to 5 day approval and turnaround time for septic plan review and/or approval.

2018 Goals

- Acquired updated and new equipment for Lead Inspections. This equipment consists of an updated Lead in Paint Analyzer and a Consumer Product Analyzer.
- Digital Health Department active and able to be used for primary consumer inspections.
- Getting additional staff members trained and licensed as Lead Inspector / Risk Assessors.
- Successfully implement the NEW Public Recreational Bathing code.



NEW Lead Hazard Educational Brochures

Public Health Preparedness

2017 accomplishments

- MRC-CERT added another volunteer group to our MRC-CERT team: Domestic Animal Sheltering Team
- Improved community outreach with teaching Hands Only CPR to residents of Salem County, Disaster Cooking and First Aid.
- Increased MRC numbers from 29 to 34
- set up a shelter exercise with 40 plus volunteers at Salem County College
- Updated all Memorandum Of Understanding on PODS and RSS sites, including site security plans
- Operation Viral Virus, staff POD tabletop exercise. 40 staff and volunteers attended.

2018 Goals

- Run emergency preparedness education to the EPZ schools
- Increase our fixed facility partners
- Run a complete shelter set up with volunteers leading the way
- Exercise our POD and RSS sites with staff and volunteers
- Establish and Train volunteers, staff, community residents in “You are the help till help arrives”



Shelter Exercise Setup with volunteers



Hands-only CPR demonstration

Public Health Nursing and Special Child Health Services

2017 Accomplishments:

- Community Health Screenings: Nursing Division performed 101 health screening events and provided 1,392 health screenings to the residents of Salem County. The Nursing Division was able to accommodate 10 requests for community health screenings (including after work hours and Saturdays) and provided educational/informational materials to 5 community events.
- Move Yourself Salem County walks/indoor exercise has increased its participant following to 20 to 25 per event. Indoor events are now held at Queen of the Apostles Church in Pennsville. There were 90 events held throughout 2017 with 1,439 participants taking part.
- The Nursing Division provided case management for 2 very difficult TB cases. One case was for a newborn infant.
- The Nursing Department performed 51 school/daycare immunization audits from January thru April 2017 with facilities compliance rate of 99.8%. The Nursing Department continues to provide guidance and education re: immunization requirements for schools and daycares.
- Communicable Disease continue to investigate and close cases in a timely fashion and continue providing education and guidance to physician office, schools, daycare and long term facilities. The Nursing Division performs investigations for approx 35-40 cases per month.
- Special Child continued to provide case management for approx 130 clients of the Special Child Program and provide community education of services.
- APS continued to help those in the community against being a victim of abuse physical/psychological/sexual/financial and get these victims to a safe environment and made sure needs are met.

2018 Goals

- Community Health Screenings – increase nursing outreach for community health screenings by establishing working relationships with wellness directors include local municipalities workers, local organizations, Family Success Centers, PRACC to name a few.

- STD – to increase STD outreach to include local youth based organization (Oasis), to provided outreach to Family Success Center Salem. To continue working with local High School youth based services for STD outreach. To continue monthly STD presentations at drug court. Continue a working relationship with Famcare for STD outreach to migrant farm workers. To increase point of distribution of free condoms from 2 (local barber shop and Family Success Center Salem) to 4 by end of the year. To continue to provide STD education at all nursing’s events.
- Lead Program - Will start offering capillary lead testing at Salem County Fair, Family Success Center 2 x per month starting in July and will offer capillary lead testing at WIC office starting in Aug. Continue to provide lead education at all nursing’s events and during school/daycare immunization audits. To continue to provide education and guidance to local physician offices.
- TB – Continue to case manage any active TB cases and monitor any latent TB cases
- GAP/MOW’s – continue to monitor GAP services clients for needed community services and increase the number of MOW’s clients seen to provide nursing assessment of client and provide information of available services within the community
- Communicable Disease - continue to investigate and close cases in a timely fashion and continue providing education and guidance to physician office, schools, daycare and long term facilities.
- MOVE - continue to provide the residents of Salem County with MOVE every Tuesday and Thursday. Nursing is now offering health screenings at selected MOVE events and presentations at selected MOVE events. To continue to provide health education, exercise and socialization at every MOVE event.
- Immunization Audits – continue to complete school and daycare immunization audits by 6-30-2018 and continue to provide guidance and education re: immunization requirements for schools and daycares. Lead educations and communicable disease education is also provided during each audit.
- Special Child – continue to case manage clients of the Special Child Program and provide community education on available services
- APS – maintain helping those in the community against being a victim of abuse physical/psychological/sexual/financial and get these victims to a safe environment and make sure needs are met.

