

2025

# ANNUAL REPORT



**RISE  
HIGHER**  
HEALTH

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# From the Chief Public Health Officer and Director

**Public health must be more than a service Detroiters can access. It must be a force they can see, feel, and trust in every neighborhood.**

This report reflects the work of dedicated public servants, community partners, residents, and leaders who built and carried forward the Detroit Health Department's mission. I honor that foundation and the commitment that made the accomplishments in these pages possible.

In 2025, our teams expanded access to life-saving prevention, care, education, and emergency response. Behind every number is a Detroiter reached, a barrier removed, or a life protected. That is the real measure of our work.

But an annual report must do more than document where we have been. It must make clear where we are going. Our next chapter is about building a modern health department that is visible, responsive, accountable, and rooted in the realities of Detroiters. We will not wait for residents to find us. We will take public health into neighborhoods, schools, homes, and community spaces where people live, learn, work, worship, and raise their families.

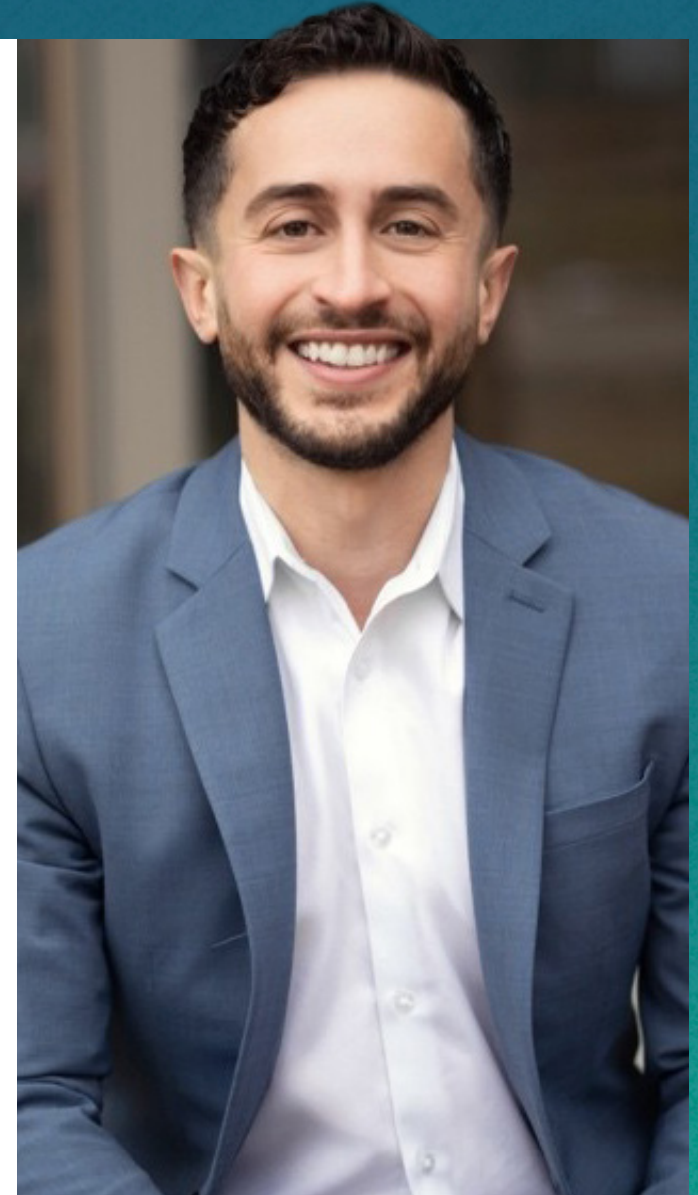
Health is shaped by more than health care alone. Housing, transportation, education, environmental conditions, safety, and economic opportunity all influence whether Detroiters can thrive. Through a Health in All Policies approach, we will work across city government and with community partners to make health part of every decision affecting our city.

The foundation is strong, but the work is not finished. The next chapter will require urgency, innovation, accountability, and the courage to challenge what is not working. Together, we will honor what came before by building what Detroit deserves next: a public health system that is present, trusted, and working every day for every Detroiter.

