



SACRAMENTO COUNTY PUBLIC HEALTH ANNUAL REPORT

FISCAL YEAR 2024-25

SACRAMENTO COUNTY



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About SCPH

SACRAMENTO COUNTY PUBLIC HEALTH

MISSION

To promote, protect, and champion conditions for optimal health and public safety in partnership with our diverse communities.

VISION

All people thrive in healthy communities.

CORE VALUES

EQUITY We implement equitable strategies at all levels to dismantle systemic barriers, address inequities, and eliminate health disparities, creating pathways for everyone to achieve optimal health and well-being.

COLLABORATION We work hand in hand with partners and communities, valuing diverse voices, fostering trust, and aspiring to share power to improve health.

INTEGRITY We are transparent and accountable for providing efficient and quality services.

COMPASSION We treat all with kindness, dignity, and respect as we seek to uplift one another's humanity.

INNOVATION We embrace creativity, curiosity, and continuous improvement by seeking bold solutions that push us beyond our comfort zones.

GUIDING STATEMENT

Our vision rests largely on understanding social determinants of health. These include:

- Access to high-quality education
- Income and wealth
- A healthy environment
- Language and literacy skills

These factors determine access to safe and healthy housing, neighborhoods, green spaces, transportation, nutritious foods, quality health care, social and emotional support, and inclusion. Historic legacies, structures, and systems continue to drive inequalities and exclude many groups from full and equitable access to these fundamental building blocks for health. Meaningful progress will require shifting toward a more equitable allocation of resources and opportunities within and across our communities.

Introduction

A MESSAGE FROM THE PUBLIC HEALTH OFFICER

September 1, 2025

Dear Sacramento County Board of Supervisors,

Fiscal Year 2024-25 was a year of extremes for Sacramento County Public Health (SCPH).

I'm incredibly proud to share that SCPH achieved public health accreditation, which was conferred by the Public Health Accreditation Board in November 2024. Sacramento County became one of only 26 out of 61 local health jurisdictions in California to earn this distinction. This recognition demonstrates our commitment to continuous quality improvement and our adherence to national standards for public health practice. It is also a testament to the hard work of our Accreditation Unit and all SCPH employees who made this achievement possible.

Sweeping federal policy changes, legal battles, and shifting funding decisions created an unprecedented level of uncertainty across the American public health landscape. Locally, these disruptions led to painful cuts to SCPH programs and the early termination of several contracts and staff positions.

In the face of these challenges, our staff have persevered. They continued to carry out our mission to promote, protect, and champion conditions for optimal health and public safety in partnership with our diverse communities. This year, we undertook a thoughtful and equity-centered strategic planning process, engaging staff at all levels to update SCPH's Mission, Vision, and Values, all of which appear on the previous page. We formalized our commitment to guiding principles that reflect who we are and who we strive to be.

This annual report highlights the numerous accomplishments of SCPH programs in Fiscal Year 2024–25. We are proud of what we achieved despite significant headwinds, and we are deeply grateful for the dedication of our team and the partnerships that made our success possible.

Sincerely,



Olivia Kasirye, MD, MS
Public Health Officer

SCPH PROGRAMS AT-A-GLANCE

Disease Control, Surveillance, & Preparedness	Maternal, Child, & Family Services	Community Health Promotion
<p><u>Chest Clinic/Tuberculosis Control</u> (916) 874-9823 Surveillance of & clinical care for tuberculosis cases & contacts. Located at the Primary Care Center at 4600 Broadway in Sacramento.</p> <p><u>Communicable Disease Control</u> (916) 875-5881 Disease & outbreak investigations, contact tracing & follow-up, prevention & education.</p> <p><u>Emergency Medical Services (EMS)</u> (916) 875-9753 Regulatory entity integrating elements of emergency care from 911 dispatch to emergency departments in one system. Licensing, training, & quality assurance for emergency services.</p> <p><u>Epidemiology</u> (916) 875-5881 Disease surveillance on topics including infectious diseases, chronic diseases, injuries, & vital statistics.</p> <p><u>Immunization Assistance</u> (916) 875-7468 Consultation & resources for parents, CBOs, medical & child care providers, & schools regarding immunizations & immunization laws. Resources & childhood immunizations, COVID-19, & flu vaccines.</p> <p><u>Public Health Emergency Preparedness</u> (916) 875-5881 Pivotal in the coordination of preparedness & response efforts through plan development, resource management, & training in Sacramento County related to public health & medical emergencies.</p> <p><u>Public Health Laboratory</u> (916) 874-9231 Routine & specialized testing services for detection, control & prevention of communicable diseases in Sacramento & many surrounding counties.</p> <p><u>Sexual Health</u> (916) 875-6022 HIV & STI education, counseling/testing, clinical sexual health services, surveillance, & partner notification. Provider education, training, & technical assistance. Coordination of care & support for people with HIV, STIs, & HCV.</p> <p><u>Vital Records</u> (916) 875-5345 Registers all births, deaths, & fetal deaths; issues birth certificates, death certificates, & disposition permits; issues medical marijuana ID cards.</p>	<p><u>African American Perinatal Health (AAPH)</u> (916) 875-2229 Public health nurse home visitation program to improve birth outcomes for pregnant African Americans.</p> <p><u>Black Infant Health (BIH)</u> (916) 875-2229 Support group intervention encouraging empowerment & social support. Case management for access to community & health-related services.</p> <p><u>California Children's Services (CCS)</u> (916) 875-9900 Diagnostic & treatment services, medical case management, & physical & occupational therapy services for children & young adults under age 21 with CCS-eligible medical conditions.</p> <p><u>Community Nursing</u> (916) 875-0900 Public Health nurse home visitation for families with children 0-18 to improve child/adolescent health, development, & safety.</p> <p><u>DCFAS Nursing (CPS, APS, IHSS)</u> (916) 875-4728 Provides nursing assessment, consultation, collaboration, & care coordination regarding preventative health & specialty services.</p> <p><u>Maternal, Child, and Adolescent Health</u> (888) 824-2229 Assures quality health access for all women of childbearing age, adolescents, children, & infants. Perinatal Equity Initiative addresses racial disparities in infant mortality by providing support & resources to Black families.</p> <p><u>Nurse Family Partnership (NFP)</u> (916) 875-0900 Public health nurse home visitation for 1st-time pregnant people during pregnancy & the 1st 2 years of the child's life to improve pregnancy outcomes, child health, & development.</p> <p><u>Women, Infants & Children (WIC)</u> (916) 876-5000 Support for pregnant women, new moms, & children 0-5 years to eat well, stay healthy, & be active.</p>	<p><u>Child Passenger Safety</u> (916) 875-5869 Child Passenger Safety education & resources for parents & guardians to increase awareness & proper use of car/booster seats & seatbelts.</p> <p><u>Childhood Lead Poisoning Prevention</u> (916) 875-7151 Staff & parent education, educational materials & resources, & public health awareness campaigns. Case management services & environmental investigations for children exposed to lead.</p> <p><u>Edible Food Recovery</u> (916) 875-5881 Partnership with the cities within the county on the <u>Capital Food Access Alliance (CFAA)</u>, to recover edible food, that would otherwise have been disposed of, and redistribute for human consumption to address food scarcity.</p> <p><u>Nutrition Education & Active Living</u> (916) 875-5869 Training, technical assistance, & education addressing nutrition & physical activity behaviors through policy, system, & environmental changes. Referrals & resources for CBOs, child care providers, & FQHCs.</p> <p><u>Oral Health</u> (916) 875-5869 Oral health education, dental care service resource & referral assistance for parents, school staff, & public health professionals.</p> <p><u>Stop Stigma Sacramento Speakers Bureau</u> (916) 875-0970 Part of Behavioral Health's <i>Mental Illness: It's Not Always What You Think</i> stigma & discrimination reduction project. Speakers with lived experience share their stories of hope & recovery.</p> <p><u>Tobacco Education & Prevention</u> (916) 875-5869 Address tobacco & vape related health disparities through policy, system, & environmental changes. Educate, reduce youth tobacco access, promote cessation, & support the Greater Sacramento Smoke & Tobacco Free Coalition.</p>
<p>Accreditation:</p> <p>Budget & Administration:</p> <p>Health & Racial Equity:</p> <p>Workforce Development:</p>	<p>Supports alignment of division plans, a culture of inclusion and improvement, and ongoing compliance with accreditation standards, originally awarded in November 2024.</p> <p>Budget & administrative support to all SCPH programs; coordination with funders, DHS & County Fiscal, contracts, & facilities.</p> <p>Supports implementation of the Health & Racial Equity Action Plan to align division efforts, advance a culture of equity & belonging, & improve outcomes for communities impacted by racism & health inequities.</p> <p>Strengthen infrastructure to improve gaps in employee engagement, retention, communication, training, development, and technology modernization.</p>	



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- Senior & Adult Services Nursing
 - Adult Protective Services
 - In-Home Supportive Services

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- Oral Health
 - African American Perinatal Health
 - Black Infant Health
 - Community Nursing
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- Health Education
 - Child Passenger Safety
 - Nutrition Education & Active Living
 - Stop Stigma Speakers Bureau
 - Tobacco Education & Prevention

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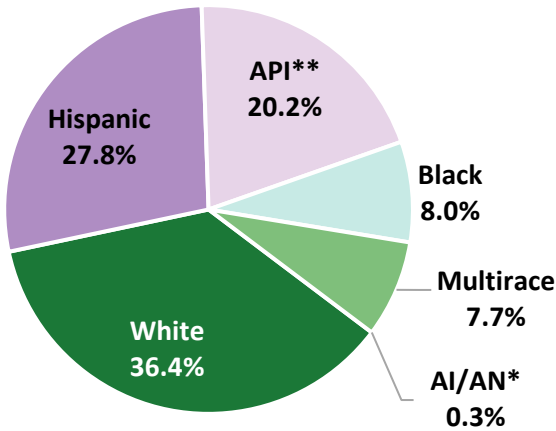
Organizational Chart

