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Message from Health Officer

The Sawyer County Public Health Annual Report defines how public health touches the lives of the 17,000 residents of our county. Although public health programs and activities may not often be visible, public health staff are frequently working behind the scenes on our mission to protect, promote, and maintain the health of our entire population. Sawyer County Public Health uses scientifically developed evidence based strategies for preventing chronic disease and injury that will save local governments money and improve the quality of life for all residents of the county.

Sawyer County Public Health (SCPH) is part of Sawyer County Health and Human Services. SCPH provides the 10 Essential Public Health Services. The 10 Essential Public Health Services provide the framework for the National Public Health Performance Standards Program. A strong public health system delivers the 10 Essential Public Health Services. The 10 Essential Public Health Services include the following:

1. **Monitor** health status to identify community health problems.
2. **Diagnose and investigate** health problems and health hazards in the community.
3. **Inform, educate, and empower** people about health issues.
4. **Mobilize** community partnerships to identify and solve health problems.
5. **Develop policies and plans** that support individual and community health efforts.
6. **Enforce** laws and regulations that protect health and ensure safety.
7. **Link** people to needed personal health services and assure the provision of health care when otherwise unavailable.
8. **Assure** a competent public health and personal healthcare workforce.
9. **Evaluate** effectiveness, accessibility, and quality of personal and population-based health services.
10. **Research** for new insights and innovative solutions to health problems.

Sawyer County Public Health shares the vision of Healthiest Wisconsin 2020: Everyone Living Better, Longer. Healthiest Wisconsin is a state wide community focused health improvement-plan. This plan is designed to benefit the health of everyone in Wisconsin and the communities in which we live, play, work, and learn. The plan reflects twin goals: improve health across the



life span, and eliminate health disparities and achieve health equity. The plan's mission is to increase the health, safety, and resilience of community members.

Just as the Wisconsin Statutes Chapter 250.07(1) (a) requires the Department of Health Services to produce a public health agenda for the people of Wisconsin, at least every 10 years, Sawyer County and community partners regularly review plans, usually every five years. The Sawyer County Health Plan is an ongoing process using science, quality improvement, partnerships, and large-scale community engagement. We continue to engage community partners in the development of the Sawyer County Health Improvement Plan, which will guide our community through 2017.

Highlights:

Sawyer County Strategic Plan 2016-2017. Information available at:

<http://www.sawyercountygov.org/DocumentCenter/View/1101>

The Sawyer County *Women, Infant and Children Program (WIC)* continues the *Be Person Centered* Grant. The grant provided funding to improve the physical environment of our WIC program and assist staff to develop a culture of quality customer service.

Sawyer County Public Health continues to work towards public health accreditation criteria.

Sawyer County established a Medical Reserve Corps in March of 2017. Sawyer County MRC Unit # 2638 is one of seven MRC units in the State of Wisconsin.

Sawyer County MRC received a National Association of City and County Officials (NACCHO) Challenge Grant. Project CPR: Compassionate, Protect and Rescue. Combating Human Trafficking in Sawyer County trains residents of Wisconsin in strategies to prevent human trafficking and assist survivors of human trafficking. Sawyer County Health and Human Services has collaborated with Eye Heart World to bring training for professionals and community members to northwest Wisconsin.

Thank you,

Eileen Simak, Health Officer



Public health and economic security

“Poor health is putting the nation’s economic security in jeopardy. Helping people to stay healthy and better manage illnesses are the best ways to drive down health care costs...We need to rethink how we spend our health dollars. Investing in public health tops the list of ways we could start spending smarter.” Robert Wood Johnson Foundation

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Essential Service I: Monitor Health Status to Identify and Solve Community Health Problems

Introduction: Essential Service 1 activities include assessing the health status of the community through formal and informal needs assessments and data analysis. Sawyer County Public Health (SCPH) collaborates with a diverse group of community partners to address community health problems. In this section, community health improvement, planning and leading health indicators includes data used to determine the top health focus areas.

Community Health Improvement Plan (CHIP)

The 2013-2018 Community Health Community Health Improvement Plan:

Outcomes:

- The community identified three priority areas: Alcohol and Drug Abuse, Tobacco Exposure, and Mental Health.
- In response to the community, SCPH provided the Data in a Day document on the Sawyer County government website for partners and citizens to review.
- A Sawyer County Health survey was developed and disseminated at local food shelves and on the Sawyer County government website. We have had over 84 individual responses to the survey and captured local data on the health of Sawyer County residents.
- SCPH has developed a partnership with Hayward Area Memorial Hospital to collaborate on current and future Community Health Assessments.

