

December 2023

Points of Interest...

- In November, the Outreach team attended 6 community events resulting in 1,667 face-to-face interactions. Of those, Mid-City Nutrition and Harbor Impact Ministries had a notable number of attendees. This month, 137 community referrals (food, shelter, clothing, housing etc.); 44 Medicaid referrals (help finding a doctor, etc.); and 15 Medicaid insurance applications (health insurance to low income adults and children) were provided. *Michigan has restarted Medicaid eligibility renewals which has resulted in an influx of community members seeking Medicaid application assistance and referrals.*
- On 12/1 the SCCHD partnered for a second time with the Blue Water Allies Center to host a vaccine and rapid STI clinic. Multiple vaccines were administered along with several STI tests. Narcan kits, educational materials and condom kits were also available.
- SCCHD and Port Huron Area School District are partnering together to bring more awareness to students and parents on vaping/using electronic nicotine delivery devices (ENDS). Educational presentations are being provided to middle and high school students, informational tips are being posted in the district's parent newsletter, and short video segments will be completed and shared focusing on different themes.
- SCCHD nurses were onsite at the St. Clair County Intervention Center and provided COVID-19 vaccination to eligible inmates.
- The school-based clinics are working on hiring social workers to fully staff the new locations. View the application on the stclaircounty.org website.
- Vision and hearing staff are breaking into teams to increase the amount of schools/kids screened.
- This holiday and winter season, spread cheer not sickness. As communicable disease cases for Flu, RSV, and COVID-19 rise, consider vaccination and using other preventive measures to help limit the spread of infection. Talk to your healthcare provider on what's best for you, as well as treatment options if illness should occur. Practice good hygiene measures and stay away from others when sick. Vaccinations are also available by appointment at the SCCHD, call (810) 987-5300 to schedule.