



2024 Annual Report

We Are ALL Public Health.



Listen to an introduction of the 2024 Annual Report
from SCCHD Health-Officer - Director, Liz King!



Letter From the Health Officer - Director



It is a pleasure to present the 2024 St. Clair County Health Department (SCCHD) Annual Report on behalf of the St. Clair County Board of Commissioners (BOC) and the Advisory Board of Health (BOH).

This year's report takes a different approach from previous editions. The 2024 highlights have been summarized into a streamlined, concise format. To further illustrate the successes and progress achieved, video segments featuring SCCHD administration, staff, community partners, and clients have been included. These can be accessed by scanning the QR codes found throughout the report.

As another year concludes, this report reflects on the journey and key milestones achieved in collaboration with the community. It tells the story of SCCHD's efforts over the past year — a narrative shaped by change, new opportunities, and a shared commitment to addressing pressing public health needs. The guiding principle, “We are ALL Public Health,” remains central, emphasizing the collective responsibility and interconnected efforts that drive improved health and well-being across the county.

Looking forward, SCCHD remains steadfast in its mission to promote health and wellness throughout the community. Strategic priorities for the upcoming year include Building Relationships, Workforce Development, and Growth and Expansion — with plans underway for a new facility in 2025. Through innovation, resilience, and a focus on key health challenges, the department aims to build trust, create value, and deliver lasting impact.

Some highlights of the past year include:

- **Enhancing Community Well-being:** The launch of SCCLink directly impacted 495 individuals, reinforcing a commitment to accessible community health resources. Program evaluations in MIHP, WIC, Personal Health, and Environmental Health confirmed objectives are being met and funding remains secure. Transitioning customer service surveys to a digital format led to engagement from over 770 clients, with an average satisfaction rating of 4.82 out of 5.0 stars. The Community Health Improvement Plan (CHIP) progressed into its second year.
- **Service to the Community:** SCCHD actively supported public health responses in coordination with other stakeholders, fostering collaboration and trust. Involvement included the Hydrogen Sulfide Gas issue at the landfill, opioid funding strategy, maternal health gaps, PHOS water testing, water main breaks in Port Huron and Harsens Island, and solar energy developments in western St. Clair County. Service levels increased nearly 18%, with a significant portion of clients being 36 years old or younger.
- **Sustainability Milestones:** Progress in strategic priorities contributed to a stronger workplace culture and improved retention. Onboarding processes were standardized and digitized, communication strategies enhanced, and flexible scheduling implemented. Planning, design, and construction began on the new SCCHD facility, marking a major step toward long-term growth.

None of these achievements would be possible without the dedication of SCCHD employees, the collaboration of community partners, and the continued support and trust of the public. Deepest gratitude is extended to all. Please explore this report and view the accompanying videos to gain deeper insight into the year's accomplishments. The foundation laid in 2024 positions SCCHD for continued progress and success in the year ahead.

We are ALL public health,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Liz King RN BSN".

Liz King, RN, BSN
Health Officer - Director



Mission

The St. Clair County Health Department is the trusted public health expert for our community and our environment.

Vision

Healthy Community Healthy Environment

Advisory Board of Health

The St. Clair County Board of Commissioners (BOC) has appointed a five member Advisory Board of Health (BOH), two Members at Large, and a BOC representative. They meet monthly and serve in an advisory capacity and as a review board for department activities and policies.

The Advisory BOH meets the 3rd Wednesday of each month at 9:00 am at the Health Department.