July 1, 2025

The Health of Sacramento County

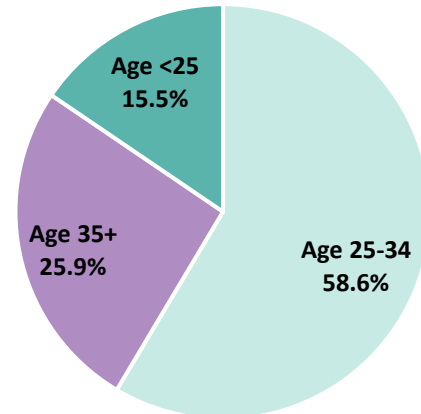
A SNAPSHOT OF SACRAMENTO COUNTY HEALTH DATA

Proportion of Births by Race/Ethnicity, 2024

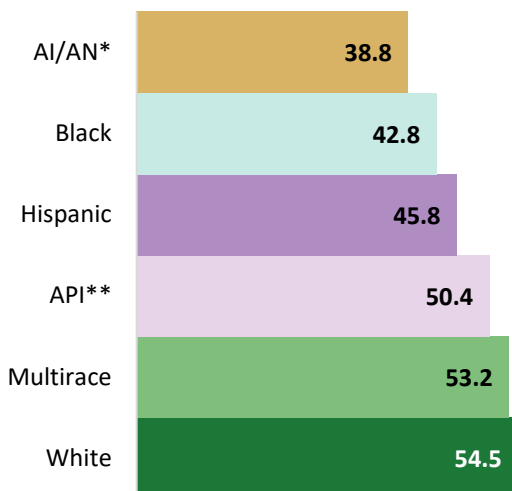


AI/AN*: American Indian/Alaska Native
API**: Asian and Pacific Islander

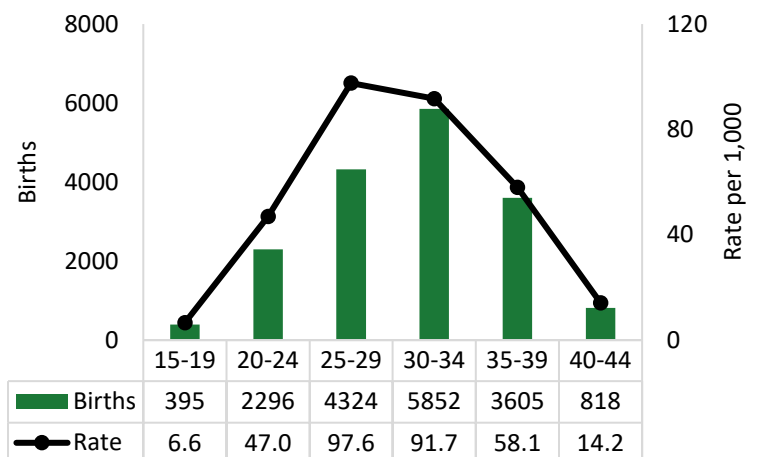
Proportion of Births by Age Group, 2024



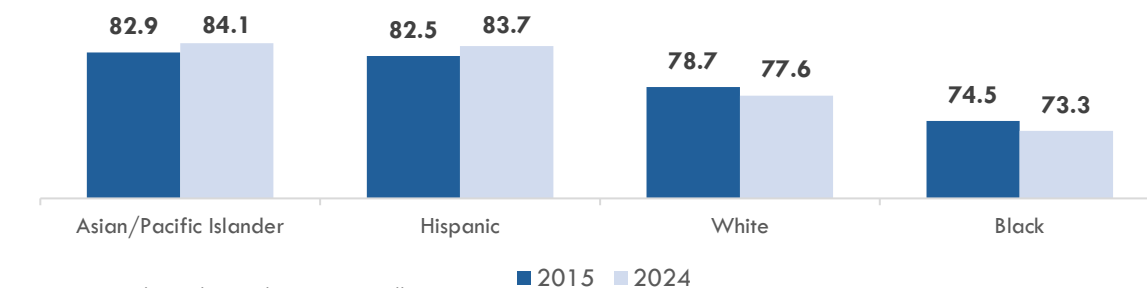
Fertility Rate by Race/Ethnicity, 2024



Fertility Rate by Age Group, 2024



Life Expectancy by Selected Race/Ethnicity, 2015 vs. 2024



Source: 1. Death: Vital Records Business Intelligence System

2. Population: State of California, Department of Finance, Population Projections 2021

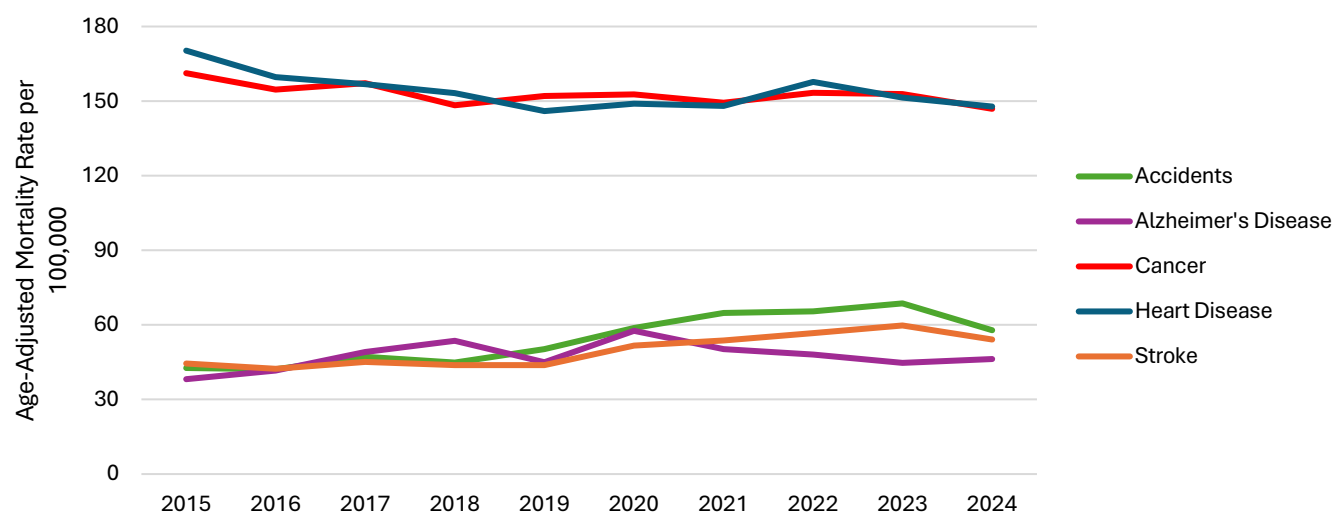
Top 10 Leading Causes of Death by Gender, 2023

Female	Rank	Male
Cancer	1	Heart Disease
Heart Disease	2	Cancer
Alzheimer's Disease	3	Accidents
Stroke	4	Stroke
Accidents	5	Diabetes
Chronic Lower Respiratory	6	Chronic Lower Respiratory
Diabetes	7	Alzheimer's Disease
Hypertension	8	Liver/Cirrhosis
Liver/Cirrhosis	9	Suicide
Chronic kidney disease	10	Hypertension

Top 5 Leading Causes of Premature Death (age < 75) Death and Years of Potential Life Lost, 2024

Rank	Cause	Years of Life Lost
1	Cancer	17,299
2	Heart Disease	11,679
3	Accidents	22,926
4	Diabetes	3,597
5	Stroke	2,773

Top 5 Leading Causes of Death in Sacramento County (Age-Adjusted Rates), 2015-2024

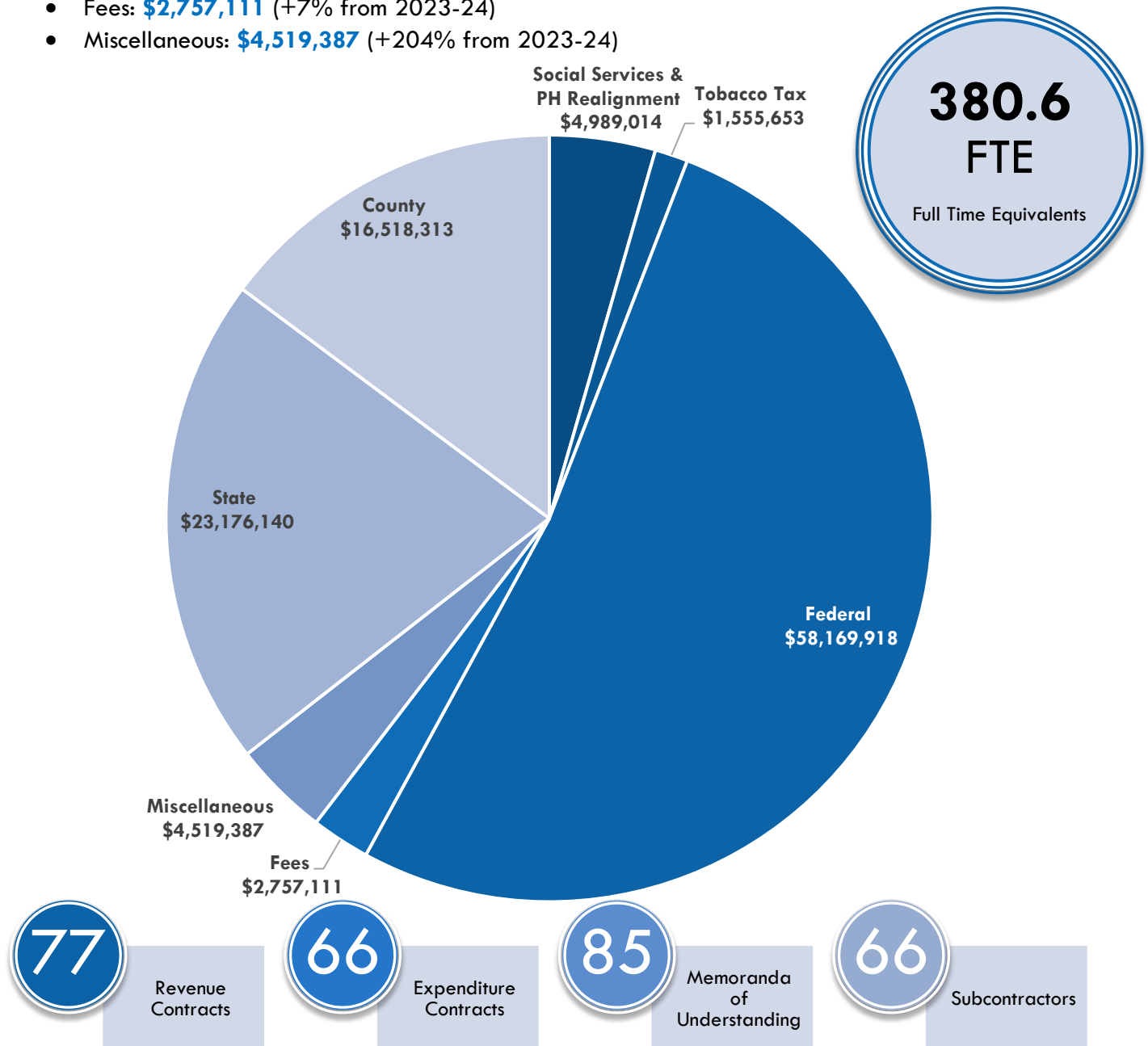


Budget & Administration

HOW WE SUPPORT THE WORK WE DO

Sacramento County Public Health had a budget of **\$122,124,802** in 2024-25, a 5% decrease from 2023-24. Funding sources included:

- Federal Government: **\$58,169,918** (-17% from 2023-24)
- State of California: **\$23,176,140** (+20% from 2023-24)
- County of Sacramento: **\$16,518,313** (-4% from 2023-24)
- Social Services & Public Health Realignment: **\$4,989,014** (+7% from 2023-24)
- Tobacco Tax: **\$1,555,653** (-24% from 2023-24)
- Fees: **\$2,757,111** (+7% from 2023-24)
- Miscellaneous: **\$4,519,387** (+204% from 2023-24)



The Growing Cost of Disinvestment

FUNDING CUTS OUR COMMUNITY CANNOT AFFORD

The focus of our 2022-23 annual report was an unprecedented investment in public health. On the heels of the COVID-19 pandemic, we witnessed a long-overdue infusion of funding and resources to support public health infrastructure at the national, state, and local levels. This investment helped us strengthen critical systems, rebuild our depleted workforce, and begin addressing long-standing gaps in public health capacity. Just two years later, we are dealing with the systematic dismantling of those gains. Funding has been sharply reduced or eliminated altogether, programs have been scaled back or cut, and the public health workforce is shrinking, at a time when the need for strong, resilient public health systems is as urgent as ever.

