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Points of Interest...

- In July, the Outreach team attended 4 community events resulting in 418 face-to-face interactions. The following were also provided: 17 Medicaid referrals (assisting individuals with finding a doctor or specialist within their insurance network); 91 community referrals (including food, clothing, shelter, and legal aid); 4 Medicaid insurance applications (providing comprehensive health care services to low income adults and children); and presented Bloodborne Pathogens training to Port Huron Housing Commission staff.
- Vaccination walk-in days began August 2nd for students preparing to go back-to-school and any individuals needing to catch-up. Now through October 25th, no appointments are needed on Mondays, from 10:00am-6:00pm and Wednesdays, 8:00am-4:00pm. Other days by appointment.
- All Personal Health and Immunization Nurses attended the Michigan Care Improvement Registry (MCIR) waiver education training August 14th.
- The WIC Breastfeeding Support Team hosted a Breastfeeding, Health and Nutrition Event at the YMCA on August 14th. Over 40 families participated and included people of all ages. Learning opportunities included lead safety, healthy nutrition and weight management, breastfeeding tips and support, car seat safety, height and weight measurement and connection to many other valuable community resources.
- The St. Clair County Health Department is asking community partners and organizations to submit activities that align with the goals and objectives listed in the 2023-2027 St. Clair County Community Health Improvement Plan (CHIP). An easy to use survey tool was created to submit information. This will help document what is being done throughout the county. Progress is on-going and updates will be shared quarterly. For more information contact healthed@stclaircounty.org.
- The Environmental Health division is participating in a statewide free, private well testing program being launched in September. EGLE is developing a web page which will feature a portal with questions which will initiate the request. The site will also feature local health department contact information, links to sampling videos, and links to useful resources to help users understand their lab results. While funding lasts, residents will be able to test their well for coliform bacteria, partial chemistry, and metals at no charge.
- Algonac and Yale school-based clinics are almost ready for set-up. There are several positions (Social Worker, Nurse Practitioner, and Clerk II) still open. Community Advisory Councils, a requirement for the clinics, continue to meet in Algonac and Yale schools.