Forward together,



Ali Abazeed, MPH, MPP  
Chief Public Health Officer and Director





## EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS

Public Health Emergency Preparedness advanced the City's ability to protect the health and safety of residents before, during, and after public health emergencies. In 2025, the division enhanced emergency response capabilities, improved coordination with key partners, and supported preparedness efforts to ensure timely access to critical resources. Collaboration with local, regional, state, and federal stakeholders strengthened Detroit's emergency preparedness and response capacity, enhanced systems that protect residents, and improved the City's ability to respond effectively to public health threats. The program remains dedicated to safeguarding Detroit residents through ongoing preparedness, response, and recovery efforts.



**18**  
OUTREACH  
EFFORTS



**17**  
ALERTS  
SENT



**57**  
NEW HIRED STAFF  
TRAINED ON INCIDENT  
COMMAND SYSTEM

## BEHAVIORAL HEALTH

In 2025, the Behavioral Health Division strengthened its commitment to advancing harm reduction and behavioral health education across Detroit. Through strong community partnerships, the division expanded access to life-saving overdose prevention resources in neighborhoods most impacted by the opioid crisis. Narcan kits were distributed in high-risk ZIP codes at community centers, libraries, shelters, gas stations, recreation centers, health clinics, and neighborhood resource hubs. Distribution also expanded through outreach events and mobile units, ensuring residents could quickly obtain critical medication when needed. These efforts increased overdose prevention measures and reduced barriers to care throughout the community.



**20,624**  
NARCAN KITS  
DISTRIBUTED



**3,406**  
CLIENTS  
SERVED



**198**  
OUTREACH  
EFFORTS





## CHILDHOOD LEAD PREVENTION PROGRAM

In 2025, the Detroit Health Department's Childhood Lead Prevention Program continued to protect children and families by reducing exposure to lead hazards through education, outreach, inspections, and case management services. The program supported early identification of elevated blood lead levels (EBLL), connected families to essential resources, and collaborated with partners to create safer home environments for Detroit children and families. Through community engagement, environmental investigations, and prevention-focused strategies, the program advanced efforts to reduce childhood lead exposure and improve health outcomes for Detroit children and families.



**235**  
NURSE CASE MANAGER  
HOME VISITS



**318**  
NON-NURSE CASE  
MANAGER HOME VISITS

## IMMUNIZATIONS

Throughout 2025, the Immunizations Division expanded vaccination efforts through community-based campaigns, outreach initiatives, and educational activities to increase awareness and immunization rates among Detroit residents. HPV vaccinations increased, expanding youth protection and strengthening prevention efforts against serious diseases and future cancers. Through outreach events, education, and increased community engagement, the Immunizations team improved access to vaccines, increased awareness of immunization services, and advanced Detroit's efforts to prevent the spread of vaccine-preventable diseases while protecting public health.



**10,846**  
VACCINES  
ADMINISTERED



**9,555**  
CLIENTS  
SERVED



**125**  
OUTREACH  
EFFORTS



**24,255**  
CHILDREN SCREENED  
FOR VISION



**17,540**  
CHILDREN SCREENED  
FOR HEARING

## VISION AND HEARING

In 2025, the Vision and Hearing Program continued to improve access to essential services for Detroit children by providing vision and hearing screenings, early detection, and referrals for follow-up care. Through partnerships with schools, community organizations, and healthcare providers, the program identified vision and hearing needs early to support learning, communication, and overall well-being. By connecting children and families to timely care and supportive resources, the program advanced early intervention efforts, reduced barriers to care, and promoted healthier outcomes across Detroit.