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District 1
(Member since 1/2023)
Term Expires: 12/31/2024



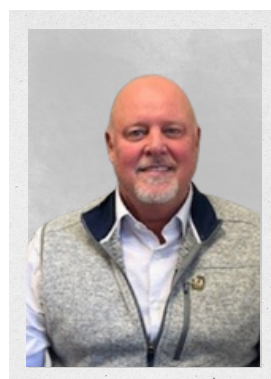
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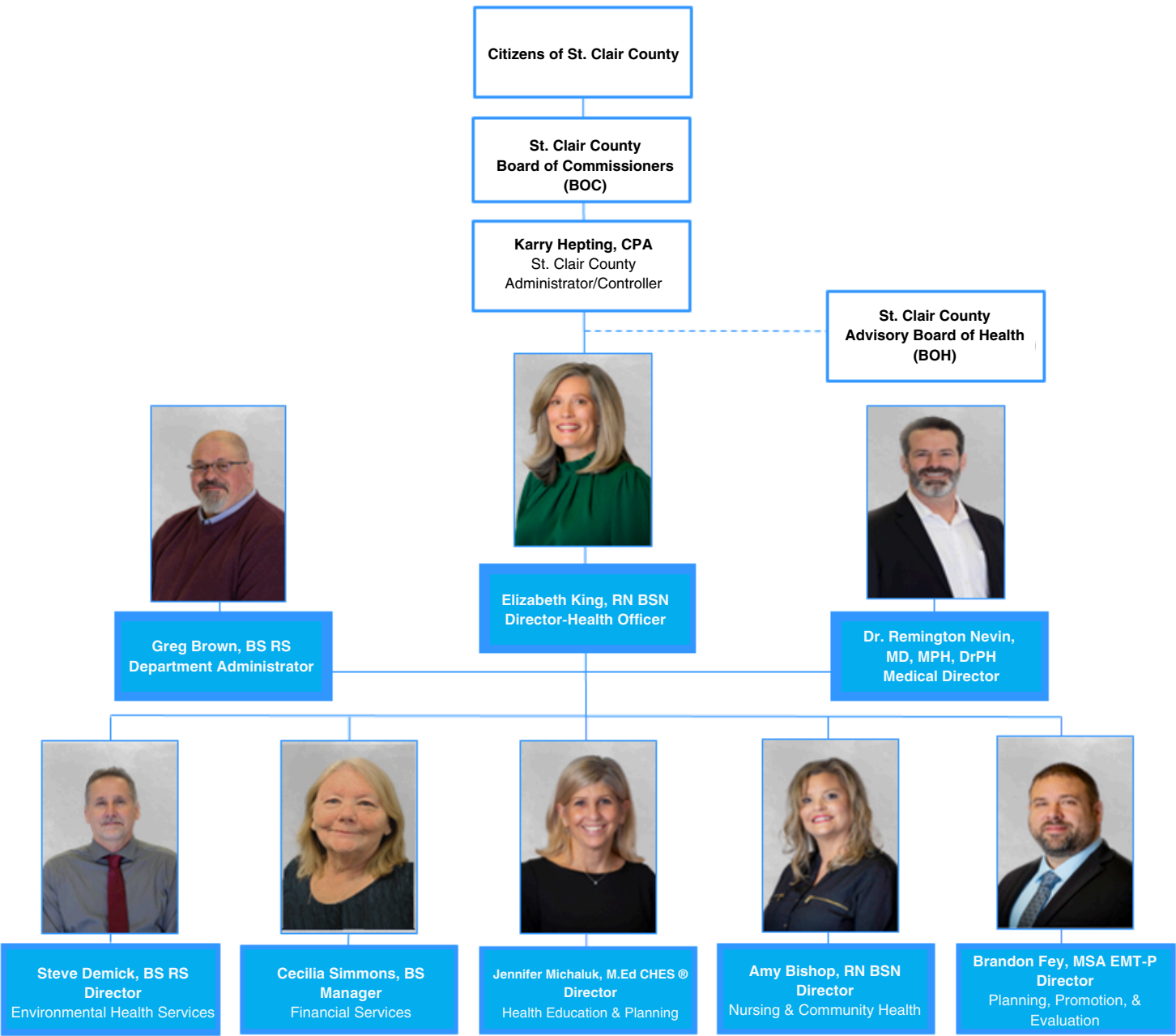
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(Member since 1/2021)

