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SLCPHD Celebrates National County Government Month

Canton, NY — St. Lawrence County is proud to celebrate National County Government Month (NCGM) this April, highlighting how the county supports its residents and fosters healthy, safe, and vibrant communities. The St. Lawrence County Public Health Department (SLCPHD) is eager to showcase its significant achievements from the past year, underscoring its commitment to enhancing community health with proactive, creative, and team-driven efforts.

Community Engagement through Events and Education

In the past year, the education division carried out over 60 community outreach events, which encompassed presentations, wellness fairs, and informative sessions.

In September of 2024, the department successfully hosted a Humans Don't Hibernate 5K and Fun Day, attracting over 70 enthusiastic participants. This event not only promoted physical activity but also provided a platform for community members to engage with one another in a fun and healthy environment.

Enhanced Support for Families

As part of its Early Intervention (EI) program, the department completed 347 home visits in 2024, providing vital support and resources to families with young children. These visits are instrumental in identifying and addressing developmental needs early on, ensuring that children receive the assistance they require to thrive.

Additionally, the department received 116 referrals to the Maternal and Child Health (MCH) program, reflecting the community's trust in SLCPHD's care and support for mothers and children.

Addressing Community Needs

There were 163 calls to the sanitarian program, showcasing the department's proactive approach to resolving public health concerns promptly and effectively. The department organized 21 rabies clinics where 2,172 cats, dogs, and ferrets were vaccinated. This initiative not only protects pets but also helps to shield the community from potential rabies outbreaks.



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Injury Prevention

SLCPHD has collaborated with the St. Lawrence County Planning Office to create an Overdose Dashboard. This dashboard will offer the community a quarterly overview of overdose statistics. To gain a clearer understanding of the issue, it's essential to collect more detailed data on fatal overdoses, which will help identify gaps and risk factors linked to these incidents.

Immunizations

In 2024, 104 immunization clinics were held with 912 vaccines administered to a total of 618 people in total. Of the 902 vaccines administered, 341 were part of the Vaccine for Children program, 8 were part of the Vaccine for Adults program, and 571 were paid for by insurance or privately by the client. Two influenza vaccination clinics on multiple farms within the county in November were held, where 30 farm workers were vaccinated. The Department collaborated with the New York Center for Agricultural Medicine and Health to vaccinate 30 additional farm workers.

Emergency Preparedness

SLCPHD organized a Point of Dispensing (POD) activity in the spring of 2024, demonstrating their commitment to efficient and effective health service delivery. This initiative plays a crucial role in ensuring that the community can access essential health resources swiftly and safely during public health emergencies.

The Public Health Department is dedicated to safeguarding and improving the health of the community. Through collaboration, education, and innovation, the department works to promote a healthier future for all residents. Let's come together to celebrate and recognize the achievements of St. Lawrence County government as we continue to strive for progress, prosperity, and inclusivity in our community.

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