Alcohol and Drug Services Office

2017 Accomplishments

- The Alcohol and Drug Coordinator provided community outreach with Alcohol and Drug presentations about current drug trends, the dangers of prescription drug abuse and the heroin epidemic, and of the importance of properly disposing of unused medications. The A/D Coordinator also talked about available resources to several community groups including the Senior Circle at the Memorial Hospital of Salem County, NAMI Caregiver event, and parents at the Mannington Swim Club.
- The Alcohol and Drug office also hosted six Narcan trainings for family members, friends, and other Salem County residents who know people at risk of overdose from heroin and other opiates. Over 80 attendees received valuable training on the signs and symptoms of an overdose, how to provide rescue breathing, and how to administer this life-saving nasal spray, which can bring someone out of an overdose. Each participant received a free Narcan kit.

2018 Goals

- Host another series of Narcan trainings to bring this life-saving medication to more family members and friends of those struggling with heroin and opiate addiction.
- Continue community outreach to educate residents of the ongoing heroin and prescription opiate epidemic, what they can do to minimize their families' risk, and where to go for help.
- Redirecting grant funds from the Salem Health and Wellness Foundation to provide medical direction and Narcan to seven volunteer EMS squads in Salem County that are currently unable to administer Narcan without having medical direction. The service is cost prohibitive for the smaller volunteer squads.

Department Services

Environmental

Consumer Programs:

Retail Food Establishments: Conduct inspections and investigate complaints at all food establishments.

Public Recreational Bathing: Inspect all public bathing facilities including pools, lakes and spas. Monitor sampling results to ensure safe levels.

Public Campgrounds: Campgrounds are inspected to ensure safe and sanitary operations including sewer, trash, vermin, swimming, etc.

Registered Youth Camps: Youth camps are inspected prior to children attending camp to ensure safe facilities and operations.

Childhood Lead Poisoning: Partnering with Nursing division to ensure a lead safe environment for children who have tested positive for lead.

Body Art Facilities: Inspect facilities that perform tattoos, cosmetic tinting, and body piercing to ensure strict safety standards are followed due to the possibility of blood born pathogen diseases.

Rabies and Zoonotic disease surveillance: Monitor animal bites and rabies testing results to advise exposed individual on prophylaxis. Partner with Mosquito Control to monitor bird testing for West Nile Virus and areas of increased mosquito breeding.

Kennels, Pet shops, and Pounds: Inspect facilities housing animals to ensure safe and sanitary conditions.

Public Health Nuisance: Investigate citizen complaints regarding general health nuisance conditions affecting the public.

Right to Know (for public facilities): conduct outreach activities to assist public facilities with submitting hazardous substance surveys and inventories and achieving compliance with regulations.

Environmental Health Programs:

Air Pollution Control: Conduct Inspections of dry cleaners, large boilers and generators. Respond to citizen complaints concerning possible air pollution, open burning and odors.



Solid Waste Control: Inspect solid waste vehicles and recycling facilities/activities for compliance. Citizen complaints and illegal dumping reports are also investigated.



Safe Drinking Water: Conduct inspections of public facilities' water systems to ensure they are maintaining all system components and analyzing drinking water for contaminants to ensure people are drinking safe and potable water.



Water Pollution Control: Investigate reports and citizen complaints of illegal discharges and septic overflows into surface or ground water.

Subsurface Sewage Disposal System: Inspectors review applications for the installation of septic systems, along with conduct installation inspections and review real estate inspection reports for compliance.

Pesticides: Landscapers are checked to assure that they are licensed and properly applying pesticides. Retail stores that sell pesticides are checked to ensure they are not selling unregistered products.

Well Permits and Private Well Testing Act: Well construction applications are reviewed. When a private well test shows high levels of certain contaminants, residents are notified and given educational information on well contamination and water testing.

Hazardous Material: Inspectors respond to reports of spilled and/or improperly disposed hazardous materials and ensure material is contained and properly remediated.



Noise Pollution Control: Inspectors respond to citizen noise complaints concerning commercial and industrial noise pollution.

Right to Know (for private facilities): Conduct inspections of private facilities to ensure they submit RTK surveys and chemical inventories.