Essential Service 2: Diagnose and Investigate Health Problems and Health Hazards in the Community

Introduction: Essential Service 2 includes provision of epidemiological identification of emerging health threats, active investigation of infectious disease and human health hazards and prevention of vaccine preventable disease through immunization.

Outcomes:

- SCPH established influenza school based clinics through the 2016-17 Preparedness Grant funding.
- Communicable disease control
- Immunization program
- Lead poisoning prevention
- Human health hazard control



Essential Service 3: Inform, Educate, and Empower People about Health Issues

Introduction: Essential Service 3 includes social marketing, targeted media public communication, and providing accessible health information resources to reinforce health promotion messages and programs.

Outcomes:

- General Health Education: SCPH staff provides educational sessions to towns and civic groups through regular media releases, presentations, and radio programs in the community.

Essential Service 4: Mobilize Community Partnerships and Action to Identify and Solve Health Problems

Introduction: Essential Service 4 involves convening and facilitating community groups in undertaking defined preventive and population focused activities in order to capture the full range of potential resources to solve community health problems.

Outcomes:

- Sawyer County/Lac Courte Oreilles (LCO) Joint Prevention Programming Coalition meetings and activities in the community
- Community Health Assessment Process for public health and local hospital.

Essential Service 5: Develop Policies and Plans that Support Individual and Community Health Efforts

Introduction: Essential Service 5 involves providing leadership for systematic community and state level planning for health improvement: development and tracking of measurable health objectives as a part of continuous quality improvement strategies and development of codes, regulations, and legislation to guide the practice of public health.

Outcomes:

- Sawyer County Public Health Strategic planning process initiated
- The establishment of regular Quality Improvement activities and meetings
- Participation in Northwoods Preparedness Coalition and Shared Services Grant in 2016.

Essential Service 6: Enforce Laws and Regulations That Protect Health and Safety

Introduction: Essential Service 6 involves full enforcement of sanitary codes, especially in the food industry; full protection of drinking water supplies; enforcement of clean air standards and timely follow-up of hazards.

Outcomes:

- Agent Programs with the State Department of Health Services (DHS) and the Department of Natural Resources (DNR)
- Human Health Hazard Control



- Youth Tobacco Compliance Investigations

Essential Service 7: Link People to Needed Personal Health Services

Introduction: Essential Service 7 involves assuring effective entry for disadvantaged people in to a coordinated system of clinical care: linkage to services for special population groups and ongoing care coordination.

Outcomes:

- Oral Health
- Prenatal Care Coordination
- Reproductive Health
- Women, Infants and Children (WIC)
- Wisconsin Well Woman Program (WWWP)
- Quality Improvement Project works on assuring continuous enrollment of new clients in Reproductive Health Program, and expanded services in the villages of Exeland and Winter.

Essential Service 8: Assure a Competent Public and Personal Health Care Workforce

Introduction: Essential Service 8 involves educating and training personnel to meet the needs for public and personal health service, adoption of continuous quality improvement and life-long learning, and active partnerships with academic institutions. In order to provide the highest quality public health service, SCPH strives to ensure that our staff possesses the knowledge, skills, and abilities necessary to perform their jobs effectively and efficiently.

Outcomes:

- Public health preparedness competency is annually assessed
- Workforce Development needs are identified through the strategic planning
- Linkages with Academia continue with student nurse placements and Area Health Education Center internships

Essential Service 9: Evaluate Effectiveness, Accessibility & Quality of Personal and Population Based Health Services

Introduction: Essential Service 9 calls for ongoing evaluation of health programs to assess program effectiveness and to provide information necessary for allocating resources and shaping programs.

Outcomes:

- Measures for assessing this essential service indicate a need for strengthening SCPH activities in this domain. SCPH has worked to improve quality of public health services provided.



- Participation in Northwoods Coalition assisted SCPH to work on Quality Improvement.

Essential Service 10: Research for New Insights & Innovative Solutions to Health Problems

Introduction: Essential Service 10 includes continuous linkage with appropriate institutions of higher learning and research.

Outcomes:

- SCPH continues to develop innovative solutions to public health issues. We have had students from the University of Wisconsin System schools. These include 2-year nursing school, 4-year nursing schools and UW medical school.
- SCPH collaborated with Wisconsin Area Health Education Centers and the Community Health Internship Program (CHIP). Sara Johnson was our CHIP intern for an eight-week summer intern program.

