

2018 Tarrant County Public Health Annual Report

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Moving into the 21st Century

Keeping current with health issues and emerging threats to the community's health is a challenge for every health department. So is staying up-to-date in the ways public health does business, that includes making functional improvements and adopting the technologies a modern health department needs to run efficiently and effectively. Tarrant County Public Health (TCPH) has been working diligently to improve our services as well as the ways we do business. This annual report tells that story.



TCPH partnered with early childhood experts across Tarrant County to raise awareness about important developmental milestone screenings for children from birth to age three. Should screenings detect a developmental delay, the family may receive additional services to help them and their child become better prepared for school.



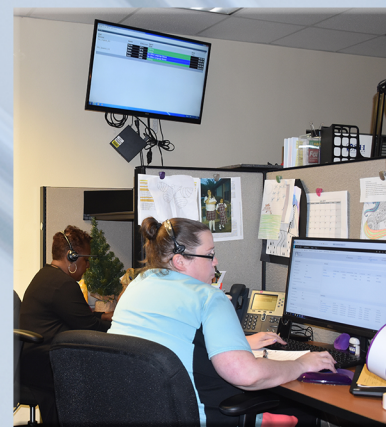
TCPH participated in the first bilingual "Working Together to Build a Culture of Health Twitter Chat," sponsored by Salud America! The social media-based event created new Twitter followers for TCPH, had numerous retweets nationally and achieved a peak of 2,730 impressions that day. TCPH was the only health department to participate.



Emergency Preparedness transitioned to a Wireless Emergency Notification System and successfully tested a notification/call-down. This system enables faster disaster recovery.

Let's Talk h'alth

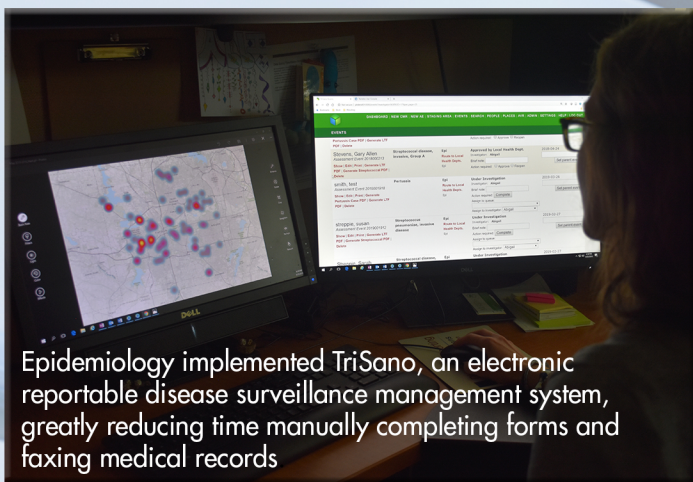
Thanks to a health literacy grant, Health Equity and Community Engagement expanded their health literacy activities with the creation of a new "Let's Talk Health" program. The program is part of the Visual Images for Healthy Living from the National Network of Libraries of Medicine, South Central Region. As a result, approximately 254 people across Tarrant County received health literacy training in 2018.



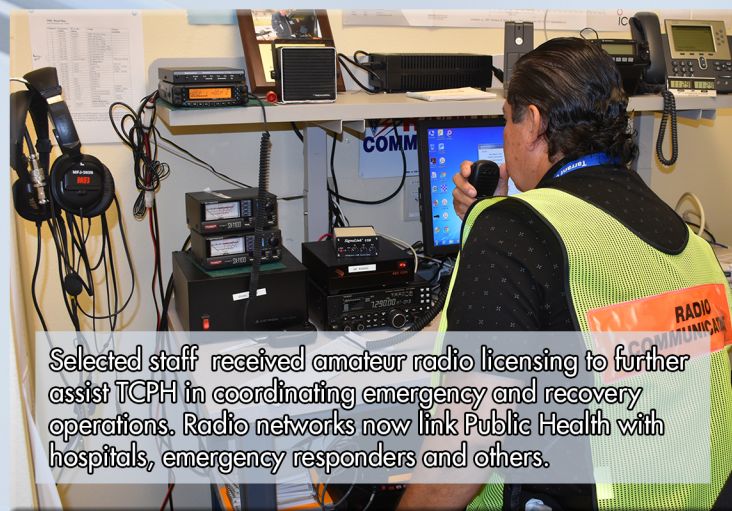
The Texas Women, Infants, and Children (WIC) Program moved to a cloud-based computer system. WIC staff can now operate in real time, make participant record changes instantly, get system access any time of the day and operate the system remotely. All these features improve access and customer service.