Ambient Surface Water Bacterial Monitoring: Collect ambient surface water samples from freshwater rivers and streams to assess bacterial water quality

Preparedness

Emergency Public Information and Warning

- Just In Time trainings
- Risk Communication Staff Training
- Hosts Spokesperson Training
- Preparedness education
- Maintain Risk Communication Plan

Information Sharing

- Manage the Public Health Emergency Notification System in Salem County
- 24/7/365 coverage of LINCS
- Alerts, Advisory, Information and Update
- Develop and maintain contacts for hospitals, healthcare providers, schools, businesses and other community agencies
- Conduct call down testing of staff

Mass Care

- Determine and develop public health's role in mass care operations
- Working closely with Emergency Services, Red Cross and community partners

Medical Countermeasures Dispensing and Materiel Management and Distribution

- Points of Distribution (POD)
- First Responder/Fixed Facility Plan
- RSS Warehouse Site
- Operational Readiness Review (ORR)
- Exercises
 - Three State mandated exercises a year - Call down, site activation, and site notification



Additional Projects

- KI Distribution
- Seasonal flu clinics
- Back up to communicable disease program
- Regional planning

Volunteer Management

- Salem County Medical Reserve Corps (MRC)
- Trained medical and non-medical volunteers
- Assist with public health and community emergencies
- Provided much needed assistance during H1N1 flu clinics and seasonal flu clinics
- Partner with CERT for trainings

Public Health Nursing

Adult Protective Services (APS) - Each county has a designated agency that is responsible to receive referrals of suspected abuse, neglect, or exploitation and investigate those which meet the criteria under APS statute.

GAP Services - Follow up case management for a client that is referred to GAP Services by Adult Protective Services (APS).

Communicable Disease - To protect public health, certain disease and conditions are REQUIRED to be reported by health care providers, labs, and facilities. Reported disease prompts the LHD to begin surveillance, client interviews, prevention measure, and education. All data collected is compiled and reported to New Jersey Department of Health and Centers for Disease Control.

Immunization Audits - Yearly immunization audits are conducted in every licensed daycare and school. During an immunization audit, each child's vaccine record is examined. To ensure all children enrolled are up to date on their shots. If vaccine deficiencies are discovered, a notice is sent home by the school or daycare to the parent/guardian, giving thirty (30) days to obtain the missing immunizations.

Meals on Wheels Outreach - A Registered Nurse accompanies the Meals On Wheels (MOW) case manager during the initial interview of a potential MOW client.

Health Education - Community Walk-N-Talks.

Health Screenings - Health screenings for blood pressure, glucose, total cholesterol, weight, and body mass index. Screenings are held at various locations including post offices, churches, senior living facilities, and community events.



Lead Case Management - is provided for children with elevated lead levels. The goal of case management is for the child to live safely around lead. Education, referral and resources are provided to families with lead burdened children.

STD/HIV Education and Referral - Collaboration with community partners to provide STD education and awareness. Education provided to local churches, high schools, youth groups, food banks, drug court, & migrant farm workers. Also, partner with FamCare to provide FREE STD/STI/HIV testing and treatment.

Tuberculosis - Protect the public from the spread of tuberculosis (TB) disease. Use of highly effective treatments and interventions, such as Direct Observed Therapy (DOT).

Special Child Health Services

- Our Case Manager works with families of children aged birth to 21 years, who are Salem County residents and have special health care needs are eligible for Special Child Health Services. Our Case Manager makes referrals to and/or assists families to access state, federal and community resources. Case Management is a voluntary, confidential and free service provided to children with special needs. Children with “special needs” include those with:
 - Long-term medical conditions
 - Physical disabilities
 - Birth defects
 - Developmental disabilities
 - Traumatic Brain Injury



Alcohol and Drug Services

The Alcoholism Treatment and Rehabilitation Acts of 1975 and 1983 name the Department of Health as the single agency responsible for alcoholism and drug treatment services. The Act established a single individual, the County Alcohol and Drug Abuse Services Coordinator, under the county government system to do the following:

- Establish and monitor funded treatment services.
- Prepare an annual county comprehensive plan for service delivery.
- Work in conjunction with the Salem County Local Advisory Committee on Alcoholism and Drug Abuse (LACADA).

A public law in 1989 confirmed all of the above and created the Governor's Council on Alcoholism and Drug Abuse to add prevention and education to treatment services through Municipal Alliance Programs.

Salem County funds a continuum of services for residents who are struggling with substance abuse and the disease of addiction.

- Sub-acute Detoxification
- Short-term Residential
- Halfway House
- Outpatient/Intensive Outpatient
- Education/Prevention

County funds serve the indigent and are the last resort for our most vulnerable residents, providing access to treatment for those who don't have health insurance or the means to pay for treatment.