Thanks to supplemental COVID-19 Immunization grants starting in July 2020, SCPH stood up two dedicated immunization strike teams, each staffed with a Supervising Registered Nurse (RN), five RNs, and a Medical Assistant. These teams partnered with trusted community-based organizations, such as La Familia, the Mexican Consulate, and the LGBT Community Center, to provide COVID-19 and flu vaccines in neighborhoods with low health indicators. Their reach extended beyond community clinics to include in-home vaccinations for high-risk, homebound individuals. Over the course of the effort, we held 2,917 clinics and administered more than 85,000 COVID-19 vaccine doses. An additional 265,000

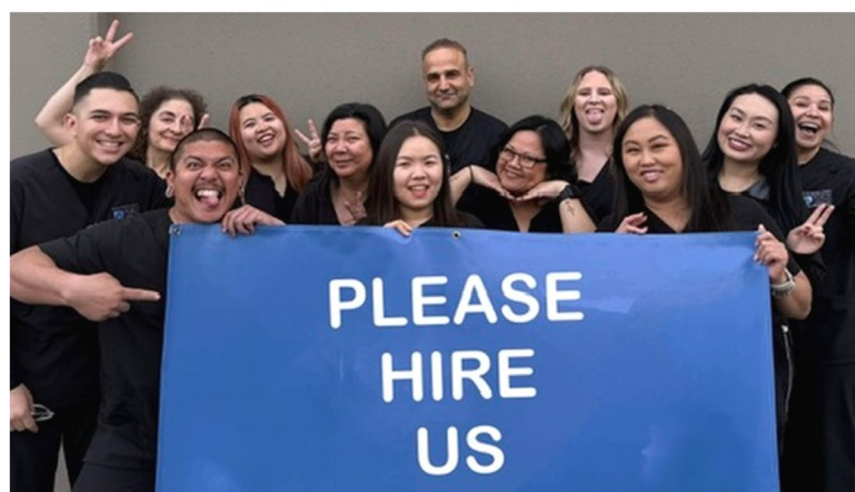


PHOTO: The COVID-19 Strike Team on their last day with SCPH.

doses were redistributed to local providers. The strike teams also supported response efforts for other public health threats, including flu, Mpox, and routine adult immunizations.

Recognizing the drop in routine childhood immunizations during the pandemic, SCPH also contracted with three local providers to deliver catch-up vaccinations to students, their families, and school staff. These efforts targeted schools with high numbers of low-income and conditionally admitted students across multiple school districts. Over 4,000 vaccines were administered to more than 1,600 students, with the vast majority insured through Medi-Cal. These efforts not only protected individual children but contributed to community-wide protection against vaccine-preventable diseases like measles.

In March 2025, SCPH was notified by the CDC of the abrupt termination of several funding streams that support our programs. These cuts totaled \$26.8 through 2026 and caused the early termination of subcontracted immunization and community services. They also resulted in the early termination of limited-term staff on our COVID-19 Immunization Strike Team. Subsequent lawsuits and court rulings

restored some of the funding for an indeterminate period, but unfortunately, it was too late to reverse the staff and contract terminations triggered by these cuts.

This loss of funding has immediate and far-reaching consequences. Our ability to support childhood immunizations, including Measles, Mumps, Rubella (MMR), which protects against the growing risk of measles outbreaks, has been significantly reduced. The infrastructure we built to reach unhoused individuals, homebound residents, and high-risk congregate settings is being dismantled. Our capacity to respond to emerging infectious diseases has been weakened, just as public health threats are becoming more complex and persistent.

At the conclusion of the fiscal year, the passage of new federal legislation meant more damaging news for public health with the elimination of the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program-Education (SNAP-Ed) program. This reduction of over \$2.2 million annually in Sacramento County will result in the elimination of the SCPH Nutrition Education and Active Living (NEAL) program, which supports three subcontractors and all or part of ten SCPH staff.

NEAL and its subcontractors provide nutrition and physical activity education in some of Sacramento County's neighborhoods with the greatest health disparities. These initiatives, designed to help reduce chronic diseases, align with CalFresh Healthy Living (CFHL) goals, which include 1) advancing equity, 2) improving food insecurity, 3) increasing consumption of healthy foods and beverages, and 4) increasing and promoting physical activity to improve healthy behaviors.

This ongoing disinvestment in public health puts at risk the strong, community partnerships we have built with local organizations and our community. These relationships, which are built on trust and shared commitment, are essential for delivering effective, equitable services across a range of public health priorities. Without stable funding, our ability to reach communities through trusted messengers and provide responsive, community-based services will diminish, threatening progress made in areas such as chronic disease prevention, health education, and vaccination access in Sacramento's most underserved neighborhoods.



PHOTO: A NEAL social media post promoting healthier school lunch ideas.



PHOTO: Luther Burbank High School students participated in the Sacramento Nutrition Ambassador Cohort (SNAC), a peer-led project to encourage healthier eating habits. This project was carried out by NEAL subcontractor, Health Education Council.



DIVISION-WIDE SUCCESSES

Division-Wide Successes

SCPH: NOW ACCREDITED

In 2022, Sacramento County Public Health (SCPH) began actively working toward national accreditation through the Public Health Accreditation Board (PHAB), a rigorous, standards-based process that recognizes public health departments for quality, performance, and continuous improvement.



In October 2024, SCPH hosted a two-day site visit with PHAB representatives after submitting more than 200 documents for formal review. The first day featured a virtual review with SCPH staff, highlighting core plans, including the Strategic Plan, Community Health Assessment (CHA), Community Health Improvement Plan (CHIP), Quality Improvement/Performance Management Plan, Workforce Development Plan, Communications Plan, and Department Emergency Operations Plan, as well as a variety of supporting documents. On the second day, PHAB visitors toured SCPH's facilities in person, met with staff across various programs and roles, held conversations with two members of the Board of Supervisors, engaged with community partner representatives, and spoke with members of SCPH Executive Leadership.



PHOTO: SCPH staff participate in the PHAB site visit.

In November 2024, SCPH was officially notified that it had met all standards for initial national accreditation. The PHAB Site Visit Team found that every document submitted was either fully demonstrated or largely demonstrated and highlighted several notable strengths of SCPH, including:

- SCPH excels through its Community Health Assessment, using data to improve health outcomes and target vulnerable groups.
- SCPH prioritizes quality improvement with staff training in data-driven decision making.
- SCPH provides regular updates on enforcement activities ensuring regulated entities follow best practices for illness prevention and health promotion.

Accreditation is not a one-time achievement, but an ongoing commitment to quality improvement, equity, and performance excellence. The SCPH Accreditation Unit will submit annual reports to PHAB to demonstrate continued progress, sustain high standards, and ensure we are consistently meeting and striving to exceed national public health expectations.

"With a focus on community voice and trust, SCPH is well-positioned to continue delivering impactful, evidence-based public health services that enhance Sacramento's health and well-being." - PHAB Site Visitor

"SCPH's dedication to quality and community well-being is evident through passionate leadership and staff, praised by the Board of Supervisors as "credible advocates" and by community partners for their strong partnerships and commitment to addressing barriers for vulnerable populations." - PHAB Site Visitor

HEALTH AND RACIAL EQUITY

PUTTING EQUITY INTO PRACTICE

The **Health & Racial Equity (HRE) Unit** works across all SCPH programs and in partnership with community partners to address the root causes and lasting impacts of racism. HRE's mission is to embed equity into public health practice by strengthening policies, systems, and partnerships that advance fair and just opportunities for health. The HRE Unit collaborates across County departments and with community organizations to ensure that every Sacramento County resident, regardless of race, background, or zip code, can achieve their highest level of health and well-being.

Published in June 2024, the **Health and Racial Equity Action Plan (HREAP)** sets forth a strategic roadmap to embed equity throughout SCPH. This year, SCPH advanced this vision through concrete actions aligned with the plan's key focus areas: community engagement, workforce equity, and organizational transformation. Below are highlights of how SCPH brought the plan to life:

Community Wellness Hubs: Aligned with the HREAP priority to center community voice and culturally responsive care, SCPH partnered with Health Education Council and Sierra Health Foundation to launch Community Wellness Hubs in South and North Sacramento. These hubs provide trusted, culturally rooted spaces that promote holistic well-being through programs shaped by community needs and values.

60+

- Weekly Soul Line Dancing participants

30+

- Monthly Speak Your Peace open mic attendees

200+

- Service and supply recipients at Health Pop-ups

Community Health Improvement Plan (CHIP) via the Community Health In Action (CHIA) Coalition:



In line with the HREAP goal to build sustainable, community-led partnerships, SCPH collaborated with Public Health Advocates and four Managed Care Plans to secure \$800,000 in funding for the **CHIA Coalition**. This investment supports initiatives addressing social determinants of health like food access, housing, and mental health. The coalition's launch of the County's first-ever Food Action Plan and the CHIA Community Leadership Academy exemplify the HREAP's focus on empowering community leadership and transforming systems to promote health equity.

Community Engagement Academy: Reflecting the HREAP's emphasis on strengthening workforce capacity and community trust, SCPH trained 45 employees through a five-session academy with The Equity & Wellness Institute. This program enhanced staff skills in authentic engagement and co-creation of solutions with communities. By investing in staff development, SCPH advances its commitment to practicing equity in how we listen, connect, and respond.

Community Health Worker (CHW) Initiative:

Supporting the HREAP objective to diversify and empower the public health workforce, SCPH launched a pilot placing three CHW students from Los Rios Community College District in key programs. This initiative provided students with equity-centered experience and helped SCPH build systems to better integrate community-rooted professionals. The resulting CHW onboarding process and cross-unit collaboration reinforce SCPH's strategy to build a workforce that reflects and uplifts the communities it serves.



PHOTO: Parent Leadership Institute Graduation

WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT

STRATEGIC SUPPORTS FOR OUR PUBLIC HEALTH WORKFORCE

The Workforce Development (WFD) program strengthens the skills and capacity of SCPH staff through a range of coordinated employee development efforts. This includes strategic staffing support, employee engagement and recognition initiatives, professional mentoring, improved recruitment and hiring practices, and a standardized orientation process for all new employees. Some WFD initiatives this year:

New Employee Orientation

Since its inception in September 2024, SCPH has successfully hosted five in-person New Employee Orientation (NEO) sessions for 68 SCPH employees. Each session aimed to equip newer hires with a comprehensive introduction to our organization, culture, and values, as well as a special welcome from our Health Officer, Dr. Kasirye. Due to overwhelmingly positive feedback, we have developed a condensed version of the NEO, dubbed SCPH 101, which is now offered to all SCPH teams.

Mentorship

In January 2025, SCPH launched a Mentorship Pilot Program to support employee growth, well-being, and organizational culture. The program pairs 12 mentors with 12 mentees and is delivered in partnership with a global professional development provider. Through structured training, in-person and virtual workshops, and guided activities, the program fosters meaningful professional development. Led by the WFD team, this initiative reflects our commitment to investing in people and building a culture of continuous improvement, collaboration, and support.

CredibleMind

SCPH launched CredibleMind, a digital platform supporting mental health and well-being for all Department of Health Services staff. Available 24/7 in English and Spanish, it offers expert-reviewed videos, podcasts, apps, and articles tailored to challenges like anxiety, burnout, and depression.

Operations Manual

SCPH developed a digital Operations Manual to provide clear, consistent guidance on workflows and procedures. This comprehensive resource is available to all staff on the Intranet.

Partner Directory

A new SCPH Partner Directory launched in September 2024, allowing staff to search for individual agency contact information or create custom contact lists to bolster timely communication when looking to activate community-based efforts.

Career Ladder

Over 100 employees have participated in the career ladder upskilling program to attend conferences, summits, trainings, skill building workshops, certification programs, annual meetings, and seminars.





