



Building Community



2007 Annual Report



Our mission

Healthy People Build Strong Communities – The Lawrence and Douglas County community has benefited from a strong public health presence for more than 120 years.

On your behalf, the Lawrence-Douglas County Health Department works to:

- Safeguard community health and safety through swift response to illness outbreaks
- Identify urgent and everyday health problems by tracking the health of the community to recognize health trends early
- Assess health problems and promote wellness by fostering community health initiatives
- Collaborate with community partners to protect health and control the costs associated with health problems.

The Taylor Family

Paul and Barbara Taylor have lived and worked in Lawrence for nearly 30 years, where they raised their four children, who are now building families of their own. From immunizations to pool inspections – directly or indirectly – they have benefited from Health Department services. The Taylors are just one example of how many people have come to rely on the Health Department’s presence.



“ We have benefited from the Health Department through the years – sometimes we utilized it purposely, other times we used it and didn’t even know it was benefiting our family’s health ... ”

– Barb Taylor,
Lawrence resident

LEFT: The Taylor family has utilized the Lawrence-Douglas County Health Department for the past three decades.

Director's Message

The past year was one of great change for the Department. I am pleased to provide you with our 2007 Annual Report which describes some of our more notable achievements. Let me start by introducing myself as the new Director. My first year has gone by quickly, but has been made more rewarding due to the privilege I have of working with an accomplished and dedicated staff and Board of Health.



With new leadership, comes the opportunity to reflect on the past, examine the present and look to our future from a new perspective. Formally, this process began in April with a Board of Health retreat. Not only did this retreat provide the information for the creation of our Agency Story, but it was also the springboard for the development of a strategic plan, highlighted in this report. This plan calls for a focus on building relationships with:

- Community members
- Policymakers
- Department staff

Focusing on relationships is critical. As we work to realize improved health outcomes for all, we acknowledge that the work of public health takes place within a framework of partnerships – with clients like the Taylor family of Lawrence, with city, county and support agencies and policymakers.

I want to thank my fellow staff, board members, city and county staff and commissioners and everyone representing our public health system for welcoming me to the community and making this first year so memorable.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Dan Partridge". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name being more prominent.

Dan Partridge, RS, MPH
Director

“Focusing on relationships is critical.”

– Dan Partridge,
Lawrence-Douglas County
Health Department Director

Strategic Plan

As the face of public health in Lawrence and Douglas County evolves, the Health Department remains committed to tackling the challenges ahead.

A Strategic Plan was developed in 2007 to help the Department continue to meet the community's future public health needs and frame the work of the agency in story form to communicate the importance and value of public health and the Lawrence-Douglas County Health Department.

The goals developed as part of the Strategic Plan are to build and enhance our relationships:

- within the community
- with policymakers
- within the Department

Our plan's goals have been implemented in a variety of ways. Tours to better acquaint city and county commissioners with the Health Department's role and functions began in 2007. An accounting system that now assigns costs down to the program level also was put into use.

To address relationships within the agency, a Quality of Work Life survey was created and employee listening sessions also were held.

Continuing to build and enhance relationships within the community remains one of the Health Department's most important goals. In addition to numerous community health encounters and mentions in the media, the Health Department developed its first independent Web site, ldhealth.org, in 2007.



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In the Media

In addition to mentions in the NACCHO (National Association of County and City Health Officials) newsletter and the Medical Reserve Corps national newsletter in 2007, the Health Department was also featured in:

- 32 newspaper stories or briefs
- 10 television newscasts
- 9 radio broadcasts



Lawrence-Douglas County (KS) Health Department

The Maternal and Child Health Program at the Lawrence-Douglas County Health Department (LDCHD) has had success in identifying mental health needs of pregnant and parenting women. Through assessment, referral, and case management, LDCHD collaborates with the local mental health center (co-located with LDCHD) and other community partners to ensure seamless delivery of services for women.

