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YEAR IN REVIEW



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FROM THE CHIEF PUBLIC HEALTH OFFICER

I am very pleased to present the Detroit Health Department's 2023 Annual Report, which highlights the significant strides that have been made to advance initiatives to help build strong and thriving communities within the city of Detroit.

This year has been a testament of our commitment to meet residents right where they are by offering programs and services that address public health disparities. Through community-based partnerships, health education, and outreach efforts, the Health Department implemented innovative strategies to provide equitable access to services that protected the health and well-being of Detroiters.

Over this past year, we have shown our ability to effectively respond to emerging public health threats, and played a vital role in leading initiatives to improve population health, which involved hosting breast cancer screenings, partnering with local schools to offer free lead testing, and educating residents on how to prepare and respond to real-time emergencies.

The Detroit Health Department recognizes there is more work to be done in public health, and with the support of our dedicated staff and community partners, together we will continue to make a positive impact in the lives of Detroiters.

Yours in Health,

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Denise Fair Razo
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BEHAVIORAL HEALTH



During 2023, the Behavioral Health team served **2,718** clients and participated in **94** outreach initiatives. The team distributed **7,695** Narcan kits to residents, local gas stations, motels, retailers, and auto repair shops to help reduce opioid overdoses within the city of Detroit.

In collaboration with community-based organizations, the Behavioral Health team expanded its reach to Detroit neighborhoods by providing resources for individuals dealing with trauma, addiction, and unaddressed wellness issues.

CEASEFIRE DETROIT



Ceasefire Detroit is a community-based violence prevention partnership committed to changing community norms about violence, and is a focused “Deterrence Gang Intervention Model.”

In 2023, the Ceasefire team engaged **2,968** members, **74** new participants enrolled in the program, and **105** members received legal aid assistance. In addition, **26** members completed job-related training and **52** members received job placement. Recognizing violence as a public health issue, Ceasefire contributed to the city of Detroit’s effort in helping to ensure families reside in safe environments by participating in **85** outreach events.

CHILDREN'S SPECIAL HEALTH CARE SERVICES



Children's Special Health Care Services (CSHCS) is a program that serves children, youth, and young adults in Detroit with chronic medical conditions such as cystic fibrosis, hemophilia, and sickle cell disease. CSHCS served **4,215** clients throughout

Detroit, a year-over-year rise in the total number of individuals and families that received support to improve their overall health outcome.

In addition, CSHCS expanded its program and service options in 2023 to provide extended medical diagnosis support to now serve individuals until they are **26** years old. The program also held multiple community outreach events throughout the year, including its Family Support Network Meeting in October 2023 that allowed new families and partners to connect with CSHCS, and learn more about its services.

IMMUNIZATIONS



Our Immunizations team leads the crucial role of vaccinating and educating Detroit residents against vaccine-preventable diseases, such as diphtheria, tetanus, pertussis, flu, hepatitis A & B, measles, mumps, and rubella.

In 2023, the team provided **9,905** vaccinations recommended by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and served a total of **11,048** Detroiters, increasing the vaccination rate among babies that are **24–36** months of age, and teens **13–18** years old by **2%**. This effort was made possible through **83** community outreach events, which enhanced engagement strategies throughout the year.

HIV/STI

2023 marked the third year of funding for the HIV/STI program and its successful implementation of six rounds of innovative services to Detroiters through partnerships with local community-based organizations and hospital systems.



In total, these partnerships helped to provide **459** HIV-positive clients with prevention and treatment services. The HIV/STI program's Ending the Epidemic team served **49** clients, Housing Opportunities for Persons With AIDS provided **242** HIV-positive Detroit and Wayne County Residents with permanent housing rental assistance, the Ryan White HIV/AIDS Program served **3,669** clients and related teams served **636** clients for a combined total of **5,006** total served throughout the year.

IDECIDE DETROIT



iDecide Detroit is a network of teen-friendly reproductive health care providers that offers STI testing and treatment and supplies teens with condoms, birth control and other contraceptives needed to protect their sexual health. Throughout 2023, the program treated **134** patients and screened **613** individuals for Chlamydia and Gonorrhea and **519** for Syphilis, while being awarded an additional **\$60,000** in 2023 to support its reproductive health program.

In 2023, the iDecide Detroit program was awarded the Top Teen Clinic of 2023 designation by the organization Teen Hype. The program was also highlighted for hosting a roundtable discussion with the U.S. Secretary of the Department of Health and Human Services, Xavier Becerra, which focused on the importance of accessing reproductive health services and the impact of new laws.