COMMUNITY HEALTH PROMOTION

Community Health Promotion

SUCCESSES & HIGHLIGHTS

The **Child Passenger Safety Program** provides education to refugees on the safe and correct use of car seats. Through funding from the California Kids' Plates Program, they partnered with Safe Kids Greater Sacramento to train refugee resettlement

22

child
passenger
safety techs
trained

278

car seats
provided to
refugee
families



Annual Budget

• \$75,000



Federal Funding

• 0%



Full Time Equivalents (FTE)

• 0.23

agency staff as Child Passenger Safety Technicians (CPSTs). These technicians receive car seats through the grant and deliver culturally and linguistically appropriate education, including translated materials in languages such as Russian, Ukrainian, Dari, and Pashto, to newly-arrived refugees unfamiliar with California's car seat laws. CPSTs also distribute free car seats and provide instruction in families' first language to help ensure safe travel. The program provided 278 car seats this fiscal year prior to ceasing operation on June 30, 2025.

"Refugee families, in particular, have been incredibly grateful for the time we take to walk them through the car seat installation step-by-step....they appreciate our efforts to ensure they feel confident and informed, and it's been rewarding to see the relief on their faces when they finally understand how to keep their children safe. Many families have shared how helpful it is to receive materials, as it empowers them to revisit the information on their own time. It's clear that when we make the effort to connect and provide resources in a way that feels accessible, it significantly improves their understanding of child passenger safety laws and practices." - Child Passenger Safety Program staff

The **Childhood Lead Poisoning Prevention Program** strives to prevent and reduce the harmful effects of lead poisoning among Sacramento County's children under six years of age, as well as other high-risk older children through public awareness, education, collaboration, and partnerships. The program hosted quarterly meetings of the Lead Poisoning Prevention Collaborative, bringing together local agencies to coordinate prevention strategies. Successful fall and spring media campaigns used innovative tools like geo-retargeting to effectively reach parents, with the spring campaign generating a record number of community packet requests. The program launched the *Bright Futures Begin Lead-Free Toolbox*, a custom outreach resource for agency partners. They met all state-mandated timelines for home visits in

120

medical
providers
trained

6,258

educational
materials
distributed

122

caseload



PHOTO: Joint program training for medical providers.

confirmed cases and expanded services for potential cases, including additional home visits and telehealth consultations, ensuring timely support for affected families. Together with the Oral Health and Perinatal Hepatitis B programs, they hosted a medical provider training reaching front line staff from eight local medical clinics.



Annual Budget

• \$2,174,717



Federal Funding

• 0%



Full Time Equivalents (FTE)

• 7.1 (1.25 with EMD)

Sacramento County Public Health partners with the cities of Citrus Heights, Elk Grove, Folsom, Galt, Rancho Cordova, and Sacramento on the [Capital Food Access Alliance \(CFAA\)](#), a collaborative effort to build **Edible Food Recovery** capacity in the region. With the leadership of consultant, [Abound Food Care](#), CFAA was established by the participating jurisdictions to increase local capacity to recover edible food, that would otherwise have been disposed of, and redistribute for human consumption to address food scarcity. CFAA is funded by an initial, Fiscal Year 2023-24 investment from each of the seven participating jurisdictions.

CFAA operated a microgrant program (\$25,000 maximum) for food recovery organizations, awarding over \$345,000 to 20 organizations to improve their capacity to recover edible food. Funded organizations acquired equipment, and tools such as shelving, refrigerators/freezers, carts, food handling training, and scales to safely recover, transport, store, measure, and distribute food to those in need. They also used grant funds to purchase supplies, including food containers, bags, gloves, tents, and tables. Awardees included food closets, food pantries, food banks, and food ministries serving residents throughout Sacramento County.

The eight awardees that completed their funding cycle by the conclusion of the fiscal year reported recovering 1,798,079 pounds of food during their six-month grant period.



48 shelves/racks



38 storage bins



32 food safety certifications



22 freezers



18 nestable pallets



15 refrigerators



12 carts



11 scales



1,798,079 pounds of food recovered



PHOTOS: (L) Manna Food Bank was able to purchase a new walk-in refrigerator, which increased the amount of food they can recover, while reducing both food waste and labor. (M) Potter's House Church increased storage capacity and volunteer support to expand their monthly reach from 3,111 clients to over 5,000. (R) South Sacramento Interfaith Partnership purchased a new refrigerator, which allowed them to increase client distributions from 25 lbs. to 45 lbs. of food.

The **Nutrition Education & Active Living (NEAL) Program**

provides nutrition and physical activity education, and conducts policy, systems, and environmental changes that promote healthy eating and physical activity to CalFresh-eligible participants. Three subcontractors advanced public health and community well-being through innovative, targeted initiatives.

Health Education Council (HEC) launched a Student Nutrition Advisory Council (SNAC) program at Luther Burbank High School, engaging 14 students in peer-led projects on diet, sleep, and physical activity. Students identified challenges in the school food environment, such as limited vegetarian options, small portions, and unappealing food, and proposed solutions like school gardens, classroom snack stations, and expanded menus. They created culturally relevant flyers, infographics, skits, and social media content, giving youth a voice in shaping policies, making wellness messages relatable, and inspiring long-term, student-led change.

Sacramento Food Bank and Family Services (SFBFS) expanded its Neighborhood Partner Program, transforming food pantries into health-promoting spaces through tailored support, culturally appropriate recipes, client choice models, and wrap-around services. They offered multilingual classes, provided recipes for underused foods, added picnic tables for community spaces, and distributed educational materials to reduce barriers. In partnership with UC Davis Health, SFBFS also studied the promotion and usage of cancer-fighting foods, like apples, oranges, carrots, and canned beans, at food distribution events. The UC Davis team conducted direct observations, administered client questionnaires, and will use findings to develop visual aids and targeted messages addressing barriers to consumption.

Civic Thread (CT) began developing an ArcGIS mapping tool integrating walk audit data, traffic injury mapping, CalFresh Healthy Living priority tracts, and County transportation project lists. This will improve transparency for communities tracking infrastructure projects and help agencies target high-need areas where transportation safety and public health priorities intersect.

As a result of federal funding eliminations, the NEAL program and all subcontractor activity is expected to cease by April 30, 2026.



Annual Budget

• \$2,207,430



Federal Funding

• 100%



Full Time Equivalents (FTE)

• 7.3

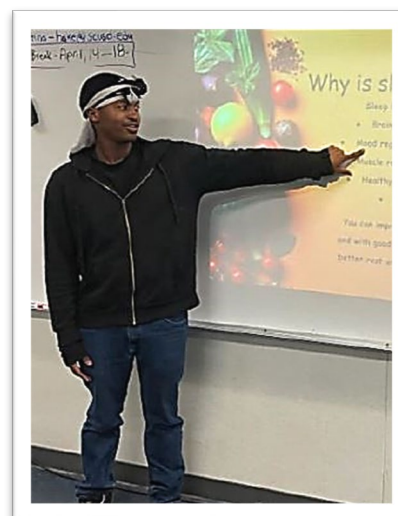


PHOTO: A SNAC participant presents to peers on the importance of sleep.

"I learned a lot about cultural foods and how cultures can influence people's diets. It was helpful that we could all learn healthy foods based on our cultures and learn about each other's cultures." -SNAC participant

"I want to make sure that I'm strong, so learning about the right foods to eat was important. And the importance of sleep, I had no idea I needed more sleep." -SNAC participant

61,613 reached with nutrition and physical activity materials, resources, and tools

6,094 youth reached via nutrition and physical activity education lessons/classes

1,349 adults reached via nutrition and physical activity education lessons/classes

The **Older Adult Health Program (OAHP)** provides resources, including falls prevention and dementia-related education, for adults age 55 and older of all cognitive and physical abilities and caregivers in Sacramento County. OAHP oversees two key initiatives: the Healthy Brain Initiative (HBI) and the Administration for Community Living (ACL) Falls Prevention Program. Through HBI, OAHP focused on strengthening the dementia care workforce by training 272 staff with the Virtual Dementia Tour and 22 caregivers using Dementia Dialogues, together with local partners including Adult Protective Services, In-Home Supportive Services, and Agency on Aging Area 4. OAHP also co-hosted the *Protect Yourself, Protect Your Health* event with UC Davis and the Alzheimer's Association, offering brain health resources, fraud prevention tips, and exercise demonstrations to 95 attendees who received custom Brain Health Kits developed using CDPH's Take on ALZ campaign. Additionally, OAHP supported the C-CARERS project, aimed at understanding caregiving in underserved Northern California communities, and led local promotion of the project's survey.



Annual Budget
• \$719,774.49



Federal Funding
• 38.8%



Full Time Equivalents (FTE)
• 3.35

Through the ACL Falls Prevention initiative, OAHP coordinated the StopFalls Sacramento Coalition, maintaining its webpage, class calendar, and organizing

"It definitely made me realize I need to be more empathetic."

– Virtual Dementia Tour participant

272

participants
reached by the
Virtual
Dementia Tour

events and meetings. Guest speakers such as 211 Sacramento provided insights on falls-related resources and emergency response. OAHP gathered feedback from coalition members to guide strategic improvements, including diversifying membership and establishing task-oriented work groups. The program also delivered evidence-based fall prevention classes, reaching 52 participants through Bingocize and 187 through A Matter of Balance. OAHP ended on June 30,

2025, as scheduled with the conclusion of its grant funding.



PHOTOS: OAHP staff participate in the Protect Yourself, Protect Your Health Community Resource Fair.



The **Oral Health Program** champions oral wellness by providing oral health education and resources for the community and connecting residents to dental care with the ultimate goal of improving oral health on a population level. A new grant from First 5 Sacramento enabled the launch of a three-pronged systems change strategy. This initiative aimed to integrate oral health into primary care and community-based health settings, promoting a more accessible and holistic approach to overall

"The *Brush, Book, Bed* boxes were a total hit! The nurses and teachers were so happy to take the oral health literacy boxes for their classrooms! I'm so thankful for your tremendous support, and all the work you do for our families. Your generous gift was a blessing." - School Nurse

16

community events, reaching 964 families

3,500

toothbrushes distributed

15

trainings

85

dental
professionals
trained

44

school nurses
trained

79

healthcare
professionals
trained

Oral Cancer Awareness Month and presented on access to dental care for cancer treatment providers, addressing common challenges in coordinating care for patients undergoing treatment. They continued to collaborate with the Center for Oral Health's Early Smiles Sacramento program, which enabled implementation of Kindergarten Oral Health Assessments in all local school districts through passive consent, increasing access for children in low-income communities. Work with San Juan Unified School District supported early intervention in functional needs preschool classrooms, including the installation of a dental desensitization area to help children feel more comfortable with dental care.

This work is critical because research shows that children who are cavity-free from ages zero to five are more likely to maintain good oral health throughout life. Integrating medical and dental care and building trust in early education settings can improve health outcomes and reduce long-standing oral health disparities.



Annual Budget

• \$635,285



Federal Funding

• 0%



Full Time Equivalents (FTE)

• 3.1

health. The strategy included: (1) developing a prenatal provider training video that highlights the link between oral health, pregnancy, and early childhood outcomes as an upstream strategy to prevent early childhood caries; (2) creating and distributing an Oral Health Champion Toolkit to equip primary care providers with practical resources and guidance for incorporating oral health into routine care; and (3) launching enhanced training for pediatric primary care providers on oral health assessments and fluoride varnish application to support whole child care.