August 2007 – NACCHO Issue Brief

MRC Units and Volunteers Nationwide Helped Recognize National Preparedness Month in September

The Douglas County MRC (KS)

Working with other local agencies including the American Red Cross, the local volunteer center, and Douglas County Emergency Management among others, the Douglas County MRC helped organize the “Douglas County Preparedness Fair.” The fair was a community-wide event to educate citizens about emergency preparedness and help them become prepared for natural and man-made emergencies. Held at the local visitor’s center, more than 150 community members turned out for the event. Four MRC volunteers helped with demonstrations including the proper hand washing technique and a display of an emergency stockpile to illustrate which type and quantity of supplies a family of four should have on hand in the event of an emergency.



Fall 2007 – MRC- In Focus (national newsletter)

Clinic praised

To the editor:

What a delightful experience to be able to get a flu shot at the Lawrence-Douglas County Health Department flu shot clinic last Saturday morning at the Knights of Columbus Hall. I was in and out of the clinic in about five minutes. There was plenty of free parking. The clinic was held in the lower level of the building with access on that level — no stairs to negotiate. Many happy, helpful people were manning each station. Thanks to all of those paid and volunteer people that made this possible and a very positive experience. Just another example of the benefits of living in the wonderful community of Lawrence, Kansas.

Karen Heeb,
Lawrence

Oct. 26, 2007 – Lawrence Journal-World

Project *LIVELY* celebrates 25 years



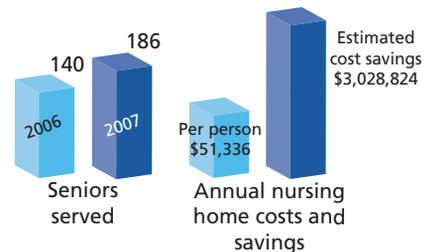
Project LIVELY Care Manager Laurie Moser, with client Patsy Atwell.

Project LIVELY (Life, Interest and Vigor Entering Later Years) celebrated its 25th anniversary in 2007. Sixty people, including clients and their families, attended the community celebration in December.

The program began in 1982 as a means of connecting Lawrence and Douglas County seniors to providers who assist with medication, housekeeping, transportation, adult day care, homemaker and respite services.

With 78 million baby boomers turning 65 in 2011 and roughly 80 percent of older Americans living with at least one chronic condition, Project LIVELY's services are integral to the health of the community.

Area seniors see continued benefits from Project LIVELY



“*Project LIVELY is the best thing that ever happened to me.*”

– Alvera Grammer, a Project LIVELY client who has lived in Lawrence for 60 years.

RIGHT: Project LIVELY Director/Care Manager Sandra Kelly-Allen, right, chats with client Richard Wolford.

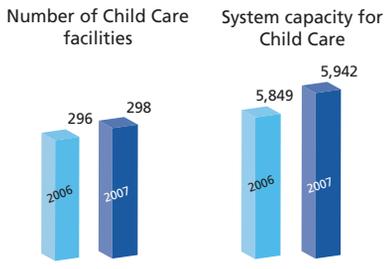


Program news

Child Care Licensing



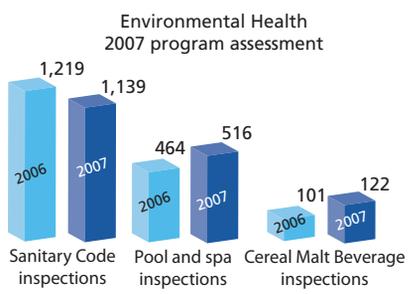
LEFT: Both Anya Nadvornik, 3, and Charis Nadvornik, 6, have attended preschool in Douglas County, which are inspected by Child Care Licensing staff.



The Lawrence-Douglas County Health Department's Child Care Licensing staff continue to increase the number of quality child care facilities open in Lawrence and Douglas County.

State regulations require staff to respond to a complaint within five days, however, out of 87 complaints, 31 complaints were handled within three days.

Environmental Health



Environmental Health Director Richard Ziesenis performs a pool inspection.

While there was a decrease in sanitary code inspections in 2007, both pool/spa and cereal malt beverage inspections increased. In December, Lawrence city commissioners voted to implement the first licensing fee for pool/spa operators, which several other Kansas health departments already have in place.