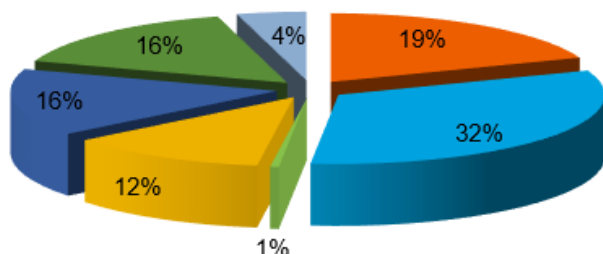


Organizational Chart



Budget & Financials

2024 Health Department Revenues



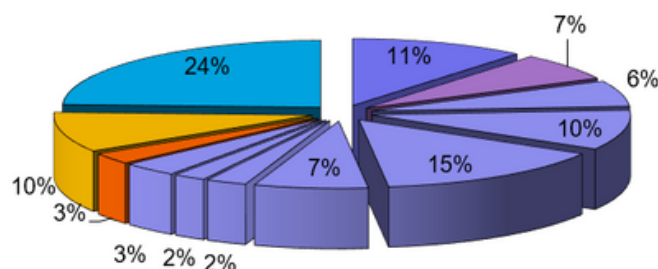
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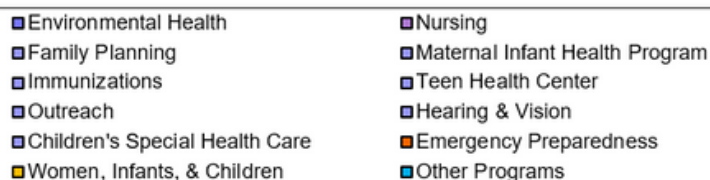
HIGHLIGHTS

- In 2024, there was a slight reduction in revenue compared to 2023, along with a modest increase in expenses. Both changes were less than 3% overall.
- Agency support staff collaborated with directors to improve program finance awareness, enhance budget understanding, and provide better reporting tools for leadership to better serve residents.

2024 Health Department Expenditures



Total Expenditures: \$8,955,294



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ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH

WHAT WE DO

Works with local businesses and residents to ensure a safe environment by focusing on public health, minimizing environmental hazards, and managing programs related to wells, septic systems, food safety, site reviews, permits, pools, beaches, and vector-borne disease control.

INSPECTIONS/LICENSES

Body Art Inspections: **12**

Temporary Food Inspections: **118**

Restaurant Inspections: **496**

Food Licenses Issued: **519**

Temporary Campgrounds Inspections: **4**

Annual Campgrounds Inspections: **13**

Public Swimming Pool Inspections: **49**

Type II Water Supply Regulated Facilities: **83**

Well Inspections: **215**

Drinking Water Samples Processed: **1699**

Septage Inspections: **14**

Soil Erosion and Sedimentation Control Reviews: **536**

Septic Inspections: **691**

Complaint Investigations: **95**

FOIA's Processed: **850**

HIGHLIGHTS

- Launched online license and permit applications in 2024, enabling clients to apply and pay online for food, sewage disposal, soil erosion, drinking water wells, campgrounds, and body art permits.
- Began digitizing historical well and septic records into the current software system, with the goal of providing online access to all records and eliminating over 800 annual Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) requests.
- Worked with the City of Marysville Water Treatment Plant to test drinking and pool water, with over 1,100 samples tested for bacteriological contamination.
- The Vector Borne Disease Surveillance program met MDHHS requirements for 2024, setting mosquito traps and dragging 3,300 yards for ticks. It found 7 black-legged ticks and trapped 2,857 mosquitoes, with 12 pools testing positive for West Nile Virus.
- Monitored water quality at 8 public beaches on Lake Huron and the St. Clair River with an EGLE grant, resulting in 6 short-term beach advisories and improved water quality through infrastructure projects.