The program also expanded its reach through key collaborations. In partnership with UC Davis and the University of the Pacific, the team co-hosted a Head and Neck Cancer Awareness event during



PHOTOS: (L) Alexis Ousley (l) and Deborah Blanchard (r) with a dental hygiene student. (R) Deborah Blanchard at a kindergarten readiness event.



The **Stop Stigma Sacramento Speakers Bureau (SSSSB)** seeks to reduce stigma and discrimination, promote mental health and wellness, and inspire hope for people and families living with mental illness through first-hand stories shared by everyday people in Sacramento County who are living with, or supporting someone else living with, mental illness. The project made significant strides in community engagement and mental health awareness through a series of events and

media efforts. One notable highlight was a new partnership with *Hey*

Neighbor, which allowed the project to table at two Sacramento Kings games, one Sacramento Republic FC match, and one River Cats game.

These high-visibility events created unique, welcoming spaces for fans to engage with local mental health resources and start conversations about mental wellness in a fun and accessible environment. The positive response has paved the way for tabling at four major sporting events in the coming fiscal year.

Another major milestone was the return of *Journey of Hope* in October 2024 after a five-year hiatus. The event brought together 65 Sacramentans who shared personal mental health stories and artwork, drawing more than 200 people to the opening reception and over 200 additional visitors throughout the month.

Throughout the year, the project also released four editions of the *Speakers Bureau Newsletter*, providing speakers and volunteers with important updates, training opportunities, event announcements, and event logistics.

In Spring 2025, Stop Stigma Sacramento partnered with Edelman Communications to produce a compelling video series featuring three Sacramento community members with lived experience of mental health conditions. The roundtable-style discussions explored their personal journeys, challenges with co-occurring disorders, and the power of sharing their stories publicly. The series resulted in four full-length YouTube videos and accompanying short clips for Instagram and Facebook, further expanding the project's reach and impact.



Annual Budget

• \$375,385



Federal Funding

• 0%



Full Time Equivalents (FTE)

• 1.8

"This was one of the most impactful speaker series we have had so far. Mental health issues are so important to talk about because they are not openly acknowledged or understood and those of us who struggle can feel very misunderstood and alone, especially among colleagues."
-Covered California Speaking Event, April 2025

"I learned about schizophrenia and how [speaker] had surrounded herself with good people to help her. This taught me that sometime in order to help yourself you can't do it by yourself." - Pleasant Grove High School Speaking Event, February 2025

29

• Active Speakers

60

• Speaking Events

129

• Stories Shared

56

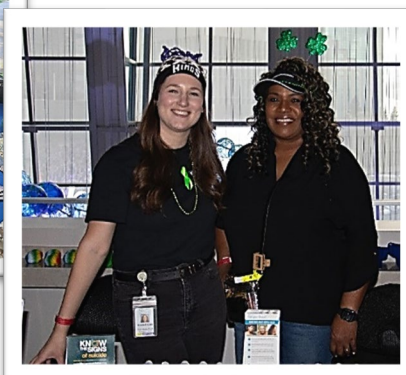
• Tabling Events

13,565

• Sacramentans Reached



PHOTOS: (L) Speakers Natalie and Sharon at an event at the State Capitol. (R) SSSSB staff Amelia and Mari table at the Golden 1 Center.



The **Tobacco Education & Prevention Program (TEPP)** works to reduce tobacco use through policy initiatives, cessation support, media campaigns, and collaboration with various organizations to address shared public health goals. As part of TEPP's efforts to expand cessation support, two staff members completed the Tobacco Treatment Specialist training through UC San Francisco in February. TEPP developed curriculum and launched a pilot cessation program at the Sacramento County Primary Care Clinic (PCC) in June 2025. A second program targeting college students with vaping cessation is scheduled to begin at Sacramento State University in Fall 2025. TEPP also developed a public facing [Quit Kit ordering form](#), resulting in increased distribution of quit kits to individuals and organizations.



Annual Budget

• \$1,482,897



Federal Funding

• 0%



Full Time Equivalents (FTE)

• 4.35

TEPP subcontracted with the Sacramento County Office of Education (SCOE) to lead a youth tobacco prevention project and engage students through its Club Live program at Robert L.

McCaffrey Middle School. The club, which met weekly during lunch, averaged 18 participants and focused on increasing youth awareness of tobacco harms, fostering advocacy skills, and encouraging community involvement. Activities included developing bilingual educational materials, coordinating a tobacco litter cleanup, and creating a campus display for the Great American Smokeout. End-of-year surveys showed strong impact: in 2024, 100% of students reported learning how tobacco affects the brain, and in 2025, 100% indicated that they had opportunities to take action in their community.

**Chair, Greater Sacramento Smoke & Tobacco Free Coalition
Equity & Diversity Subcommittee**

"It has been an honor to collaborate with the passionate public health professionals who share our vision. Although the fight against the harmful practices of the tobacco industry remains a significant challenge, the progress made in California proves that meaningful change is possible. Together, we can continue to protect communities and improve lives."

12

• Tobacco cessation events

600

• Quit kits distributed

1,050

• Cigarette butts collected



PHOTO: (Top)
Legislative
education visit at
the CA State
Assembly.
(Bottom) Club Live
youth at a tobacco
litter clean-up
event.

Sacramento County was one of ten counties in California selected to implement the Youth Suicide Reporting and Crisis Response Pilot Program from July 1, 2023 through June 30, 2025. The **Youth Suicide Prevention Program** was launched in partnership with the Division of Behavioral Health Services to strengthen community-level efforts to assess current approaches in prevention, rapid reporting, and comprehensive crisis response to suicide and suicide attempts in youth and young adults aged 25 and under as well as develop and evaluate innovative strategies to help enhance and expand current work.

At the heart of these efforts were two groundbreaking data tools. The Suicide Prevention Data Dashboard offers real-time insights on emergency department visits related to suicidal ideation and attempts, mapping trends by zip code and overlaying demographic information such as race, Medi-Cal status, and school districts. This allows community-based



Annual Budget

• \$2,858,373



Federal Funding

• 0%



Full Time Equivalents (FTE)

• 3.2

organizations (CBOs) and school staff to target services where they are needed most.

Complementing this is the Data Alert Notification System, which sends automated alerts to over 100 partners when spikes in

suicidal behavior are detected. Delivered within 24 to 48 hours, these alerts allow for quick, informed responses. These tools have gained statewide recognition, with SCPH staff invited to present and advise other counties.

Seven funded CBOs used this localized data to design and implement community-informed strategies:

- Cal Voices staff became certified facilitators in suicide prevention and wellness recovery action plan trainings and developed a wellness toolbox for youth.
- The Greater Sacramento Urban League provided space for youth expression through open mic nights.
- HeartLand Child & Family Services opened a youth center offering drop-in clinical support, peer groups, and art-based coping skills.
- La Familia Counseling Center implemented annual suicide prevention training for staff and community members, offering courses such as Teen Mental Health First Aid.
- The Sacramento LGBT Community Center hosted a 360 Affirmation Booth at Sacramento PRIDE, collecting data from 162 youth. 96% reported emotional and mental health benefits associated with attending PRIDE.
- The Neighborhood Wellness Foundation created *NW LIFTS to Live*, a culturally responsive movement rooted in trauma-informed, intergenerational healing.
- Pacific Clinics rolled out a media campaign, required suicide prevention training for staff, and launched both a lockbox program and caregiver support group in response to overdose trends among youth.

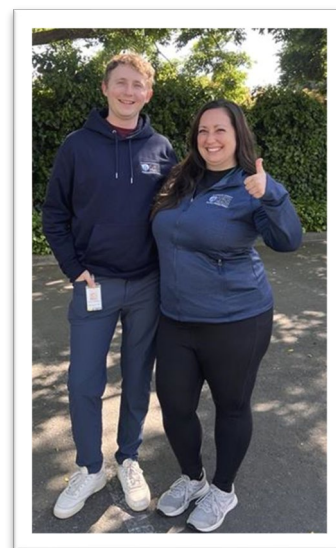


PHOTO: Program staff Brian Lamson and Danica Peterson.

"Danica and Brian took the time to explain the project and really opened the door to listen to our ideas and insights. It was really a collaborative experience, and I feel like we have built a good working relationship. Felix Tran...was mentioned by name by the CARS team several times because of his exceptional skill in taking the data from the hospitals and turning it into something actionable for BHS and our providers. The CARS team also lauded his work to lower the lag time of the ER data from a month to a couple of days!"

-Mental Health Coordinator, Division of Behavioral Health Services





DISEASE CONTROL, SURVEILLANCE, & PREPAREDNESS

Disease Control, Surveillance, & Preparedness

SUCCESSES & HIGHLIGHTS

The **Communicable Disease Control Program (CD)** prevents the spread of disease in the community by investigating more than 80 types of **diseases and conditions** of public health concern, following up on exposed contacts, coordinating laboratory testing, educating the community, providing technical guidance on prevention and control measures, and leading outbreak investigations. The CD program launched a successful educational outreach initiative focused on infection prevention and control in long-term care facilities, particularly smaller sites that often operate with limited resources. What began as a student-led project has gained traction through word of mouth and has sparked growing interest from other facilities.

The program built relationships with local homeless shelters, which face unique challenges in preventing the spread of communicable diseases. Program staff conducted site visits, which offered valuable insight into the layout and operations of these settings and facilitated the development of tailored, practical infection control guidance.

From October through April, the team monitored nine avian influenza outbreaks at dairy and poultry farms. In each case, staff followed up with exposed workers, assessing symptoms and arranging testing when necessary to ensure early detection and response.

As part of its continued partnership with the California Department of Public Health's Healthcare-Associated Infections Program, the team co-hosted events for infection prevention staff from local healthcare facilities. Highlights included an October "Train the Trainer" workshop with hands-on disinfection activities and a mobile hospital room, and a December meeting focused on improving



Annual Budget
• \$1,400,135



Federal Funding
• 0%



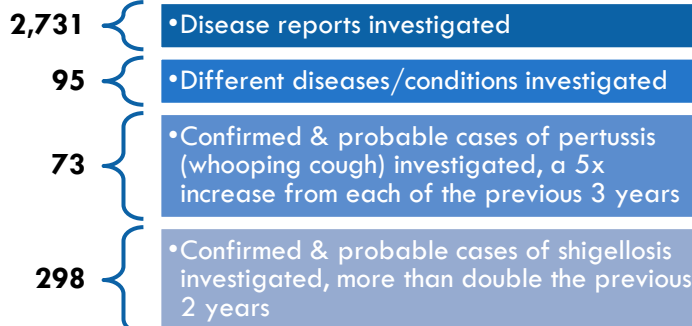
Full Time Equivalents (FTE)
• 9.5



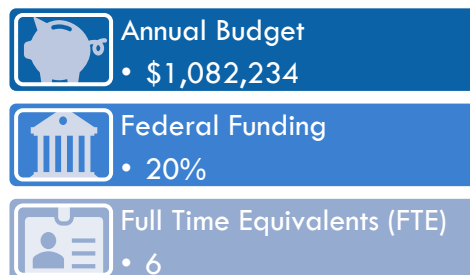
PHOTO: CD staff with visiting public health officials from Pakistan.

responses to multidrug-resistant organisms through a tabletop exercise.

The program also engaged in a global knowledge exchange, hosting public health officials from Pakistan. The visit provided an opportunity for mutual learning around infection prevention practices and strategies for disease control, strengthening international public health collaboration.



