



MAT-SU PUBLIC HEALTH CENTER

Serving the Mat-Su Borough including Wasilla, Palmer, Big Lake, Houston, Sutton, Talkeetna, Trapper Creek, Whittier, Willow, Glennallen, and 8 villages in the surrounding Copper Basin.



Mat-Su Public Health Center is staffed with Public Health Nurses (PHNs I-V), an Advanced Nurse Practitioner, and support staff, and provides high quality Public Health Nursing Services such as well-women exams and reproductive health services to the greater Mat-Su Borough. Services are provided in satellite clinics, homes, community meetings, schools, shelters, and even out of doors.



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In FY 15, Mat-Su Public Health Nurses provided:

- 5,459 individual visits
- 1109 immunizations
- 273 visits to children, many of whom had no other access to care
- 1,168 visits related to sexually transmitted diseases
- 233 individual visits to address tuberculosis and provided 468 tuberculosis screenings.

Broad-based work:

- Participated in 232 community events to promote health and prevent disease
- Responded to 286 referrals from community providers.
- We respond to daily requests for assistance from community agencies on infectious diseases, and access to health care questions.

We work in partnership with the community to improve health for all.

Specific examples include:

- Domestic Violence/Sexual Assault Coalition
- THRIVE—Mat-Su Wellness Coalition
- Collaborate with multiple tribal organizations to provide safety net health care services in remote and rural communities.
- Homeless and Housing Coalition
- Tobacco Prevention Coalition
- Vaccine Coalition
- Local Emergency Planning
- Committees
- Alaska Health Fair, Inc.
- Women, Infants, and Children (WIC)

We respond to community needs:

- Present health and prevention education through school and community events
- Support local health providers (health aides, behavioral health aides, and primary care) in ensuring access to health care and information
- Hold clinics in community settings to improve access to immunizations, including schools, tribal halls, community centers.

AS A LEAD AGENCY IN RESPONDING TO OUTBREAKS, WE COORDINATE WITH PARTNERS IN DISPENSING UP TO 60,000 DOSES OF MEDICATION WITHIN 48 HOURS.

For more about public health nursing's return on investment, please visit our website: publichealthnursing.alaska.gov