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PLANNING, PROMOTION, & EVALUATION

Health Education & Planning

WHAT WE DO

Assists clients with Medicaid, insurance navigation, community referrals, educational programs, events, media relations, training, and oversees social media and program promotion.

HIGHLIGHTS

- Posted over 700 times on social media, reaching an estimated audience of nearly 600,000 people in total views.
- Outreach attended 37 community events reaching 6,705 people and provided 1,367 referrals.

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Data

WHAT WE DO

Develops and implements public health systems, collaborates with stakeholders on data analysis and tracking, and creates data tools across health department divisions to enhance healthcare delivery and improve client outcomes.

HIGHLIGHTS

- Creation of the Overdose Fatality Review (OFR) team.
- Completion of MI Profile for Healthy Youth (MiPHY) reports.
- Launched the SCC Link Platform.

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Emergency Preparedness & Response

WHAT WE DO

Manages emergency coordination, preparedness, logistics, and readiness assessments, serves as a subject matter expert on the Strategic National Stockpile, oversees tactical communication, training, drills, volunteer management, and web-based systems.

HIGHLIGHTS

- Hired new Emergency Preparedness Coordinator (EPC).
- Assisted Emergency Management in responding to the Port Huron and Harsen's Island water main breaks.

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NURSING

Scan Here for a
Nursing Division
overview



Children's Special Healthcare Services (CSHCS)

WHAT WE DO

Assist with care coordination, referrals, and advocacy to ensure comprehensive support for children who have a medical condition that is chronic, disabling or terminal.

HIGHLIGHTS

- Age expansion to 26 years old.
- Average caseload increase of 65 clients this fiscal year, with 670 clients as of November.
- Updated and digitalized program operations.

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Lead

WHAT WE DO

Education and simple capillary blood test (finger stick) for children 12 months to 6 years old at risk for lead poisoning.

HIGHLIGHTS

- Provided over 800 capillary screens and 22 case management visits.
- Partnered with the Maternal Infant Health Program (MIHP) to increase capillary and venous lead testing with gift card distribution.

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Infant Safe Sleep

WHAT WE DO

Provide support and education related to infant safe sleep to parents, caregivers, and family members. A program to prevent sleep related deaths in local infants.

HIGHLIGHTS

- Partnered with 23 agencies to provide safe sleep information. With many given a Pack N Play for at-risk families.
- Planned a Virtual Safe Sleep 5K.
- Posted 26 Consumer Product Safety Recalls.

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Maternal Infant Health Program (MIHP)

WHAT WE DO

Provides nursing, nutrition and social work support. Hassle-free home visits promote healthy pregnancies with positive birth outcomes and education on how baby can meet growth and development milestones.

HIGHLIGHTS

- Assisted more than 300 families in 2024.
- Completed an intensive Certification Review with a final score of 100%.
- Digitized operations to reduce paper and increase convenience for families.

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Vision & Hearing

WHAT WE DO

Vision screenings are provided for preschoolers (ages 3-5) and students in grades 1, 3, 5, 7, 9, and driver's ed. Hearing screenings are for preschoolers and students in grades K, 2, and 4. Follow-up testing is available for those who don't pass.

HIGHLIGHTS

- 14,290 vision screenings performed.
- 9,011 hearing screenings performed.
- New digital instruments purchased to aid in screening broader categories of children.

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Women, Infants, & Children (WIC)

WHAT WE DO

WIC gives pregnant and postpartum women and children up to age 5 access to healthy food, nutrition education, breastfeeding support and community referrals. Families, including dads, grandparents, caregivers, and foster parents may enroll their eligible family members in WIC.

HIGHLIGHTS

- Over 2,500 clients served in 2024.
- 75.1% of clients initiated breastfeeding with 23.3% breastfeeding through 6 mos.
- WIC families purchased \$1,949,737.50 in healthy food with benefits and redeemed 79.6% of fruits and vegetable benefits.