Program Summaries

Family Planning Reproductive Health

SCPH follows the Family Planning, Reproductive/Sexual Health, and Early Intervention Program Guidelines. SCPH collaborates with the State of Wisconsin and our medical director, Dr Sabrina Dunlap. Our lead nurse Jessica Bjork provided education at Hayward High school on the topics, *Contraception, STI education and Fetal Alcohol Syndrome Spectrum Disorders*. In 2017, 167 unduplicated clients received services through the Sawyer County Reproductive/Sexual Health Program. The Family Planning and Reproductive Health Program promoted as a reproductive health “medical home” in the community for those who do not have health care coverage or a health care provider. SCPH provides services in the county middle and high schools once a week, through a satellite clinic. The satellite school clinics offer the same Public Health services available at the main Health Department. SCPH educated, offered and promoted the “GYT” (get your self-tested) campaign. Because of this campaign, SCPH was able to offer STI (Sexually Transmitted Infection) testing and treatment to the community as well as inmates in the county jail.

Maternal Child Health

SCPH developed a collaborative plan for a community system that supports healthy early childhood development. Sawyer County Health and Human Service is working with the Sawyer County/Lac Courte Oreilles’s (LCO) Joint Prevention Programming Coalition established in 2009. The coalition includes 12 sectors of community representation that has strengthened partnerships with community members and agencies. The coalition



continues to ensure access to infant car seats for Sawyer County residents with participation in technician training events and collaboration with partners.

The coalition has increased participation with partners from the Sawyer County Youth Services Group, Community Services Team, and all three Community Schools. The “Sawyer County Collaborative Council for Early Childhood” meets annually to provide developmental resources and assessments for young children in Sawyer County. This group meets with the goal of exploring opportunities in which we can work together, support and assist communities that will benefit children and families, our individual agencies, and our communities at large.

SCPH has presented the Life Course Health Development Model and Systems approaches to Sawyer County partners and community members. We continue to collaborate with local clinics and agencies to strengthen access to services for women and families in Sawyer County.

Sawyer County partners established a Child Death Review Team (CDRT). Coroner Dave Dokkestul and Health Officer Eileen Simak lead the group. Law enforcement, health care providers, and social service agencies participate in the quarterly meetings. The CDRT, supported by the Wisconsin Children’s Health Alliance, reports to the National Center for Fatality Review and Prevention system. See link: <https://www.chawisconsin.org/kka/>.

SCPH has established the “Safe Sleep” program through the Maternal Child Health organization. The program led to the creation of a “Safe Sleep” group. The group consists of individuals from local clinics, health care agencies, Child Protective Services, family centers and the local hospital. The Safe Sleep group collaborated with the Children’s Health Alliance of WI to create a common message as well as provide educational materials for the public’s use when discussing Safe Sleep with a client or patient. This cooperative venture ensures that everyone is receiving the same message, reducing the possibility of confusion or mixed messages on the topic of “Safe Sleep”.

Prenatal Care Coordination

SCPH offers Prenatal Care Coordination (PNCC) for pregnant women. Nineteen women enrolled in the PNCC program in 2017. Six of the women were under 21 years of age; three of whom were under the age of 18. PNCC is a Medicaid and Badger Care Plus benefit that assists pregnant women in receiving support, education, and services needed to have a healthy baby.



Prenatal Care Coordination services include:

- Assistance obtaining prenatal health care and dental services
- Education on pregnancy, infant feeding, and parenting
- Personal support
- Information on healthy eating habits and health practices
- Information and assistance accessing services in the community



Positive Youth Development

Sawyer County identified as a county of *Greatest Need* received the Maternal Child Health Positive Youth Development (PYD) Grant in 2016. The Positive Youth Development Grant is related to the adolescent health performance measures for the Maternal Child Health Program. The adolescent health performance measures include:

- Percent of adolescents, ages 12 through 17, with a preventative medical visit
- Rate of hospitalization for non-fatal injury per 100,000 children ages 0-9 and adolescents 10-19
- The rate (per 100,000) of suicide deaths among youths ages 15 through 19

Utilizing the PYD grant, SCPH currently collaborates with the Sawyer County school system offering the following courses in the curriculum; *“Making Proud Choices”*, *“Safer Choices”* and *“Safe Dates”*. Additionally, this grant provided SCPH the opportunity to facilitate training of select Hayward School educators in the instruction of the curriculum.