The **Epidemiology** program conducts disease surveillance on a variety of topics, including infectious diseases, chronic diseases, injuries, and vital statistics (births and deaths). Epidemiologists translate these data into actionable formats for the programs they support and for the broader community. One of the most impactful tools the Epidemiology program uses for this is its growing portfolio of interactive dashboards. These dashboards turn complex data into actionable insights, helping partners respond to emerging issues, allocate resources, and advocate for community needs. Examples include:



- **Suicidal Ideation and Suicide Attempts Emergency Department Visits:** Widely used by Behavioral Health Services, this dashboard supported early intervention strategies and informed care coordination efforts.
- **Respiratory Diseases Dashboard:** Shared with local hospital infection prevention teams and infectious disease programs, it helped track trends in real-time and support surge planning.
- **Heat-Related and Cold-Related Illness Emergency Department Visits:** These dashboards proved especially valuable to Sacramento County's Office of Emergency Services in assessing the impact of extreme weather and guiding preparedness measures.
- **Opioid Overdoses:** Spanning Emergency Medical Services data, emergency department visits, and naloxone distribution by the Sacramento County Department of Health Services.
- **West Nile Virus Surveillance:** Supporting vector control and public health response.

The program also engaged in collaborative development efforts with the Community Health In Action (CHIA) subcommittees:

- **Community Gardens Dashboard:** Developed in partnership with the CHIA Food Subcommittee.
- **Eviction Dashboard:** For the CHIA Housing Subcommittee to support housing stability work.

The program also provided critical outbreak support this year. Epidemiologists played a central role in responding to a multi-drug-resistant tuberculosis outbreak and a local measles case. When H5N1 was detected at a local dairy farm, the team quickly developed and implemented a digital tracking system to support follow-up and monitor potential human exposures.



"I wanted to send you a quick note to say thank you for Felix!...Data can be boring but he explains it in a way that keeps people engaged. He presented to our BHS management team and they were all very complimentary. He's great and helping us think about our services and partnerships in the county, like schools, to talk about youth suicide in new ways."
- Manager, Division of Behavioral Health Services

PHOTO: Some of the Epidemiologists behind the interactive data dashboards.

The **Immunization Assistance Program (IAP)** provides consultation and resources for parents, CBOs, medical and childcare providers, and schools regarding immunizations and immunization laws. Clinics for childhood immunizations, COVID-19, and flu vaccines are available to those who meet eligibility.

**Annual Budget**

• \$408,875

**Federal Funding**

• 100%

**Full Time Equivalents (FTE)**

• 8.8

IAP continued to successfully support schools this year. One hundred percent of Sacramento County schools submitted their immunization reports on time, making the county one of only three in California to achieve this distinction. Program staff supported this success through 1,197 emails and calls to 812 schools, providing technical assistance to 72 schools and conducting in-person visits to 55.

The program expanded immunization access across the county while strengthening existing partnerships. When a community member was exposed to measles, IAP staff responded quickly by vaccinating the individual at home to eliminate transportation barriers and ensure timely post-exposure protection. The team also used professional translation services, including American Sign Language, to support Sacramento's diverse population.

IAP continued to prioritize vaccine management and training for local clinics, ensuring adherence to recommended vaccination schedules. Staff also provided targeted support to providers and families through the Perinatal Hepatitis B Program, including home visits to vaccinate infants exposed at birth. Two new initiatives launched in FY24–25. The Unhoused Pediatric Immunization Project (UPIP) delivered 417 vaccines to 105 unhoused children across 25 clinics, bridging critical gaps for youth often missed in traditional healthcare settings. The HPV Initiative, launched in support of the Cancer Prevention Act (AB 659), administered 277 HPV vaccines and enrolled 228 patients in follow-up to complete their vaccine series, helping prevent HPV-related cancers.

By leveraging both Vaccines for Children (VFC) and privately funded vaccines, IAP ensured broad access regardless of income or insurance status.

IMMUNIZATION ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

July 1, 2024- June 30, 2025

CLINICS



5 Paul Hom
25 UPIP
61 VFC
350 Mobile

Total Clinics**441**

COVID 1,609
Flu 2,131
Tdap 326
Hep A 229
Hep B 155
MMR 50
Mpox 30

Total Vaccines**7,246**

Not all VFC & 317
vaccines listed

SCHOOL OUTREACH

**744** Schools Contacted**34** School Immunization Assessments**100%** School Immunization Reporting

COMMUNITY OUTREACH

**14** Tabling Events**14** Trainings**8** Bulletins**5** Nursing Students Hosted**CALL VOLUME****985**

In-bound calls

PARTNERSHIPS

UC Davis Cancer Center,
UOP School of Dentistry, Elica, Shifa, SCFD
EMS Core, State Flu Partners, and more!



PERINATAL HEP B

89 Cases opened**38** Cases closed**97** Children requiring follow-up**9** In-person visits**100%** Immunity post-vaccination

Public Health Emergency Preparedness (PHEP) serves to enhance readiness to prevent morbidity and mortality during emergencies that exceed the day-to-day capacity of public health through plan development, resource management, and training in Sacramento County related to public health and medical emergencies. PHEP programs include Hospital Preparedness Program, Cities Readiness Initiatives, Pandemic Influenza, and a CDC Response Network Laboratory to respond to biological and chemical threats.

To better understand and prepare for regional risks, PHEP conducted a Jurisdictional Risk Assessment (JRA) with partners across numerous sectors, including health care, law enforcement, education, and non-profits. Participation surged, with 34 partners responding, a 79% increase from the last JRA in 2019. The JRA identified priority hazards of interest, including pandemic flu, water supply and disruption, urban fire, and cybersecurity.



Annual Budget

• \$2,159,639



Federal Funding

• 94.8%



Full Time Equivalents (FTE)

• 6

In a first-of-its-kind event in California, the PHEP team partnered with the federal Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency (CISA) and the California Cybersecurity Integration Center (Cal-CSIC) to bring a cybersecurity tabletop exercise and educational session to Sacramento. This groundbreaking event engaged local hospital and health care partners in hands-on training to address emerging cyber threats in healthcare, an increasingly critical area of preparedness.

375 Public Health staff completed foundational FEMA ICS emergency response trainings (ICS 100, 700, and 800), significantly strengthening the division's preparedness capacity. Supervisors and other personnel also participated in advanced and specialized courses, and Emergency Operations Center-focused trainings.

PHEP participated in the annual Medical Response and Surge Exercise, simulating a complex emergency involving a chemical and radiological explosion, a secondary chemical spill, and the evacuation of a long-term care facility. The exercise tested the region's ability to respond to large-scale hazardous events, evaluating preparedness plans, communications systems, and coordination among healthcare coalition partners. More than 100 simulated patients were transported across jurisdictions, and several hospitals conducted on-site decontamination. PHEP also successfully conducted a no-notice CHEMPACK (nerve agent antidote) call-down using the CA Health Alert Network (CAHAN) for the first time, with all six designated sites responding within two hours, demonstrating strong readiness and system functionality. It was one of more than 12 exercises and drills conducted throughout the year.

Equity remains a cornerstone of PHEP planning. The team partnered with the Health and Racial Equity Unit to refine its Toolkit for Preparedness and Health Equity, ensuring that emergency strategies meet the needs of historically underserved populations. PHEP also maintained a strong relationship with the Disability Advisory Commission, and actively engaged with trusted community organizations to build culturally responsive planning assumptions and outreach.



PHOTO: The PHEP team at an Emergency Preparedness Training Workshop.

The **Public Health Laboratory** plays a crucial role in outbreak investigations by providing rapid testing responses to assist the Communicable Disease Control team, epidemiologists, health care providers, and law enforcement, in infectious disease control to conduct investigations, limit the spread of infectious diseases, and coordinate responses. This includes a focus on diseases that are a threat to our area, in addition to threats to government in the form of bio-terror and novel diseases.



Annual Budget

• \$3,338,797



Federal Funding

• 15%



Full Time Equivalents (FTE)

• 15

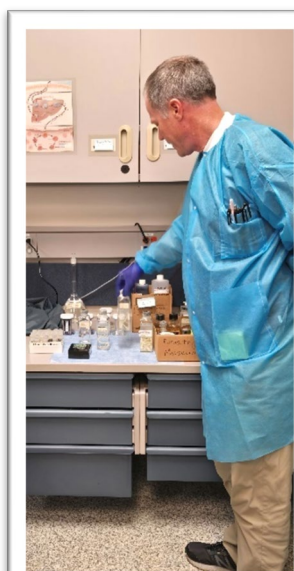
The Lab continued to play a vital role in safeguarding community health, serving as the

only local laboratory providing testing for several high-priority infectious diseases, including H5 influenza, Mpox, and measles. As the specter of a potential H5 outbreak loomed, the Lab stepped up with specialized testing capabilities, extending surveillance to companion animals like cats and dogs to assess and block multiple paths of viral entry into the human population.

Throughout the year, the Lab maintained rapid testing for rabies, detecting two infected skunks at a local park, where human contact was a concern. Quick turnaround times of 24 to 48 hours for critical diseases allowed timely public health interventions and outbreak containment.

Behind the scenes, Lab staff prepared to launch a new tuberculosis test capable of identifying both the presence of TB and its drug susceptibility directly from sputum samples, a development that could reduce diagnostic turnaround by six to eight weeks.

The Lab also fulfilled its role as a member of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's (CDC) Laboratory Response Network, conducting bioterrorism-related testing on multiple suspicious powder/letter incidents sent to state government offices. These high-risk events, unfolding during a politically tense and election-focused year, required precision, urgency, and confidentiality.



In addition to diagnostic work, the Lab remained a hub for education and training, offering monthly infectious disease testing lectures for the California/Nevada laboratory and medical community, and mentoring UC Davis students pursuing clinical laboratory science licensure.

Amid all these responsibilities, the Lab managed a 14% increase in testing volume over the previous fiscal year, largely driven by tuberculosis and

sexually transmitted infection testing, but also fueled by emerging threats. It also provided testing support to five neighboring counties and collaborated with the CDC on novel strategies for chlamydia and gonorrhea detection, while enhancing DNA-based infrastructure for infectious disease tracking and biothreat preparedness.



PHOTOS: (L) Geoffery Morris, Sr. Public Health Microbiologist and (R) Shauna Chatter, Public Health Laboratory Technician.

The **Sacramento County Emergency Medical Services Agency (SCEMSA)** is the regulatory entity responsible for planning, implementing, and regulating the county's EMS system to ensure delivery of high-quality pre-hospital care. SCEMSA oversees EMS provider authorization, system performance, specialty care programs, and coordination with local hospitals and emergency response agencies.



Annual Budget
• \$4,196,932



Federal Funding
• 0%



Full Time Equivalents (FTE)
• 12

This year SCEMSA made bold, system-wide advancements that improved patient care, enhanced operational efficiency, and solidified Sacramento's leadership in EMS innovation across California. A standout achievement was the launch of the Triage to Alternate Destination (TAD) Program, developed in partnership with Sacramento County Behavioral Health Services, WellSpace Health, and Sierra Vista Hospital. This pioneering initiative allows EMS personnel to transport eligible low-acuity 911 patients

directly to sobering centers or psychiatric facilities, rather than overcrowded emergency departments (ED). SCEMSA led this effort, creating clinical protocols, training EMS providers, and coordinating with receiving facilities to ensure safety and readiness. One of the first programs of its kind operationalized at scale in California, TAD helps decompress EDs, ensures patients receive more appropriate care, and preserves EMS resources for high-acuity emergencies.

