

PLANNING

DIABETES PREVENTION PROGRAM - EXT. 5395

The Diabetes Prevention Program is for individuals diagnosed as prediabetic or at high risk of developing Type 2 Diabetes. This 12-month program provides a lifestyle coach who offers support, encouragement, resources, and accountability as individuals work to adopt a healthy lifestyle to prevent diabetes. Medicare and Medicaid covers program cost for those with an A1C test result of 5.7 – 6.2.

EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS - EXT. 5338

TCHD prepares to keep the public safe from public health emergency situations. In the event of a disaster, TCHD will respond as part of a team and help coordinate preparedness efforts and provide recovery.

EPIDEMIOLOGY - EXT. 5281

Collect and analyze data statistics of health concerns and issues within Tazewell County. Collaborate with regional epidemiologists to conduct surveillance of outbreaks. Monitor local health issues and communicable diseases.

MEDICAL RESERVE CORPS - EXT. 5282

This is an all volunteer organization that utilizes medical and non-medical volunteers for public health related activities and can be activated during disasters in Tazewell County.

OVERDOSE RESPONSE - EXT. 5281

A collaborative effort between TCHD, Local Law Enforcement, EMS, Fire, Harm Reduction Agencies and the Coroner with the goal to reduce deaths related to overdose, increase awareness of substance use disorder, and increase Narcan access.

TAZEWELL PUBLIC HEALTH FOUNDATION - EXT. 5338

Not-for-profit collaboration to increase the capacity of programs and services to meet the needs of local residents. The Tazewell Public Health Foundation provides funding to be used for any program of TCHD and community partners.

Guide to Services



MISSION STATEMENT

To promote and protect the public’s health and well-being.

VISION STATEMENT

The Tazewell County Health Department will be a state leader and partner, serving the community through innovative public health practices to meet the current and future needs of the individual and of the environment, with the ultimate goal of inspiring and attaining overall wellness.

VALUES

The Tazewell County Health Department is dedicated to our community through...

Service: Understanding and meeting public health needs with creativity and commitment.

Quality: Continuously seeking to enhance and provide services at the highest possible level.

Accountability: Ensuring responsible use of resources to benefit the community.

Integrity: Being ethical and reliable.

Collaboration: Communicating and working together for the overall good of the public.

Innovation: Being a leader in anticipating and addressing public health needs.

Respect: Relating to all people with understanding, compassion and dignity.

BOARD OF HEALTH MEMBERS

Gary Burton
David Dingledine
Jay Hall
Sarah Koscica, M.D.
Gloria Ranney
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Steven Dickey, D.D.S.
Peggy Flannigan, PhD, RN
Rich Karneboe
Bobbi Mullis, RN
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RECYCLING EDUCATION – EXT. 5241

Tazewell County Health Department has in-school and public education programs emphasizing resource reduction/recycling, environmental protection and economic development. TCHD utilizes special community events and programs to provide information on recycling and waste education.

SANITARY HEALTH ORDINANCES - EXT. 5272

Investigate citizen complaints related to violation of Tazewell County's Health Ordinance. Referral to other agencies on complaints outside TCHD jurisdiction.

SOLID WASTE PLANNING & ENFORCEMENT – EXT. 5226

Tazewell County has an agreement with the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency (IEPA) as a delegated county. TCHD conducts surveillance and regular inspections of active and closed solid waste landfills and waste transfer stations. Additionally, TCHD investigates other violations of IEPA, including illegal dumping and open burning.

TANNING & BODY ART - EXT. 5271

Inspect under agreement with IDPH · Complaint investigation · Body artist registration

WATER – EXT. 5272

Issue permits for wells and closed loop systems · Complaint inspections · Abandoned well inspections · Inspection requests for real estate transactions · Presentations to schools & organizations on groundwater protection · For a fee, water samples from private water supplies can be tested for coliform, Nitrates and Nitrites · Member of the Central Region Groundwater Protection Committee

ALSO AVAILABLE - EXT. 5272

Bed bug investigations, vector program-complaint investigations, bird and mosquito testing for West Nile virus and educational presentations. Identification of insects.

ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH

FOOD INSPECTIONS – EXT. 5272

Out of house training for food handlers · Certified Food Protection Manager training · IDPH summer food program · Temporary and special event inspection program · Restaurant, grocery stores, schools, day care, bar and long-term care inspections · Complaint inspections · Foodborne illness investigations · Plan reviews · Presentations to schools & organizations on food protection

GREEN INITIATIVES - EXT. 5342

Tazewell County is working on initiatives from the 2018 Resource and Recovery Plan. Removal of inorganics and organics from the landfill through composting and education on “Recycling Right” with standardized labeling to avoid confusion on what can truly be recycled. The County also provides funding to communities to establish, operate and maintain recycling collection programs. Commercial customers including multi-family housing are assisted with the development of efficient recycling programs

PRIVATE SEWAGE SYSTEMS – EXT. 5272

Issue permits for septic systems · Inspection of septic installations · Complaint inspections · Problem consultation in design · Effluent sampling for a fee · Plat review

RADON MITIGATION PROGRAM - EXT. 5395

The Edwards Power Plant Settlement provides funds for home mitigation systems installed by a licensed radon mitigation contractor. Eligibility: Single-family home located in 61554, 61611, or 61610 within a 6 mi. radius of the Edwards Power Plant on a slab or basement foundation, built in the last 100 years, with radon test results of 4 pCi/L or higher.

