



KETCHIKAN PUBLIC HEALTH CENTER

Serving Ketchikan, Ketchikan Gateway Borough,
Saxman, Metlakatla, Hyder



Ketchikan Public Health Center is staffed with public health nurses (PHN I-IV) and support staff, and provides high quality Public Health Nursing Services to 4 communities over 6,653 square miles. Services provided in clinics, homes, community meetings, shelters, schools, and health fairs.



3054 Fifth Avenue, Ketchikan AK 99901

In FY 15, Ketchikan Public Health Center provided:

- 2,965 individual visits
- 1,168 immunizations
- 920 visits to children, many of whom had no other access to care
- 529 visits related to sexually transmitted diseases
- Provided 106 individual visits to address tuberculosis, screened an additional 378 individuals, and case managed 9 individuals to complete their TB treatment regimen.
- Investigated 20 epidemiological infectious disease cases.

Broad-based work:

- Participated in 102 community events to promote health and prevent disease, impacting at least 2510 community participants
- Responded to 378 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:

- Ketchikan Wellness Coalition
- Domestic Violence Task Force
- Promoting Respectful Relationships
- Infant Safe Sleep Program
- Substance Abuse Task Force
- Building a Healthy Community Task Force
- SEANET-Southeast Alaska elders Network
- Local Emergency Planning Committee

We respond to community needs:

- Participating in the community assessments and actions to reduce obesity and improve nutrition.
- Participating in community events to increase immunization rates.
- Providing education and resources to provide Safe Sleep Education to new parents.

AS THE LEAD AGENCY IN RESPONDING TO OUTBREAKS, WE ARE TASKED WITH COORDINATING THE RESPONSE AND DISPENSING UP TO 15,000 DOSES OF MEDICATION WITHIN 48 HOURS.

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