## IDECIDE DETROIT

In 2025, iDecide Detroit continued to build strong community partnerships and expanded equitable access to reproductive health services across neighborhoods throughout the city. Throughout the year, more than 500 Family Planning Kits were distributed through strategically located partners, including Birth Detroit, expanding access to essential reproductive health resources. The program also hosted its 4th Annual Breast Cancer Screening Event in partnership with Karmanos Cancer Institute and the Breast and Cervical Cancer Control Program (BCCCP). Committed to meeting the evolving needs of the community, iDecide Detroit has continually identified opportunities to expand services. In 2025, the program introduced a new long-acting reversible contraceptive (LARC) option and established a coordinated referral process to connect Detroiters with timely, ongoing contraceptive care.



**1,320**  
PATIENT  
VISITS



**145**  
CLIENTS  
TREATED  
FOR STIs



**50+** DETROITERS  
SERVED DURING  
BREAST CANCER  
SCREENING EVENT

## HIV/STI

In 2025, the HIV/STI Program continued to educate the community on HIV, sexually transmitted infections, prevention, and sexual health through community training and outreach. Through strategic partnerships, data-informed solutions, and community-centered services, the Ending the Epidemic team advanced Detroit's goal of eliminating HIV transmission by 2030. The program also expanded its impact by launching a public-facing data dashboard to increase transparency and community engagement, hosted Detroit's first Health Housing Fair in partnership with the Detroit Police Department, and received the Center for Quality Improvement & Innovation Award for leadership in quality improvement for people with HIV.



**86,724**  
CONDOMS  
DISTRIBUTED



**4,455**  
CLIENTS  
SERVED



**87**  
OUTREACH  
EFFORTS





## COMMUNITY HEALTH WORKERS

Community Health Workers served as trusted community partners and made a significant impact on outreach efforts by connecting residents to essential health services and resources. The program partnered with schools, faith-based organizations, healthcare providers, first responders, and community-based groups to reduce barriers to care and expand access to wraparound services and community resources. In 2025, Community Health Workers also supported emergency response efforts during the Southwest Detroit water main break by connecting displaced residents to temporary housing, healthcare, food, transportation, and other critical resources, strengthening community resilience during a time of need.



**541**  
OUTREACH  
EFFORTS



**115**  
COMMUNITY  
HEALTH  
WORKERS  
GRADUATES



**187**  
RESIDENTS  
SUPPORTED  
DURING FLOOD  
RESPONSE

## ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH/FOOD SAFETY

In 2025, the Environmental Health/Food Safety Division helped protect Detroit communities by ensuring restaurants and other regulated establishments met public health standards through inspections, licensing, investigations, and education. The division investigates foodborne illness and sanitation complaints, reviewed plans for new facilities, licensed temporary and mobile food vendors, and provided food safety training to businesses. The division also improved service delivery by implementing online license renewal and fee payment options while strengthening coordination with city departments and state agencies. The improvements reinforced public health protections and reduced risks related to foodborne illness, waterborne diseases, Legionella, and mosquito- and tick-borne illnesses.



**4,387**  
FOOD  
INSPECTIONS



**997**  
NON-FOOD  
INSPECTIONS



**3,226**  
CLIENTS  
SERVED



# Looking Ahead: 2026 and Beyond

## ADVANCING HEALTH IN ALL POLICIES APPROACH

Building a modern health department that is visible, responsive, and rooted in community realities.

### BEYOND TRADITIONAL SERVICES

Working across city government and community partners to embed health in every decision affecting Detroiters.



## BE OUTSIDE

### Bringing Public Health into Neighborhoods

The Detroit Health Department takes an approach that meets health where Detroiters experience it. This means taking our services to neighborhoods, schools, and the community. We connect Detroiters with programs and services that benefit them.