RECREATIONAL WATER - EXT. 5272

Licensing inspections for pools and beaches under agreement with the Illinois Department of Public Health. Complaint investigation. Water quality inspections.

ACCREDITATION

TCHD is a Nationally Accredited Health Department! Reaccreditation was awarded in 2022 with many thanks extended to staff for the hard work to achieving this goal.

Accreditation provides a framework for a health department to identify performance improvement opportunities, to improve management, develop leadership, and improve relationships with the community. The process is one that will challenge the health department to think about what business it does and how it does that business.

The national award symbolizes that TCHD is committed to continuous quality improvement so that we can meet our community's needs as effectively and efficiently as possible. Public Health Accreditation Board (PHAB) accreditation demonstrates our accountability and credibility to everyone with whom we work and serve. The achievement of national accreditation will help guide our work to better promote and protect the public's health and well-being.



Tazewell County Health Department complies with applicable Federal civil rights laws and does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, age, disability, or sex.

BIRTH TO 5 SERVICES

ALL OUR KIDS (AOK) NETWORK – EXT. 5266

The All Our Kids Network promotes healthy pregnancies and the positive growth and development of all children, birth to age five and their parents/caregivers. AOK Network Partners work on cross sector initiatives so that more babies are born healthy, more children remain healthy, and children enter school ready to learn. The AOK Network improves outcomes with a coordinated system of services and support, by addressing child and family priority issues.

BETTER BIRTH OUTCOMES – EXT. 5295

The goal of Better Birth Outcomes is to improve birth outcomes through education, care coordination, linkage, and referrals. Services supplement prenatal care and assist health care providers to promote the client's health and well-being. High-risk prenatal clients are provided access to services early in pregnancy. Transportation assistance is available to medical appointments through contracts with local taxi companies and fuel only gift cards.

BREASTFEEDING PEER COUNSELORS – EXT. 5225

Breastfeeding Peer Counselors provide home visits and phone counseling to breastfeeding WIC moms in need of help for common breastfeeding concerns/issues. The Peer Counselors are available outside the normal operating hours of the Health Department.

CHILD PASSENGER SAFETY (CPS) – EXT. 5277

The Child Passenger Safety Program (CPS) teaches parents and caregivers how to properly install and adjust car seats. All fitting stations are staffed with nationally certified CPS technicians. Car seat fitting stations are currently held in Pekin, Washington, and East Peoria monthly free of charge. Individuals meeting income requirements may qualify for a free car seat.

SUBSTANCE USE PREVENTION PROGRAM – EXT. 5323 or EXT. 5326

This primary prevention effort is offered to junior high students in select Tazewell County schools. Lessons encourage positive personal behaviors and promote the necessary skills to make healthy decisions. Funded in part by the Illinois Department of Human Services.

SUPPORTING STUDENT SUCCESS (S3) - 309-613-4534

S3 is provided in collaboration with the East Peoria School District #86. The main goal of S3 is to ensure a student's success in school. The S3 program provides students with physical, social/emotional and behavioral services focusing on prevention, intervention and case management. S3 also connects students and their families to community resources.

TAZEWELL TEEN INITIATIVE – EXT. 5302

TTI is dedicated to teaching youth and community members about substance abuse prevention, taking action to promote safety and responsible behavior, and investing in the future of Tazewell County.

TAZEWELL COUNTY YOUTH BOARD – EXT. 5302 or EXT. 5323

The Tazewell County Youth Board includes students from all county high schools. These students remain alcohol, drug, and tobacco free. The Board focuses on community service and leadership training. The Teen Conference is an annual leadership activity to enhance skills of junior and high school students who attend a keynote speaker and workshops.

TEEN PREGNANCY PREVENTION – EXT. 5253

Designed to prevent teen pregnancy, this program is offered to junior high students in select Tazewell County schools. Lessons encourage positive personal behaviors and promote the necessary skills to make healthy decisions. Funded in part by the Illinois Department of Human Services.

TOBACCO PREVENTION – EXT. 5302

Program focuses on promoting the Illinois Tobacco Quitline, reducing secondhand smoke, and enforcing Smoke-Free Illinois in Tazewell County. Funded by Illinois Department of Public Health.

COMMUNITY HEALTH

21st CENTURY SCHOOLS – EXT. 5238

21st Century Schools provides before and afterschool services in several schools in the county. Program components focus on academics, life skills education, parental involvement, service learning, positive adult mentors and recreation/cultural activities. Each program is a partnership between TCHD, the individual school and school district. Each include Extended Day, Tutoring, Summer/Holiday Camp.

CPR/AED BASIC LIFE SUPPORT – EXT. 5302 or 5298

Basic Life Support teaches the skills of CPR and AED for patients of all ages. Participants new to CPR or those who are already certified and need to renew are eligible for this course. Upon completion participants will receive a 2-year certification in Adult, Child, and Infant Basic Life Support. Trainings are offered at TCHD and can be brought on-site to individual agencies.