SCPH collaborated with Winter School hosting the *“Strengthening Families”* program. SCPH also collaborated with Asset Builders and UW Extension hosting a *“Got Money Conference”* for the eighth grade students of Sawyer County. The *“Got Money Conference”* provided financial literacy education and information. SCPH also purchased the Adolescent Champion Model for NorthLakes Community Clinic. The Champion Model is a multi-faceted intervention to address a health center’s environment, policies, and practices to ensure that all aspects of a visit to the health center are youth-centered.

Childhood Lead Testing

SCPH continues to offer blood lead testing to any Sawyer County resident less than six years of age regardless of ability to pay. SCPH offers blood lead testing to all children enrolled in the Sawyer County Women, Infants and Children (WIC) program up to 5 years of age. SCPH



maintains records of all completed blood lead tests. Families receive education regarding the outcome of the testing.

In 2017, zero children had a capillary blood lead level greater than 5 micrograms per decimetre of blood (mcg/dl). Since no child had a capillary blood lead test greater than or equal to 10 mcg /dl, environmental lead hazard investigations were not required.

Women, Infants and Children (WIC)

The Women, Infants and Children (WIC) Grant provides WIC, WIC Farmers Market and Breastfeeding Peer Counseling programs. The WIC general program had 490 participants. The Farmers Market Program offers \$24 per family (per season) to be used for fruits and vegetables at local participating farmers markets or farm stands. Wisconsin WIC participants spent \$215,548.08 in 2017 at our local grocery stores. The WIC Breastfeeding Peer Counselor Program assists women choosing to breastfeed. Peer counselors contacted 51 women during their pregnancy and after delivery in 2017, totaling 159 contacts offering expert advice and improved duration of breastfeeding. The University of Wisconsin Extension Food and Nutrition Program provides educational support to WIC families at the WIC sites. Topics include strategies on food preparation, limiting sodium intake and stretching food dollars.

Immunization program

SCPH continues to offer children routine immunizations through the Wisconsin State Vaccine for Children Program. The program ensures that all children in Sawyer County have recommended childhood immunization against vaccine-preventable diseases. In 2017, the State of Wisconsin funded \$10,959.21 in vaccines for Sawyer County, which provided 555 vaccinations to children. Sawyer County Public Health ensured that influenza vaccine would be available to adults. Private Influenza vaccine purchased for the 2017-2018 influenza season ensured that 157 adults received influenza vaccine. Public health staff provided community and business based influenza clinics.

Accreditation Preparation

Public health department accreditation is defined as the development of a set of standards. The process includes measurement of health department performance against those standards, and reward or recognition for those health departments who meet the standards. The Sawyer County Public Health Quality Improvement Team meets quarterly. The Mission of the SCPH Quality Improvement Plan is to Promote, Protect, and Preserve Health through Partnerships with People and Communities. We are currently working on projects to ensure the continuous enrolment of our clients in appropriate services.





The SCPH Quality Improvement Team meets quarterly to choose quality improvement projects. Individual staff may select a quality improvement project of interest. Projects such as the Continuous Enrollment of women in Reproductive health have improved the quality of services offered by Sawyer County Public Health.

Sawyer County Public Health staff also participate in trainings through the *Public Health Accreditation Board* and the *Institute for Wisconsin's Health Inc.* SCPH created a *Dashboard Tool*, designed for use to track progress of key quality indicators for the health of the community.

Birth to Three Program

Sawyer County's Birth to Three Program is a family-centered early intervention program that supports families of children under the age of three with developmental delays and disabilities. The Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA), Part C, provides regulations that provide directions guiding provision of early intervention services. The Department of Health and Family Services oversees the Birth to Three Program in Wisconsin developing rules (HFS 90) that specifying program requirements.

The earlier a child's developmental delays are identified, the more opportunities provided for that child to learn how to participate fully with their family and community. This family-centered program recognizes the importance of parents, family, and friends as the greatest resources in a young child's life. The early intervention team is there to support the family's knowledge, skills, and abilities as they interact with and raise their child by providing ideas and techniques to enhance their child's development and learning.

Parents, family members, friends, or professionals are able to request a referral if they have any concerns about a child's development. Eligibility is based on a diagnosed disability or significant delay in one or more areas of development. The team will evaluate the child to determine the child's eligibility. Upon completion of the evaluation, an Individual Family Service Plan is developed and coordinated with the parents. Together they will determine the type of services and supports that would enhance the child's development within the family's typical routines and activities. Our target number of children to provide services is 14 children, based on our population. This may fluctuate at any given time based on the need. In 2017, 24 children received services.