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Immunizations

WHAT WE DO

Provides immunizations for all ages to protect the community on preventable illnesses such as Diphtheria, Pertussis, Tetanus, Polio, Measles, Mumps, Rubella, Hepatitis A, Hepatitis B, HPV, Influenza, and others.

HIGHLIGHTS

- Administered 2,383 vaccines to individuals aged infant to 18 years and 2,882 vaccines to adults aged 19 and older.
- Completed 10 VFC (vaccines for children) site visits and 12 VFC quality improvement visits.
- Attended 26 offsite clinics where vaccines offered.

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Communicable Disease (CD)

WHAT WE DO

Investigate and report communicable diseases, identify outbreaks, and prevent epidemics. Staff conduct titer testing for Hepatitis B, Measles, Mumps, Rubella (MMR), Rabies, and Varicella (chickenpox), and provide client education and available resources.

HIGHLIGHTS

- Administered 509 tuberculin skin tests, 14 blood tests, and managed care for 2 active tuberculosis cases.
- Followed up on 756 non-respiratory communicable disease cases and reported 3,259 respiratory cases, including 28 monitored outbreaks.
- Staff received the “Clearance Perseverance Award” at annual state conference.

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Personal Health

WHAT WE DO

Offers a range of sexual and reproductive health services, including birth control, pregnancy testing, STI and HIV testing and treatment, sexual health counseling, immunizations, preventive screenings (Pap smears, breast exams, prostate exams), and hepatitis C testing, along with education and referrals as needed.

HIGHLIGHTS

- Administered 605 STI tests and 463 treatments.
- Completed 1,257 Family Planning visits.
- Carried out 343 pregnancy tests and 96 pap smears.
- Rebranded The Exchange to Harm Reduction-St. Clair County to represent expanded services.

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Teen Health & School Based Clinics

WHAT WE DO

Provide friendly, child and adolescent-focused services to clients across the community. Primary care, preventative health services, comprehensive health screenings, and mental health counseling available.

Teen Health/School based nursing offers services out of 7 health centers through St. Clair County:

Algonac Counseling & Medical Services

5200 Taft Road
Algonac, MI 48001

Capac School Counseling & Wellness Center

541 N. Glassford Road
Capac, MI 48014

Marysville School Wellness Center

Marysville School District

SC4 Campus Clinic

323 Erie Street
Port Huron, MI 48060

Teen Health

2215 Court Street
Port Huron, MI 48060

Yale Counseling & Medical Services

198 School Drive
Brockway, MI 48097

HIGHLIGHTS

- Across all sites, there were 3,877 medical visits and 1,225 mental health visits.
- Health education presentations were delivered to 3,152 local students.
- Seven sports physical nights were successfully hosted.
- The SOS Signs of Suicide program was piloted at Marysville High School.
- Participated in SC4 nursing and LPN students' orientations.
- Reinstated the Community Advisory Council (CAC) and achieved a 93% accreditation score for Teen Health.
- Refreshed website content across all sites.
- All clinics received grants to update and further develop existing locations.

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COMMUNITY HEALTH IMPROVEMENT PLAN (CHIP)

The Community Health Improvement Plan (CHIP) for 2023-2027 is built upon the foundation of input from our residents across the county. The key priority areas for the plan were selected by the community, based on comprehensive data collected through the Community Health Needs Assessment (CHNA). This process ensured that the priorities reflect the most important health concerns of our residents.

The CHIP focuses on three key priority areas, each with its own set of goals, objectives, and strategies aimed at addressing these critical health issues. While we have made meaningful progress in implementing these initiatives, significant work remains to fully achieve the goals outlined in the plan. We are committed to continuing this vital work and ensuring that our efforts create lasting, positive change for the health and well-being of the community.