The TB Elimination program shifted from tuberculin skin tests to interferon gamma release assay for tuberculosis targeted testing. They can now to test at-risk populations based on state and federal recommendations.

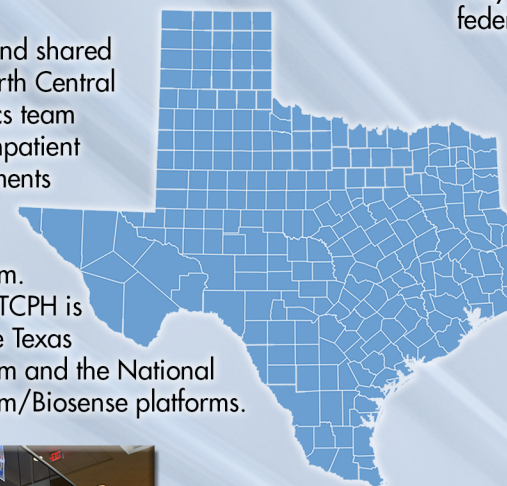


Epidemiology implemented TriSano, an electronic reportable disease surveillance management system, greatly reducing time manually completing forms and faxing medical records



Selected staff received amateur radio licensing to further assist TCPH in coordinating emergency and recovery operations. Radio networks now link Public Health with hospitals, emergency responders and others.

Health Informatics collected and shared important data across 49 North Central Texas counties. The Informatics team successfully networked 104 inpatient hospitals, emergency departments and urgent care centers onto the state-wide North Texas Syndromic Surveillance System. To provide interoperabilities, TCPH is also providing this data to the Texas Syndromic Surveillance System and the National Syndromic Surveillance System/Biosense platforms.

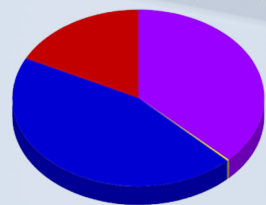


Preventive Health Services adopted THISIS and PROVIDE software systems. These new systems have improved the monitoring of patients with HIV and other STDs, as well as helped make evaluating client medical progress, eligibility and disease interventions much more efficient.



The Breast and Cervical Cancer Control Program changed its name to "For Her Health" clinic in an effort to improve TCPH services geared to the health and well-being of women. The clinic's goal is to better serve women's health care needs.

For Her Health
2018 Patient Statistics by Visit Type



● Breast Exams ● Case Management
● Pap Smear Test ● Pregnancy Tests

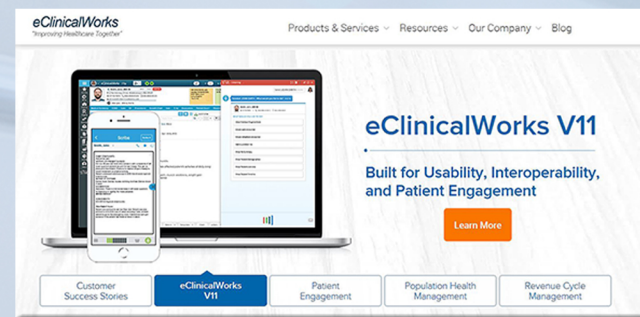
Tarrant County Medical Reserve Corps volunteers provided 1,457 hours of service, helping TCPH, elected officials and other community partners with health-related issues; equaling \$37,052 in assistance to improve quality of life in Tarrant County.