Services and supports provided to meet the developmental outcomes identified by the family may include:

- Family Education
- Developmental Education Services
- Communication Services
- Related Health Services
- Occupational Therapy
- Physical Therapy



Sawyer County Birth to Three Staff: Eileen Simak (Health Officer), Donna Tveten (Occupational Therapist), Kathy Kephart (Early Childhood Special Educator), Sherry Krmpotich (Speech & Language Pathologist), Doug Litscher (Physical Therapist).

Public Health Preparedness

SCPH participated in the Northwest Wisconsin Healthcare Coalition (NWWHCC). The NWWHCC is a partnership of county public health departments in north central Wisconsin working together to build a strong response system to meet the needs of the jurisdiction during a public health incident or event. A key advantage of this collaborative partnership is sharing expertise and resources enhancing the ability of the health department to develop plans, train personnel, and conduct drills, exercises, and activities that support an effective response to a public health incident.

SCPH collaborates with local partners through Safety Preparedness Partners. Members of this local group include health care providers, human services, law enforcement, and



interested agencies. The group shares resources and expertise to improve safety of Sawyer County residents in response to local emergencies and events.

Sawyer County Public Health held multiple influenza mass clinics in the Hayward Schools and Winter School. This clinic provided inactive state supplied Influenza vaccine to children utilizing pre-arranged paper consents through the schools. The program resulted in a total number of 420 vaccines administered. The exercise allowed the State of Wisconsin, Vaccines for Children (VFC) Program to provide free of charge vaccines to any child, regardless of income or insurance. Jessica Galde, school nurse at Hayward Schools and Linda Kinsley, support staff at Winter School facilitated obtaining parental consent, a key factor to a successful school based mass clinic exercise.

Sawyer County Communicable Diseases 2017

SCPH monitors communicable diseases through a channel of communication at the local, regional, and state levels between public health departments, physicians, hospitals, and labs. This communication channel allows for prompt investigation of possible outbreaks and for implementation of control measures to minimize further transmission of disease. SCPH utilizes the Wisconsin Electronic Disease Surveillance System (WEDSS) to track reportable disease.

In 2017, there was an increase in arboviruses. SCPH increased education to the public regarding diseases spread through ticks and mosquitos. The MRC will be continuing this effort during the tick and mosquito season of 2018.

Another significant shift from the previous years was a reduction in the age range of those diagnosed with hepatitis C. Sawyer County residents under age 40 newly diagnosed with hepatitis C doubled in 2017. The increase in young adults with hepatitis C is consistent throughout the state of Wisconsin and agencies are closely monitoring this trend. SCPH professionals will continue to use every opportunity to educate the public regarding the risks associated with blood borne pathogens.

Most Common Reportable Diseases in Sawyer County

Disease	2017	2016	2015
Arboviral Illness Jamestown Canyon	3	1	0
Lyme Disease	20	34	21
Ehrlichiosis/Anaplasmosis	13	10	10
Cryptosporidiosis	2	2	0
Giardiasis	6	20	1
Salmonellosis	0	7	4



Chlamydia	30	30	38
Gonorrhea	4	3	5
Influenza-Associated Hospitalizations	20	7	19
Hepatitis B	1	1	0
Hepatitis C	16: 10 under age 40	14: 5 under age 40	16: 5 under age 40

Food Safety and Environmental Health



SCPH responds to local concerns regarding a variety of environmental topics: mold, lead paint, animal bite contact, and chemical exposures. The State of Wisconsin Food Safety and Recreational Licensing - Consumer Complaints Program provides inspection services and responds to food related complaints and potential food born outbreaks. Sawyer County restaurants, hotels, pools, campgrounds, and other facilities require licensing and inspection on a routine basis.

Bureau of Food and Recreational Businesses (BFRB) is located within the Division of Food and Recreational Safety in the Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection (DATCP). The BFRB is responsible for licensing, inspection and oversight for 43,800 facilities. The number includes 29,200 licensed and inspected by local agent health departments through agreements with the State. State Statute 97.41 authorizes the DATCP to enter into a written agreement with a local health department to act as an agent for issuing licenses, making investigations, and conducting inspections of facilities regulated by BFRB. The department currently has 57 agents.

Currently BFRB has 58 inspection field staff and nine field supervisors. Central Office (CO), located in Madison, provides program technical support to state staff and local agents. BFRB Central Office is responsible for licensing and renewals to state inspected establishments. CO also provides policy and interpretation and is responsible for maintaining the administrative rules and statutes.