Another major success was dramatically reducing Ambulance Patient Offload Times (APOT). SCEMSA convened a multi-agency summit with EMS providers, fire departments, hospitals, labor unions, and behavioral health partners to foster shared accountability and frontline-driven solutions. As a result, countywide offload times dropped from 73 to 33 minutes, with hospitals like Kaiser Roseville achieving even greater gains, all without additional funding. Sacramento's approach is now serving as a blueprint for other California counties tackling similar delays.

SCEMSA also secured approval to implement Prehospital Whole Blood administration, a cutting-edge advancement that enables EMS personnel to deliver life-saving transfusions in the field, significantly improving survival rates for trauma patients with critical blood loss.

In another milestone, Olanzapine was added to the paramedic scope of practice to support the safe and effective management of agitated patients experiencing behavioral health crises. This antipsychotic medication helps stabilize individuals in the field, reducing reliance on physical restraints or sedating drugs and improving patient outcomes.

SCEMSA's leadership was formally recognized this year when Dr. Gregory Kann was named *EMS Medical Director of the Year*, and David Magnino, former EMS Administrator, was honored as *EMS Administrator of the Year* by the California EMS Authority.

224

EMS Vehicles Inspected

**98% passed initial
100% passed final**

1,915

**Certifications/
Accreditations**

**1,055 EMTs
687 paramedics
120 mobile intensive
care nurses**

332,433

**EMS
Responses**

230,645 transports

The **Sexual Health Promotion Unit (SHPU)** provides comprehensive sexually transmitted infection (STI) and HIV education, prevention, and testing services, STI/HIV disease intervention, investigations and linkage to care services, and STI/HIV care and treatment Services. The SHPU is comprised of the HIV/STI Prevention Program, the HIV/STI Surveillance Program, the HIV Care Services Program, and the Sexual Health Clinic.

A key highlight this year was the targeted outreach to youth and young adults, who bear the highest STI morbidity locally. 38% of all sexual health screenings were conducted with individuals aged 19 to 29, demonstrating success in reaching this priority population through culturally responsive and accessible services.



Annual Budget

• \$13,313,299



Federal Funding

• 78%



Full Time Equivalents (FTE)

• 45

The Wellness Without Walls (W3) mobile health unit, operated in partnership with the Primary Health Services Division, played a critical role in extending care to unhoused and at-risk populations. W3 achieved a major milestone by successfully treating and curing its first hepatitis C (HCV) client entirely in the field. Given the 9% HCV positivity rate among people experiencing homelessness, this approach is essential to closing care gaps. HCV treatment also began at the Sexual Health Clinic, supported by newer, more accessible treatment regimens.

To ensure syphilis is treated effectively, especially during pregnancy, SHPU's Bicillin Access Program distributed 57 doses of Bicillin to OB/GYN providers who may otherwise lack access to this critical, and costly, medication. The Surveillance team also collaborated with the MCAH Program and Sunburst Projects to provide enhanced case management to pregnant and postpartum individuals with syphilis, including transportation, housing during treatment, and nursing home visits, all of which are key steps in preventing congenital syphilis.

Additionally, SHPU:

- Served clients with limited means: 68% of HIV Care Services clients had incomes at or below 138% of the Federal Poverty Level.
- Continued strong community collaboration through the Sacramento Workgroup to Improve Sexual Health, our coalition which helped develop the Sacramento County HIV/HCV/STI Blueprint.
- Launched internal improvements, including a Performance Management & Evaluation Guide, automation of the Patient Satisfaction Survey, and improvements to staff onboarding and training.
- Managed a Community Needs Assessment to inform future planning and fulfill CDC grant requirements for the Sexual Health Clinic.

3,218 sexual health clinic visits

89.6% viral suppression rate among HIV+ clients

337 field-based rapid syphilis tests conducted

58,811 condoms distributed

2,747 syphilis incidents investigated

350 W3 patients

A Sexual Health Clinic (SHC) client reported they felt our clinic provided sensitive, non-judgemental, patient-centered care and comprehensive education that was unique and welcoming compared to PrEP care received at their primary provider's office.

The Tuberculosis Prevention and Control Program's Chest

Clinic guides patients with suspected or confirmed tuberculosis (TB) disease from evaluation and diagnosis through to treatment completion, including medication delivery and direct observation of each dose taken, patient assessments and testing in the home and in clinic, and care for exposed contacts. They responded to a 22% increase in reported TB cases, rising from 90 cases in 2023 to 110 in 2024. In addition to providing treatment, the program conducted thorough contact investigations and clinical follow-up for those potentially exposed, helping to contain transmission and protect community health.



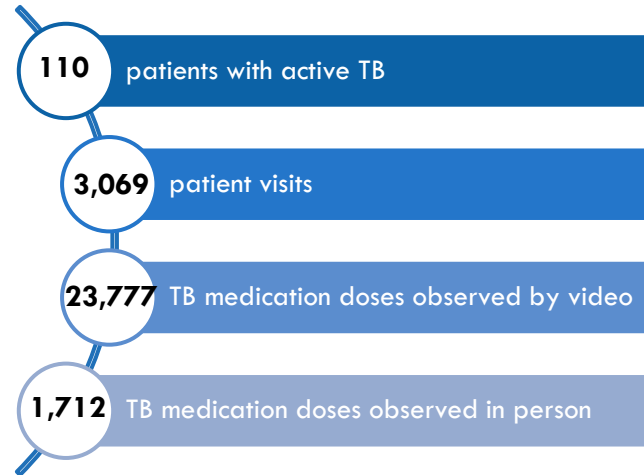
Annual Budget
• \$4,874,244



Federal Funding
• 5%



Full Time Equivalents (FTE)
• 19



The clinic saw 1,154 unique patients for TB-related evaluation and follow-up. Services included assessments by infectious disease specialists, diagnostic imaging, phlebotomy, and sputum collection. Patients diagnosed with either latent TB infection or active TB disease received tailored treatment, supported by nurse case management, home-delivered medications, and directly observed therapy to ensure completion and compliance.

A significant contact investigation at two assisted living facilities involved more than 100 individuals and helped prevent further spread of the disease in

a vulnerable population. To reduce barriers to treatment and isolation adherence, the program distributed \$56,627 in food, gas, and housing support to patients in need.

Continuing its role as a regional hub for TB services, the Sacramento County Chest Clinic provided specialized care for patients from Placer, Sutter, Yolo, and Yuba counties, and offered nurse case management for TB patients in Placer, Yolo, and Yuba. This collaboration across county lines strengthens the region's capacity to manage and reduce the spread of tuberculosis.

Vital Records registers all births, deaths, & fetal deaths that occur in Sacramento County. They also issue birth certificates, death certificates, and disposition permits (burial, cremation) as well as medical marijuana ID cards. Staff provide daily public counter service with capacity to provide in-language service in Chinese, Spanish, and Tagalog.



Annual Budget
• \$1,438,126



Federal Funding
• 0%



Full Time Equivalents (FTE)
• 8

15,570
• Births registered

14,984
• Birth certificates issued

15,638
• Deaths registered

< 10 minutes
• front counter processing time per customer





MATERNAL, CHILD, & FAMILY SERVICES

Maternal, Child, & Family Services

SUCCESSES & HIGHLIGHTS

The **African American Perinatal Health Program (AAPH)** offers culturally tailored nurse home visitation services during pregnancy and early childhood. This program aims to enhance pregnancy outcomes, support child health and development, and foster family self-sufficiency. The program's two dedicated public health nurses provided personalized, in-home education on pregnancy risks, postpartum recovery, and infant health, while promoting holistic wellness for both mothers and babies. With compassion and expertise, they partnered with families to set individualized health goals, serving as both educators and cheerleaders throughout the perinatal journey.

Driven by a deep passion for improving outcomes for African American families, both AAPH nurses remain committed to creating a brighter, healthier future in our community. Their work not only promotes healthy pregnancies and optimal early development, but also ensures that African American mothers and infants receive equitable, informed, and respectful care.

"Through the knowledge I gain from my nurse, I unlock my potential as a parent and hold the power to shape my child's future. #knowledge #power" -AAPH client

The AAPH nurses play a key role in multidisciplinary team meetings at a Community Incubator Lead site, where they bring critical Public Health Nurse expertise to collaborative care planning. Their insights into culturally sensitive practices and community-specific challenges help shape tailored interventions. When appropriate, they refer families to SCPH Nurse Home Visitation programs for extended support, ensuring continuity of care that promotes positive birth outcomes and long-term well-being.

"I am so excited to be a part of the African American Perinatal Health program. As a pregnant teen, I was so scared not knowing what to expect with my pregnancy or my delivery. The program provided a personal home visiting nurse who answered all my questions and put me at ease. I now have a healthy baby boy, that I am successfully breastfeeding thanks to the help of my home visiting nurse."

-AAPH client

203

• Pregnant people served

400

• Home visits conducted

individuals with syphilis and infants with congenital syphilis, offering critical follow-up care and education. Additionally, joint visits with Sacramento County WIC help deliver immediate, comprehensive support to high-risk families requiring urgent assistance.

AAPH also maintains several impactful partnerships. The ongoing collaboration with Sacramento Food Bank & Family Services ensures monthly diaper distribution for families in need, addressing a basic necessity that supports child and family health. The team also works closely with the SCPH Sexual Health Unit to provide nurse home visits for pregnant



Annual Budget
• \$476,405



Federal Funding
• 0%



Full Time Equivalents (FTE)
• 2

The **Black Infant Health (BIH) Program** strives to empower mothers and babies by offering support, resources, and prenatal and postpartum group sessions. BIH provided vital support to Black mothers and families throughout Sacramento County through a range of educational, celebratory, and community engagement activities. Over the year, they facilitated nine ten-week prenatal groups and eight ten-week postpartum groups, creating space for moms to gain valuable knowledge on pregnancy, childbirth, and newborn care. BIH also partnered with WIC to host workshops that offered culturally centered breastfeeding education and access to lactation consultants. In collaboration with the Perinatal Equity Initiative, BIH relaunched the *Unequal Birth* campaign, an effort to raise awareness about the disparities Black women face in maternal and infant health. The campaign lives online through a dedicated website and active social media presence. A partnership with Health Net further expanded outreach by enrolling eligible members into BIH and connecting families to resources and incentives through regular coordination meetings. To honor and uplift families, BIH co-hosted a community baby shower with Haven for Birth, providing gifts, food, and childcare. The team also participated in major community events like the Black Joy Parade in Oakland and the Women's Health Expo in Long Beach, where they connected with families and shared the support BIH offers.



Annual Budget

• \$1,943,188



Federal Funding

• 20%



Full Time Equivalents (FTE)

• 14

A pregnant participant and mother of a 6-year-old was facing homelessness and running out of options. During a check-in, she told her Family Health Advocate (FHA) she had to leave her motel by noon and didn't know where to go. The FHA offered emotional support and helped her contact shelters and voucher programs she hadn't yet tried. After many calls, they secured a few more nights of shelter. Two weeks later, the participant shared she had been approved for housing and was moving into a new home. She told her FHA, **"You helped me stay strong for myself and my family. Thank you so much for helping me when things felt impossible."**



PHOTOS: Black Infant Health staff at community events.

California Children's Services (CCS) provides diagnostic and treatment services, medical case management, and physical and occupational therapy services to children and young adults under age 21 with CCS-eligible medical conditions. These include cerebral palsy, spina bifida, traumatic brain injury, muscular dystrophy, juvenile rheumatoid arthritis, and other chronic disabilities. This year CCS served 8,317 clients.