Progress at a Glance

PRIORITY ISSUE: MENTAL & BEHAVIORAL HEALTH	
Objective	Progress
Objective 1	↓
Objective 2	↑
Objective 3	↔
Objective 4	N/A
PRIORITY ISSUE: SUBSTANCE USE	
Objective	Progress
Objective 1	↑
Objective 2	↑
Objective 3	↑
Objective 4	↑
PRIORITY ISSUE: OBESITY & ASSOCIATED BEHAVIORS	
Objective	Progress
Objective 1	Obese: ↑
	Overweight: ↓
Objective 2	Obese: ↑
	Overweight: ↑
Objective 3	↓

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↓ No Progress or Decline ↑ Progress Made ↔ Neutral Progress N/A Not Available



COMMUNITY HEALTH IN ACTION

JAZMYN THOMAS, CITY OF PORT HURON

The City of Port Huron has collaborated with SCCHD to gather necessary data for securing federal funding for city planning projects. Additionally, SCCHD assisted the city in coordinating lead abatement efforts for a qualifying family.

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JIM KASKI, ST. CLAIR COUNTY PHARMACISTS ASSOCIATION

The Blue Water Immunization Partnership (BWIP) works with SCCHD to provide the community with credible health information. SCCHD has shared immunization data and health education resources. As Kaski said, "We are all public health, aren't we?"

VIEW VIDEO



KEVIN WATKINS, PORT HURON NAACP

The Port Huron NAACP and SCCHD have partnered closely, with NAACP members serving on SCCHD boards and committees. The NAACP has also shared the Community Health Improvement Plan (CHIP) with its members and promotes SCCHD programs that benefit the community.

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AMY SMITH, ST. CLAIR COUNTY COMMUNITY SERVICES COORDINATING BODY (CSCB)

The SCC CSCB recently marked its 40th anniversary of community engagement, with SCCHD as a partner from the beginning. Smith praised SCCHD's involvement in workgroups and its "enthusiastic" staff for educating the community and fellow agencies on local health issues.

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COMMUNITY HEALTH IN ACTION CONT.

KURT SUTTON, YALE PUBLIC SCHOOL

Yale Public Schools, has worked closely with SCCHD to establish the Bulldog Clinic, which is designed to address the physical and mental health needs of students. Sutton describes the clinic as "a wonderful resource for our community," noting that 80 new clients were seen in the most recent quarter alone.

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PATRICK PATTERSON, BLUE WATER RECOVERY & OUTREACH CENTER (BWROC)

BWROC provides a central hub for individuals struggling with addiction. From the beginning, SCCHD has supported BWROC, recognizing the need for expanded addiction services. SCCHD collaborates closely with BWROC to offer vital resources, education, and healthcare essential for the success of individuals. The efforts of both agencies complement each other, enhancing the overall support system.

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SCOTT CRAWFORD, COUNCIL ON AGING

The Council on Aging (COA) partners with SCCHD to provide seniors with health resources. SCCHD participates in COA's annual Senior Power Day, offering tailored services for seniors. Additionally, COA aligns with the Community Health Improvement Plan (CHIP), shaping their programming with new exercise and health education classes.

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CLIENT TESTIMONIALS

MOLLIE AND DAUGHTER REBECCA DISCUSS VACCINE EXPERIENCE

Vaccines can be intimidating, so having a comfortable, supportive environment is essential. As Rebecca notes, she can choose where she gets her shot, while her mom, Mollie,

values that SCCHD is "a one-stop shop that meets everybody's needs," offering vaccinations for the whole family. Rebecca also praised the clinic's waiting room, noting the variety of activities and toys that help put clients at ease.



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CECILIA ON HER BREASTFEEDING JOURNEY

After giving birth to her daughter, Cecilia was thankful for the support of Breastfeeding Peer Counselor Candice. With a combination of practical tips, strategies, and

emotional support, Cecilia's breastfeeding journey throughout her baby's first year was positive. So much so, that she was inspired to help other women "and be that source of support for other moms."



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SUMMER 2025!**

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Same Quality Services.**





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from SCCHD Health-Officer - Director, Liz King!**