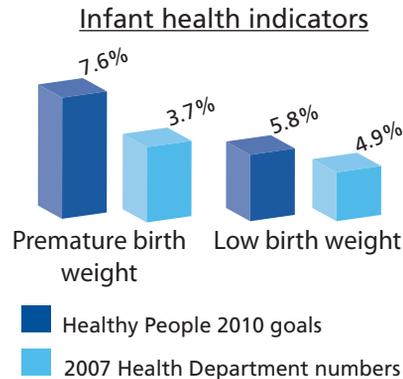
Maternal Child Health

In 2007, the Health Department's Maternal Child Health (MCH) programs met Centers for Disease Control's Healthy People 2010 targets for prematurity and low birth weight.

Of 82 infants born to program participants, 3.7 percent were pre-term (Healthy People 2010 goal- less than 7.6 percent) and 4.9 percent were low birth weight (Healthy People 2010 goal- less than 5.8 percent).

This is particularly notable because MCH programs serve those at particular risk for prematurity and low birth weight; including teen, lower income and minority families.

Public health nurses provide education, support and care coordination for at-risk childbearing families throughout pregnancy and up to one-year postpartum.



Jeni (Taylor) Nadvornik, left, and her mother, Barb Taylor, were participants in the 'Kids Need to Know' - Family-Based Sexuality Education course, when Jeni was in middle school.

"Kids Need to Know" – Family-Based Sexuality Education course helps parents be the primary sexuality educators for their children. Following a parents-only session, the child and parent share in four sessions to enhance family communication, knowledge and decision-making skills relating to sexuality. Offered since 1985, the course targets fifth- and sixth-graders and their parents.

Jeni (Taylor) Nadvornik took the class with her mom, Barb Taylor.

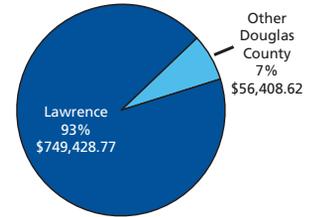
"It was comforting to have other people in the class because it wasn't like I was the only kid having to go through it," Jeni said. "My mom and I would go to class and then we could talk about it later."

WIC

Historically, 43 percent of Douglas County infants have been enrolled in the Health Department’s WIC (Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants and Children) program.

As a result, the program has contributed a significant amount to the economy of Lawrence and Douglas County. The total food dollars spent in Kansas in 2007 was \$44,967,574, with more than \$800,000 spent in Douglas County.

WIC food dollars spent in Lawrence, Douglas County



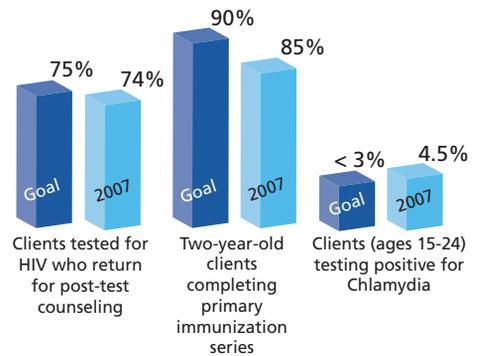
Clinic Services

Overall, clinic services saw an increase in clients in 2007.

The Family Planning/Sexually Transmitted Disease (FP/STD) program receives federal funds to assist low-income clients seeking a birth control method. Of those clients, 73 percent were low income (below 150 percent of the federal poverty level).

Recognizing that collaboration can mean better care for clients, the FP/STD program frequently works with other area agencies, such as the Douglas County AIDS Project (DCAP) and Breast Cancer Awareness Board of Douglas County. In December, the Health Department co-sponsored the World AIDS Day “KNOW” campaign with DCAP.

Clinic Services 2007 program assessment



In 2007, the total number of communicable disease cases investigated decreased. Several suspect diseases were investigated by Health Department staff including, Campylobacter Enteritis, Hepatitis C, Salmonella and Varicella (chicken pox).

In March 2007, the Immunization Program began offering two new vaccines, RotaTeq for the prevention of Rotavirus, and Gardasil for the prevention of Human Papillomavirus (HPV).

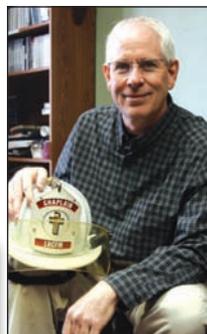
The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention encourages health care workers to be vaccinated against the flu every year and has set a goal of 60 percent coverage for such workers. Health Department staff attained an 84 percent flu vaccination rate for the 2007-2008 season.