## SUCCESS BY THE NUMBERS



**4,500+**  
DINING WITH CONFIDENCE  
GREEN PLACARDS PLACED



**222**  
CONSUMER COMPLAINT  
INVESTIGATIONS

**5,121**  
VISION REFERRALS



**416**  
HEARING REFERRALS



**2,076**  
CHILDHOOD LEAD PREVENTION  
PROGRAM OUTREACH EFFORTS



**27**  
HIGH-PRIORITY ZIP CODES SERVED  
BY BEHAVIORAL HEALTH TEAM



**40,947**  
RESIDENTS SERVED BY  
COMMUNITY HEALTH  
WORKERS



**174**  
PREGNANT WOMEN  
ENROLLED IN  
SISTERFRIENDS



**188**  
VOLUNTEER MENTORS  
ENROLLED IN  
SISTERFRIENDS



**114**  
BABIES DELIVERED  
AT A HEALTHY  
WEIGHT

**884**  
PACK-N-PLAYS  
PROVIDED



**13,046**  
COMMUNITY RESOURCES  
PROVIDED THROUGH  
961-BABY RESOURCE LINE

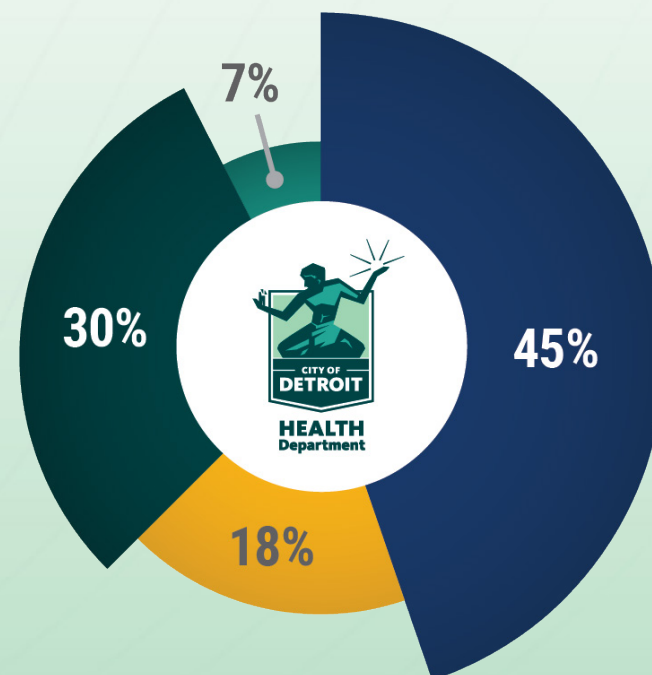


**427**  
FATHERHOOD  
CLIENTS  
SERVED



## FUNDING SOURCES

**TOTAL BUDGET**  
**\$46,855,070**



|  |                     |                      |
|--|---------------------|----------------------|
|  | <b>\$20,974,772</b> | State Block Grants   |
|  | <b>\$8,373,029</b>  | General Funds        |
|  | <b>\$14,066,269</b> | Federal Grants       |
|  | <b>\$3,441,000</b>  | Service Fees/Revenue |

## MATERNAL CHILD HEALTH

In 2025, the Detroit Health Department's Maternal Child Health Program continued to support healthier outcomes for mothers, infants, and families through education, community partnerships, and access to essential resources. The program connected families to prenatal and postpartum support, health education, and services that promote healthy pregnancies, safe births, and early childhood development. Through community-centered initiatives and collaboration with healthcare and community partners, Maternal Child Health advanced efforts to reduce health disparities, strengthen family support systems, and improve the well-being of Detroit's mothers and children.

### PROGRAMS SUPPORTING MATERNAL CHILD HEALTH

**SisterFriends Detroit** support pregnant Detroit residents through caring mentorship to encourage healthy pregnancies and reduce infant mortality.

 **388**  
NEW CLIENTS ENROLLED

 **237**  
EDUCATIONAL ENRICHMENT SESSIONS

**Infant Safe Sleep** promote safe sleep practices through education and partnerships to help Detroit families prevent infant sleep-related deaths.

 **1,070**  
CLIENTS SERVED

 **19**  
OUTREACH EVENTS

**961-Baby Resource Line** provide Detroit residents with access to health services and community resources that support individual and family wellness.

 **2,536**  
INCOMING CALLS

 **5,605**  
CLIENTS SERVED

**The Fatherhood Program** empower Detroit fathers with tools, resources, and connections to strengthen parenting skills and family relationships.