Municipal Alliances are communities in New Jersey mobilized under their local government to:

- Identify drug abuse problems
- Unify the community
- Become a force for change through grass roots prevention and education programs

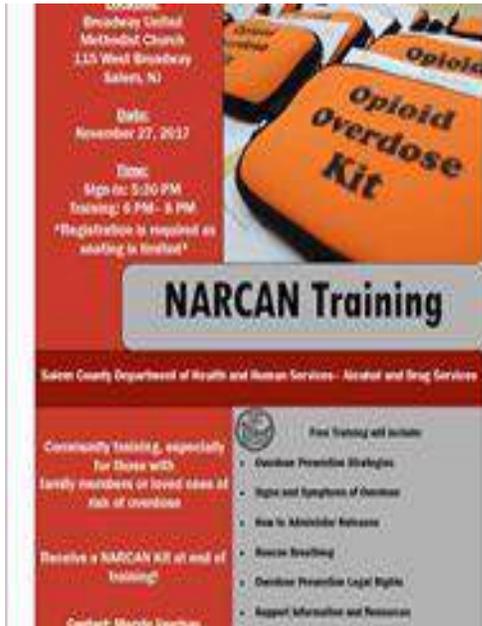
Members represent schools, law enforcement, businesses, civic organizations, youth groups, churches, municipal governments, and concerned citizens joining together for a common cause.



Public Health by the Numbers

980 flu shots	165 Special Needs children provided Case Management
1392 health screenings	60 Municipal alliance programs
52 immunization audits	88 Outdoor Walks and Indoor Exercise
422 communicable disease cases	41 GAP services
198 suspected rabies cases	26 MOW nurse visits
258 septic plans	226 real estate transfer septic reports
560 food inspections for fixed establishments & mobile units	8 detox treatment assistance and 24 residential treatment
90 nuisance complaint	9 alcohol and drug community programs
6 lead inspections and 28 visual drive by assessments	4 Outbreak Investigations
1 Confirmed TB Case	15 lead case management
100 STD presentations to drug court	6 STD outreach to migrant farm workers
32 NEW MRC Volunteers	

Trainings and Community Programs



Brookway United Methodist Church
115 West Brookway
Salem, NJ

Date:
November 27, 2017

Time:
Sign in: 3:30 PM
Training: 6 PM - 8 PM
*Registration is required as seating is limited!

NARCAN Training

Salem County Department of Health and Human Services - Alcohol and Drug Services

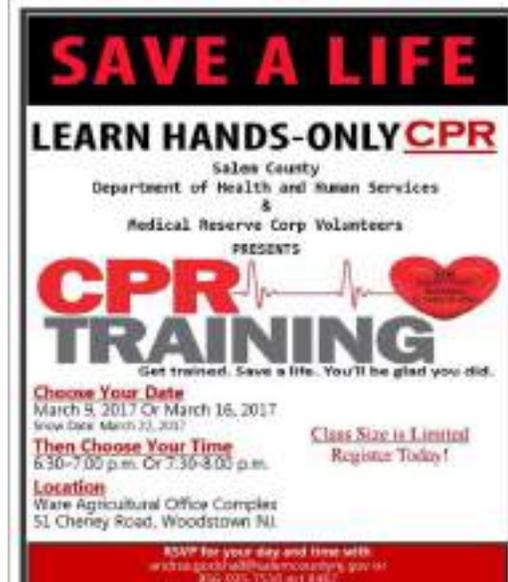
Community training, especially for those with family members or loved ones at risk of overdose

Receive a NARCAN kit at end of training

Cost: \$100 (includes kit)

Free training will include:

- Overdose Prevention Strategies
- Signs and Symptoms of Overdose
- How to Administer Naloxone
- Rescue Breathing
- Overdose Prevention Legal Rights
- Support, Information and Resources



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&
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703-605-7333 ext 446



Outdoor Walks and Indoor Exercise



Salem County Recreation Park

Park hours:
Dawn - Dusk

The Salem County Department of Health and Human Services is pleased to announce funding through the New Jersey Healthy Communities Network (NJHCN) to complete upgrades to the park. These upgrades are a great addition to a sunny park that includes a playground, softball and tennis fields. You are encouraged to take advantage of the park's amenities.

Recent Improvements:

- Paved walking path
- Six exercise stations
- Park benches
- Trash receptacles
- Bike rack

Salem County Recreation Park is located on the corner of Route 139 and Perkiotown Road in Oldmans Township.

For more information call 935-7510 ext. 8302

The improvements were made possible through the NJHCN's support in addition to support from the following funders: Salem County Public and Welfare Foundation, Salem County Board of County Freeholders, and Department of Health and Human Services. Salem County Health Department and Salem County Facilities Management.

Trainings and Community Programs (continued)

Salem County Department of Health received a small grant from New Jersey Department of Health to make improvements to the Salem County Recreation Park located in Oldmans Township. These grant dollars assisted the health department in partnering with Facilities Management to install a walking path, exercise stations, benches and mile markers along the path. The Salem County Department of Health, in partnership with Facilities Management, continues to make improvements to the park by installing a meditation garden and an updated play area with new swings. The park is located on the corner of Route 130 and Perkintown Road, Oldmans Township.



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