SAFE ROUTES



During 2023, the Safe Routes Ambassador Program partnered with community organizations such as the MoGo bike share system, St. Patrick Senior Center, Lexus Velodrome, Wheel to Drive, Eastside Community Network, National Church Residences and the Detroit Public Schools Community District, along with **51** local businesses to ensure drivers and bicyclist are sharing the roads safely and responsibly.



Safe Routes also conducted bicycle and pedestrian law education in over **111** classes and connected with over **844** students during its community outreach initiatives. The program hosted **67** community outreach events that provided pedestrian and bicycle education to **6,092** residents and **70** first responders.

MATERNAL CHILD HEALTH (SISTERFRIENDS DETROIT, SAFE SLEEP, 961-BABY RESOURCE LINE AND FATHERHOOD PROGRAM)

The Maternal Child Health division provides supportive services, resources, networking opportunities, education, and advocacy to women and teens who are pregnant, as well as their families. The division provided **6,546** community resources in 2023 and served **9,399** clients

through its SisterFriends Detroit, Safe Sleep, 961-Baby Resource Line, and the Fatherhood Program.



During 2023, SisterFriends Detroit partnered with the Southeast Michigan Perinatal Quality Improvement Coalition, Focus Hope and the Black Mothers' Breastfeeding Association for the "Our Voices, Our Births: HEAR US!" marketing campaign, as well as recruited and trained **110** women who shared their birthing stories.

In addition, the team participated in **141** community outreach events, and **282** community professionals were trained on safe sleep initiatives and **28** safe sleep tool kits were distributed.

WOMEN, INFANTS, AND CHILDREN (WIC)



Women, Infants, and Children (WIC) is a special supplemental nutrition program that provides Detroiters with assistance in the form of nutrition education, counseling, direct nutritious food support, breastfeeding assistance, and healthcare referrals.

During 2023, a total of **275,628** clients enrolled in the WIC program received monthly supportive services, including direct assistance to a total of **64,638** Detroiters throughout the year. The team hosted **15** community outreach events.

In addition, WIC's breastfeeding program won the 2023 USDA Breastfeeding Excellence Gold Award for being a model breastfeeding program and offering outstanding community breastfeeding support to the women, infants and children served.

LEAD PREVENTION AND INTERVENTION



The Lead Prevention and Intervention program works to eliminate childhood lead poisoning and increase awareness around the hazards and sources of lead for children from birth through six years of age, and pregnant women with elevated blood lead levels. In 2023, the program completed **268** Nurse Care Manager home visits, served **540** clients throughout Detroit and participated in **76** community outreach events.

In partnership with the Detroit Housing Commission and Detroit Housing Services, **15** Housing Choice Vouchers were provided to families with children who had elevated blood levels, and faced housing insecurity. During the year, the program also formed the Detroit Lead Reduction Task Force, which is working to reduce toxic lead exposure among Detroiters, particularly those who are children, by working collaboratively with government and community partners.

VISION AND HEARING



The Vision and Hearing Program provides all children within the city of Detroit ages 3-18 years old with access to free vision and hearing screenings. In 2023, the team screened **21,143** children for vision and **15,603** for hearing to provide early detection, treatment, and follow-up care.

During 2023, the program collaborated with the Detroit Public Schools Community District to address vision and hearing issues that hinder the development of school-aged children. In addition, the program provided **50** students with free eyeglasses through a partnership with the Vision To Learn outreach initiative held at the Paul Robeson Malcom X Academy.

PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS/ CITY READINESS INITIATIVE



The Public Health Emergency Preparedness/City Readiness Initiative program develops planning and preparedness measures to address public health emergencies that impact the health of Detroit residents. In 2023, the team served **7,450** Detroiters, and distributed **15,000** masks, including **25,000** pieces of Personal Protection Equipment and sent over **60,000** Detroit Alerts 365 messages to inform staff and Detroiters of a public health threat and real-time emergencies.

During the summer of 2023, when the Air Quality Index levels were within the Unhealthy for Sensitive Groups range, the team also handed out over **3,000** masks to Detroiters each day when the air quality remained in poor conditions to help reduce health issues caused by air pollutants.

ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH/FOOD SAFETY

The Environmental Health/Food Safety program works to reduce the prevalence of food and environmental linked illnesses and poisoning through education, enforcement, and investigation efforts. Throughout 2023, the Environmental Health team conducted **2,928** food inspections, **187** consumer complaint investigations and **442** non-food inspections, while serving **2,783** clients in total.

In addition, the Environmental Health/Food Safety program was awarded a quality improvement grant from the Food and Drug Administration, which helped to provide resources to support food safety efforts.



FUNDING SOURCES

Total: \$43,808,206

State Block Grants

\$16,128,450

37%

Federal Grants

\$13,685,017

31%

Service/Fees Revenue

\$3,552,000

8%

General Funds

\$10,442,739

24%





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