 **26**  
FORUMS HOSTED

 **185**  
RESOURCES PROVIDED





## WOMEN, INFANTS, AND CHILDREN (WIC)

In 2025, the Women, Infants, and Children (WIC) Program continued connecting eligible families with nutritious foods, education, breastfeeding support, and referrals to essential health care and community services. The program re-established the WIC Call Center, created by the City of Detroit's Department of Technology and Innovation Services, to improve client support and access to services. Through its partnership with Rx for Reading Detroit, WIC promoted early childhood literacy. The program also expanded access to services through hospital partnerships and strengthened health equity by connecting families to resources that support healthier futures.



**19,705**  
ENROLLED CLIENTS



**731**  
CLIENTS SUPPORTED THROUGH  
HOSPITAL PARTNERSHIPS



**9**  
OUTREACH EVENTS



**4,000**  
EARLY CHILDHOOD LITERACY  
BOOKS DISTRIBUTED

## CHILDREN'S SPECIAL HEALTH CARE SERVICES (CSHCS)

Children's Special Health Care Services (CSHCS) provided coordinated care and guidance to help Detroit children and families living with chronic medical conditions navigate complex health care systems.

The program helped families maintain and improve health outcomes through holistic support, education, resources, and advocacy. CSHCS reduced barriers related to care coordination, transportation, medical equipment, medication management, and access to essential services. Additional support included Medicaid enrollment assistance, Children's Special Needs Fund applications, camp scholarships, and replacement car seats. CSHCS supported clients through targeted education and engagement efforts, including asthma awareness and education initiatives, and convened four partner meetings to strengthen collaboration, build sustainable partnerships, and enhance services.



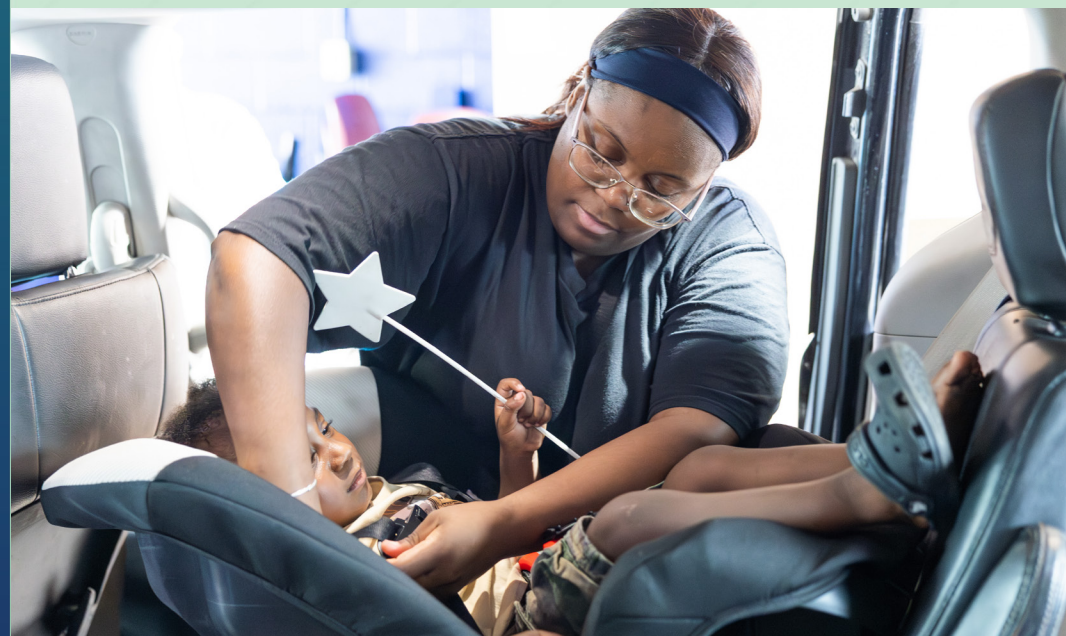
**5,030**  
CLIENTS  
SERVED



**1,096**  
COMMUNITY  
PARTNERS



**40**  
OUTREACH  
EFFORTS





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