Tarrant County rolled out a website analytics component that has further helped Public Health refine our online messaging.



New lobby monitors help educate and inform visitors to our main building.



eClinicalWorks is the name of the new electronic health record system now in use by TCPH clinics to provide quick access to patient records for more coordinated and efficient care. The system features enhanced privacy and security for patient data and improved provider interaction.

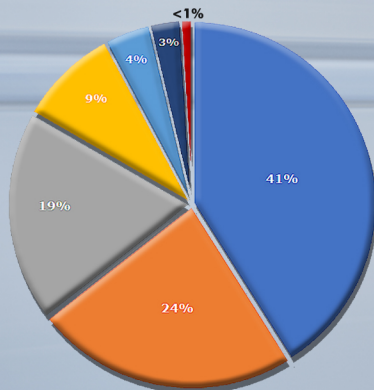


Teen Videofest is all about health education and teens. This award-winning contest involved nine school districts and 148 teens who submitted 57 public health-themed videos. The contest promotes teen health awareness at the grass roots level and provided several videos for use in social media outreach.

TCPH ACTIVITY - A Snapshot

The following table provides a three-year glimpse of TCPH activities and/or numbers of people served. Fluctuations may be due to changes in reporting requirements and funding.

DEPARTMENT WORKLOAD MEASURES	2016	2017	2018
For Her Health (formerly BCCCP) - Pap smear screens	551	252	294
For Her Health - breast exams	612	294	217
For Her Health - case-managed clients	196	104	84
Pregnancy tests & referrals	423	254	129
Flu shots provided	8,179	8,130	3,107
Immunizations provided	36,748	35,618	30,845
WIC - visits	564,028	638,113	441,227
Health education - health events, presentations	413	424	674
Health education - referrals	9,810	14,965	16,744
Communicable disease reports investigated	6,541	12,227	10,026
New HIV cases reported	261	373	283
STD clinic visits	5,484	5,401	3,691
STD disease intervention, field investigations	2,671	2,671	2,680
Clinical lab tests performed	48,033	59,889	53,563
HIV/STD cases investigated, partners notified	848	1,121	1,023
Preventive Medicine Clinic (PMC) HIV care caseload	887	997	988
PMC clinic visits	5,164	4,785	4,448
Travel Health Services clinic visits	3,222	3,178	2,724
TB clinic visits	8,419	5,964	4,249
TB contacts screened as part of disease intervention investigation	928	889	850
TB cases in Tarrant County	62	80	63
Percent of foreign-born TB cases	50	73.70	72
Suspected TB cases treated preventively	216	132	128
HIV co-infections (cases only)	4	4	5
Drug-resistant cases (TB)	4	4	3
Directly Observed Therapy doses administered in the field (TB)	7,678	7,853	10,730
DOPT doses administered (TB)	11,123	8,175	2,448
Contacts investigated (TB)	928	889	970
Total on therapy (TB)	112	91	87
Total with latent TB infection	503	430	353
Food establishment inspections	7,477	7,392	7,711
Swimming pool inspections	1,105	1,023	1,199
Onsite sewage facilities permitted	344	345	317
Mosquito pools tested for WNV	5,442	6,649	5,064
Milk and dairy lab tests performed	18,573	19,070	17,834
Water lab tests performed	19,241	19,349	19,169
Medical Reserve Corps volunteer hours (new)			1,457



FY 2018 TOTAL FUNDS = \$71,741,888

1115 Waiver Funds	\$29,690,343
State Grants	\$16,924,786
Local Government Funds	\$13,663,624
340B Funds	\$6,426,986
Local Fees	\$2,950,205
Federal Grants	\$1,971,710
Local Private Funds	\$114,235



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