“It’s just nice to have that security. If other things fail, the Health Department will be there ...”

– Jeni (Taylor) Nadvornik, Lawrence resident



The Taylor children got their childhood immunizations at the Health Department. Pictured from the left are: Sarah (Taylor) Barclay, David Taylor, Jeni (Taylor) Nadvornik and Ben Taylor.



LEFT: Paul Taylor is a Lawrence pastor and a chaplain for Lawrence-Douglas County Fire & Medical. He came to the Health Department for his tetanus shot.



The Taylor children’s grandmothers, Betty Taylor, left, and Carol Johns, have found the Health Department’s Health Screening Clinics for People Over 60 especially helpful.

Financial statement

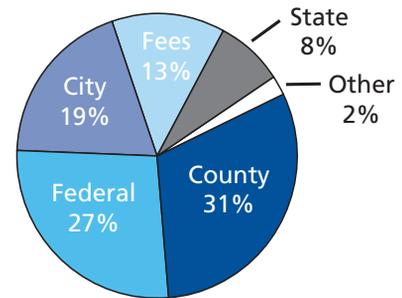
Unaudited statement of Revenues and Expenditures for the period ending December 31, 2007

Operating Fund

Beginning balance	\$222,909
Revenue	
County	\$927,854
Federal	\$822,463
City	\$593,826
Fees	\$409,416
State	\$258,830
Other	\$76,798
Total revenue	\$3,089,187
Expenditures	
Salaries & wages	\$1,889,916
Payroll related expenses	\$620,921
Commodities	\$263,536
Contractual	\$244,884
Total expenditures	\$3,019,257
Ending balance	\$292,839
Net revenue over expenditures	\$69,930

Reserve Fund

Beginning balance	\$827,789
Revenue	
Transfer from Operating Fund	0
Total revenue	0
Expenditures	
Personnel liabilities	\$60,401
Transfer to Operating Fund	0
Total expenditures	\$60,401
Ending balance	\$767,388
Net revenue over expenditures	(\$60,401)



The future

Leading the way in public health in the future begins by helping the people we serve understand the benefits of a strong public health presence.

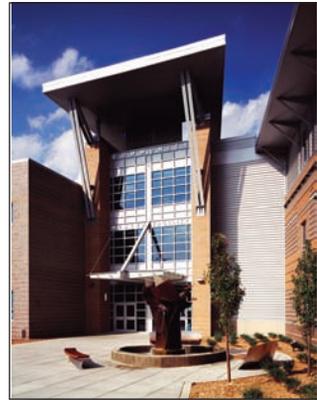
In order to affect positive change in population health outcomes we intend to:

- Be more visible in the community by expanding community partnerships and using technologies such as the Internet, public service announcements and more effective mass communication messaging
- Establish stronger ties with local policymakers and elected officials by educating public officials on the scope and function of the department and providing information that is timely, accurate, concise and germane to the issue at hand
- Use our expertise in public health principles to remain focused on health outcomes, rather than program outputs, to more completely understand the impact our services have on the health of the public
- Commit to practicing cultural sensitivity to understand barriers to service, health disparities and serve all segments of our community. We will serve the entire community, not just the individuals using our direct services.

As the face of public health in Lawrence and Douglas County evolves, the Health Department remains committed to tackling the challenges ahead. A strong community cannot be built without healthy people.

Public health is important to all of us because...

Healthy People Build Strong Communities



The Health Department has been located in the Community Health Facility since 1999.

Lawrence-Douglas County Health Board



Pictured from the left are:
Alan Cowles, MD, Treasurer
Carl McElwee, PhD, Vice Chair
Donna Bell, Chair
Karen Shumate, RN, MS, CPHQ
and Gerald Pees, MD.

Lawrence City Commission

Sue Hack, Mayor
Mike Dever, Vice Mayor
Robert Chestnut
Boog Highberger
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Douglas County Commission

Bob Johnson, Chair
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Jere McElhane



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