ILLINOIS BREAST AND CERVICAL CANCER PROGRAM – EXT. 5341

Free mammograms and pap tests are offered to uninsured or underinsured women. Assistance with diagnostic testing and treatment is available. Funded by Illinois Department of Public Health.

ILLINOIS WISEWOMAN PROGRAM – EXT. 5244

Illinois WISEWOMAN program offers blood pressure, cholesterol and glucose screenings to participants in the Illinois Breast and Cervical Cancer Program. Health coaching is available after screening.

MENTAL HEALTH FIRST AID – EXT. 5308 or EXT. 5395

Mental Health First Aid (MHFA) teaches participants how to identify, understand, and respond to signs of mental health and substance use challenges among individuals. TCHD offers both Adult and Youth MHFA certification classes. Each course includes a 2-hour self-paced online course followed by a one-day in-person instructor led training. Upon completion, participants are certified for 3 years. MHFA trainings can be requested to be brought on-site for agency trainings.

BIRTH TO 5 SERVICES

FAMILY CASE MANAGEMENT – EXT. 5295

The Illinois Department of Human Services funds the Family Case Management program. The program provides services, including home visits and referrals to services, to medically eligible pregnant women and infants up to the age of one, with the goal to improve the health of pregnant women and their children.

FARMER'S MARKET – EXT. 5320

WIC participants (pregnant, breastfeeding/post partum women, children and infants over 6 months) receive vouchers to use at local farmer's markets for fresh, unprepared, locally grown fruits and vegetables. TCHD holds an annual farmers market event to allow WIC participants to use their vouchers to purchase fresh produce from local farmers and sample regional produce.

PERINATAL FOLLOW-UP – EXT. 5325

All high risk infants referred by local hospitals receive home visits at 1-2 weeks after leaving the hospital, 4 months, 6 months, 12 months, 18 months and again at 2 years. Growth and development are monitored at these visits. Appropriate referrals are made if physical or developmental problems are identified.

WIC PROGRAM – EXT. 5320

The WIC program is federally funded through the U.S. Department of Agriculture. WIC provides nutrition education; health assessments; and a supplemental food package to pregnant, breastfeeding and post-partum women, infants and children under age five. Clients must be within the required federal income guidelines and have a nutritional or medical risk to qualify. Services are provided by appointment at the main site and at the East Peoria site.

USDA is an equal opportunity provider and employer.

CLINIC SERVICES

TCHD accepts all Medicaid, Medicare, most insurance carriers, cash, check, and credit/debit cards. Clinic times, fees, and insurance information is posted on www.tazewellhealth.org

BLOOD LEAD TESTING – EXT. 5294

Testing is available for children and pregnant women.

Follow-up is provided for elevated test results, including nursing intervention and environmental inspection.

BRIGHT SMILES FROM BIRTH – EXT. 5294

Fluoride varnish application is provided for all children up to age 6.

COLORECTAL CANCER SCREENING – EXT. 5294

Screening kits are available for home use for clients ages 45- 75. Results are obtained at our office, and follow-up counseling and referrals are provided by our nursing staff.

COMMUNICABLE DISEASES - EXT. 5276 or 5251

Nursing staff provides information about various communicable diseases. Reports of communicable diseases, including food and waterborne illnesses, are investigated by the Communicable Disease staff. Nurses also implement appropriate control measures to prevent the spread of communicable diseases in the community.

HEARING AND VISION - EXT. 5294

Screening services are provided in daycare centers and preschools. Certified technicians provide screening, referrals and follow-up.

IMMUNIZATIONS - EXT. 5294

A variety of immunizations are provided for infants, children, teens and adults. A complete list is available on our website. Influenza vaccinations are available from September through June. Vaccines are provided at low cost for children and adults who do not have insurance that pays for immunizations. COVID vaccines are also offered weekly.

CLINIC SERVICES

PHYSICAL EXAMS – EXT. 5294

Physical exams for school, sports, and employment are provided by our family nurse practitioner.

PREGNANCY TESTING – EXT. 5320

Pregnancy testing is available by appointment. Pregnant clients are enrolled into WIC and Family Case Management programs, if eligible.

STI TESTING - EXT. 5294

Sexually transmitted disease testing, counseling and treatment services are available by appointment. Services are confidential. Available tests include gonorrhea, syphilis, chlamydia and HIV.

TB CLINIC - EXT. 5294

TB skin tests are provided on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday. Services include TB skin testing, blood testing, and follow-up for positive tests, as well as care and treatment for county residents with tuberculosis.

TITERS - EXT. 5294

Titers are available for adults who are 18 years and over needing proof of immunity from specific diseases, such as chicken pox, Hepatitis B, rubella, measles, and mumps.

CLINIC & WIC HOURS

Monday 8:00am - 4:00pm

Tuesday 8:00am - 4:00pm

Wednesday 1:00pm - 4:00pm

Thursday 8:00am - 4:00pm

Friday 8:00am - 4:00pm