Environmental Health Specialists (EHS) conduct restaurant inspections in Wisconsin. Many of these individuals are state or nationally Registered Environmental Health Professionals.

These professionals work with restaurant owners and managers each day to keep your food safe from harmful bacteria, viruses, physical hazards and chemical contaminants. EHS spend time during each inspection discussing the processes and measures in a restaurant to assure a safe product for you.

Wisconsin EHS perform other important services including:

- Working with your local public pool operator to assure that you and your children have a safe pool environment to swim.
- Working with your local lodging operator to assure that you and your family are safe from fire, injury hazards and pests.
- Working with your local campground and summer camp operators to ensure a safe environment for children and families.
- Working with your local retail food establishments to ensure a safe and wholesome food supply.

For information regarding Sawyer County facilities inspected by BFRB, please refer to the following website:

http://healthspace.com/clients/wi/state/statewebportal.nsf/module_healthRegions.xsp.

Fluoride for Children

SCPH continues to offer free fluoride to children 6 months to 16 years. Families without fluoride supplementation are eligible for the fluoride service. Approximately 10 families currently participate in the program. Fee exempt fluoride water testing is available to Sawyer County residents with children under 16 years with a private well. Free well water testing for fluoride, bacteria and nitrates is available for pregnant Sawyer County residents and families with children under 12 months of age.

Sawyer County /LCO Joint Prevention Programming Coalition

Sawyer County/LCO Joint Prevention Programming Coalition meets monthly at various locations throughout the county to ensure countywide participation. Partners continue to work on reducing alcohol related auto accidents for people 16 to 34 years of age. Sawyer County Health and Human Services and LCO Community Health Center obtained the “Parents Who Host Lose The Most” campaign materials. The campaign supports parents who chose not to serve alcohol to minors.

The Sawyer County Priority One Group presented a town hall addressing underage drinking prevention. Dr. Sabrina Dunlap, MD spoke on alcohol’s effect on the adolescent brain. LCO



Tribal Governing Board Chairman Mic Isham discussed the importance of promoting area youth to remain alcohol free. The keynote speaker was Julia Sherman, Coordinator of the Wisconsin Alcohol Policy Project at the University of Wisconsin-Madison Law School. The Sawyer County 4-H Adolescent Health Youth Leadership Group assisted with the town hall meeting. The Boys and Girls Club of LCO attended with their youth.

Partners collaborated on the bi-annual DEA Prescription Drug Take-back Events. These events provide communities with safe disposal of unwanted or no longer needed prescription drugs. The Sawyer County/LCO Prevention Programming Coalition successfully obtained two permanent year-round prescription-drug drop-off boxes. One is located at the LCO Police Department the other is located at the Sawyer County Sheriff's Department.



State of Wisconsin Asthma Grant

Sawyer County Public Health received the State of Wisconsin Asthma Grant in 2014. Sawyer County has the third highest rates of admissions to emergency rooms by children birth to 5 years of age. The grant assisted Sawyer County to implement programming and accept referrals for residents of Sawyer County with uncontrolled asthma. The goal of the grant is to reduce the incidence of uncontrolled asthma emergencies through environmental controls and lifestyle adaptations. The grant is a partnership supported by the LCO Health Center and Sawyer County schools.

Community Engagement and Links to Academia

Sawyer County Public Health continues to engage the Sawyer County/LCO community with collaborations with Sawyer County /LCO Joint Prevention Programming Coalition, Sawyer County Schools, State of Wisconsin Asthma Program, Giwii-mino-bimaadizimin (LCO Prevention Coalition), Sawyer County Drug Endangered Children (DEC) Team and Sawyer County/LCO Community Health Clinics and Centers.



Sara Johnson, Wisconsin Area Health Education Centers and the Community Health Internship Program (CHIP) Intern joined SCPH for June and July of 2017. Sara assisted with the Sawyer County/LCO Adolescent Health Grant. She led the Sawyer County Youth Health Leadership 4H club in several activities. The Adolescent Health Film Event at the Park Theatre Center in July. The trauma informed care film, "Paper Tigers" and the Human Papilloma Virus prevention film, "Someone You Love" were the movies presented. PYD is a five-year grant through the State of Wisconsin Maternal Child Health Program. Sawyer County will collaborate with local schools, health clinics, and youth serving agencies, parents and community members to engage youth voice and improve adolescent health.

This report is in compliance with Chapter 251.06(3) (h) WISSTATS