Annual Budget
• \$13,110,757



Federal Funding
• 43%



Full Time Equivalents (FTE)
• 65.7

CCS has three Medical Therapy Units (MTUs) embedded in local public schools, where clients receive physical and occupational therapy. The MTUs served an average of 845 children per month.

Helping a Teen Stay on Track with Therapy

When a 17-year-old with cerebral palsy began missing therapy appointments due to transportation issues, the CCS team jumped into action. A medical case management nurse teamed up with our Child Protective Services (CPS)-CCS Liaison to prevent a CPS report and quickly connected the family to transportation through their health plan. The family said CCS's compassion and quick support gave them hope and helped their daughter stay on track with vital care.

Right Care, Right Specialist

An 18-year-old client newly diagnosed with multiple sclerosis (MS) struggled to get the right referral after hospitalization. The client had been mistakenly referred to a stroke specialist by their medical provider, but the CCS nurse caught the error and stepped in to find a neurologist with MS expertise. Thanks to that extra effort, the client now feels supported and confident in her care, finally receiving the treatment she needs.



PHOTO: (L) A child receives therapy at a CCS MTU. (R) MTU staff receive training on durable medical equipment.



8,317
clients served

845
MTU patients/month



The **Community Nursing Program** deploys Public Health Nurses (PHNs) to provide in-home assessments, education and, interventions to support high-risk children and families in underinvested communities. By addressing medical, social, and environmental needs directly where people live, it aims to improve health outcomes and reduce disparities. Community Nursing PHNs are known for their



Annual Budget

• \$2,268,607



Federal Funding

• 53.5%



Full Time Equivalents (FTE)

• 9

persistence and patience as they build trust with the families they serve.

One PHN helped a child with intellectual disabilities and hypothyroidism reconnect with specialty care and resume medication after a year-long gap. Another guided a family in feeding strategies that helped their deaf, underweight five-year-old begin gaining weight after months of stagnation.

PHNs also intervene during critical postpartum periods. One mother recovering from a cesarean section and experiencing postpartum depression hadn't seen a provider since delivery. The PHN ensured urgent follow-up care, enrolled the mother in a blood pressure monitoring program, and helped her access mental health services.

Developmental delays are often caught early because of PHN screenings, such as a 14-month-old connected to physical, occupational, and speech therapy through Alta Regional. For a 14-year-old with pediatric-onset multiple sclerosis, a PHN helped a struggling Spanish-speaking single mother access services, stabilize the household, and gain emotional support.

Community Nursing PHNs are trusted connectors across systems, coordinating care with Child Protective Services, medical providers, school districts, and others. Collaborations have strengthened outcomes, such as joint visits with WIC lactation consultants to support breastfeeding challenges and partnerships with UC Davis Pediatric Endocrinology and Cardiology clinics to improve client engagement and outcomes.

PHOTO: The Community Nursing team.



"You actually help! Everyone else just tells me to call someone else."

-Community Nursing client

"Now I feel like I have a plan."

-Community Nursing client

"I feel less alone and more empowered!"

-Community Nursing client

The program has also partnered with programs like Help Me Grow and the Valley Hi/Meadowview Family Resource Center to streamline support and reduce the burden on families.



1,532
individuals served



2,426
outgoing referrals



1,173
home visits

Department of Child, Family, & Adult Services (DCFAS) Nursing is comprised of Child Protective Services Nursing (CPS) and Senior and Adult Services (SAS) nursing programs. The CPS Nursing Units collaborate with CPS Social Workers to ensure that at-risk children and foster youth have a strong advocate for their health and well-being. Services include physical assessments, developmental screening, care coordination, as well as education and linkage to resources for children and families in the foster care system. CPS Public Health Nurses participated in cross-training with social workers, legal staff, and placement teams to better understand the child welfare process and improve care coordination. This collaborative effort strengthens healthcare continuity during key transitions, supporting more stable and seamless health outcomes for children in care. Within CPS Nursing, **Emergency Response (ER)** and **Informal Supervision (IS)** served 629 medically-fragile children and their families, conducting home visits and ensuring access to early intervention services.

Hearts 4 Kids (H4K) served 219 infants and children through home visits, head-to-toe assessments, and education/linkages to medical and dental services. They conducted 120 home visits and four trainings for CPS Social Workers. H4K strengthened partnerships to support children in foster care by co-staffing a county table at the Foster Care Conference, and through ongoing collaborations with Sutter Medical Group's Bear Clinic and the Circle Clinic to address service gaps, improve care coordination, and enhance access to trauma-informed pediatric care. Client survey results showed overwhelmingly positive feedback for H4K Public Health Nurses, with caregivers reporting high satisfaction, reduced barriers to care, valuable new information, and appreciation for home visits and exceptional support.

The **Probation** Public Health Nurse coordinates with the Probation Department to maintain health records in the Child Welfare System database, supporting timely updates to the Health and Education Passport and ensuring coordinated care and compliance for youth in out-of-home placement. They processed and managed 103 Health and Education Passports.

Health Care Program for Children in Foster Care (HCPFCF) supported social workers, caregivers, foster youth, and health partners through collaborative healthcare oversight, wellness education, and referrals to specialty providers. They served 1,115 foster youth through consultation, resource guidance, and oversight for the medical, dental, developmental, and behavioral health needs of children in foster care, and 83% of youth assigned to the program received up-to-date comprehensive health care exams. Within HCPFCF, **Psychotropic Medication** PHNs supported 272 youth with specialized care coordination, offering dedicated oversight and guidance to ensure their medications were managed safely and effectively.

Senior and Adult Services Nursing supports both **Adult Protective Services (APS)** and **In-Home Supportive Services (IHSS)** clients. The SAS PHNs provided health and safety nursing assessments for frail and medically fragile adults, assisting them to remain as safe and independent as possible while living in their homes. The PHNs served 205 APS and 1,282 IHSS clients, representing year-over-year increases of 19% and 27% respectively. They collaborated with SAS Social Workers and provided 2,012 consultations regarding medical needs and resources.



PHOTO: The Senior and Adult Services Nursing Team.

"It's helpful to have someone in our corner who knows our kid's case and can help us be aware of what they need and what resources they might qualify for." -foster parent

"They didn't just say 'see a specialist' — they explained why it mattered and connected us to exactly the right resource." - foster parent

"The Health and Education Passport (HEP) has proven to be an invaluable resource in delivering detailed medical information to the caregivers of youth" - probation officer

Nurse Family Partnership (NFP) is a proven, community-driven health program using a nationally acclaimed home-visitation model that consistently demonstrates remarkable improvements in the well-being and futures of first-time mothers and their children, especially those facing social and economic challenges. Public Health Nurses (PHNs) make home visits during pregnancy and the first two years of a child's life, following a schedule aligned with the developmental stages of pregnancy and childhood.



Annual Budget
• \$5,184,650



Federal Funding
• 67%



Full Time Equivalents (FTE)
• 11.4

A major milestone was the integration of the NFPx initiative, which now allows enrollment of clients who have previously given birth and those beyond the 28th week of pregnancy. This expansion addresses long-standing gaps in service and reflects a commitment to reaching a broader and more diverse population, particularly those impacted by racial and economic disparities.

To further enhance support for new parents, nurses began training to become Certified Lactation Counselors through structured cohorts. This additional certification equips them to offer expert guidance to clients facing breastfeeding challenges, promoting successful breastfeeding outcomes, and improving overall maternal and infant health.

NFP remained active in community outreach, participating in local events to raise awareness about NFP services and build stronger connections with families. These engagements are critical in ensuring that families know they have access to support, resources, and trusted professionals.



PHOTO: NFP Graduation.

In May 2025, NFP proudly hosted its first graduation ceremony since the COVID-19 pandemic, a joyful celebration of NFP clients and their incredible achievements. Families, nurses, and staff gathered to reflect on the hard work, perseverance, and growth of each graduate.

NFP's work is made even more impactful through ongoing collaborations. They partner with Sacramento Food Bank & Family Services to provide monthly diaper distributions to families in need, and with the SCPH Sexual Health Unit to support pregnant individuals diagnosed with syphilis and infants with congenital syphilis. They also work closely with Sacramento County WIC to offer joint home visits for high-risk families requiring immediate assistance.

2,450

home visits

• **335**

families
served

"My nurse has encouraged me to courageously advocate for myself, as well as be okay with not being okay. She's encouraged me to seek the help and help me stay on track with my accountability of daily goals."

-NFP client

"Having a public health nurse has had a very positive impact on our life. One of the biggest advantages is that our nurse visits our home regularly, which is incredibly helpful during pregnancy when it's difficult to travel.

She not only checks blood pressure and weight but also teaches us how to care for our baby, shares useful advice, and supports us emotionally. Thanks to our nurse, we were given a tour of our hospital in advance and even received a free car seat for our baby."

-NFP client

The **Perinatal Equity Initiative (PEI)** is a community-driven initiative designed to address racial disparities in infant mortality by providing meaningful support and resources to Black families. While California is experiencing a decline in infant mortality, the statewide mortality rate for Black infants continues to be two to four times higher than rates for other groups. The California Department of Public Health created PEI to address these disparities and improve health outcomes. PEI complements programs and services offered through the Black Infant Health Program to further enhance impact and promote health equity.



Annual Budget
• \$664,016



Federal Funding
• 0%



Full Time Equivalents (FTE)
• 5

One of the year's most meaningful achievements was the Midwifery Scholarship Program, which awarded a total of \$64,000 to five students pursuing midwifery education and training. Among them was Nicole du Maine, who has since completed her certification and was recently hired as a Certified Nurse Midwife at Sutter Hospital, where she now serves families in the Sacramento area. Nicole's journey, from scholarship recipient to local healthcare provider, beautifully illustrates the scholarship's mission to support and empower the next generation of culturally responsive maternal health professionals.

PEI's collaboration with Black Fathers Inc. also continues to flourish. In the first three quarters of the fiscal year alone, the program served over 80 fathers, providing them with resources, support, and a stronger role in perinatal care, helping to build healthier outcomes for families from the start.

In partnership with the Black Infant Health program, PEI has also supported the ongoing Unequal Birth campaign, which raises awareness of inequities in maternal health. A community-accessible toolkit is available at unequalbirth.com.

PEI maintains an active role in the State Preconception Health Council, working collaboratively to eliminate disparities in maternal and infant morbidity and mortality. Through quarterly meetings, the council helps guide integration of preconception health, reproductive care, and mental wellness initiatives across California.

SCPH FUN FACTS

- The SCPH Lab is a biosafety level 3 rated bioterrorism lab. Staff are on call 24/7 to provide emergency testing for first responders and for northern California clinical laboratories to rule out potential bio-threat agents.
- The Public Health Emergency Preparedness (PHEP) program was created in 2001 following the 9/11 attacks. PHEP developed comprehensive emergency response plans in coordination with local, state, and federal agencies to address the needs of Sacramento County residents.
- SCPH introduced California's very first Bicillin Access program in 2008. The Bicillin Access program made treatment for syphilis widely available for local providers who do not have access to the medication.
- California Children's Services (CCS) is one of the largest client-serving programs within SCPH. CCS was established in 1927 to assure that children and young adults with physical disabling conditions received quality health care.
- SCPH has partnered with the Division of Behavioral Health Services since 2012 on the Stop Stigma Sacramento Speakers Bureau, which is part of the larger "Mental Illness: It's not always what you think" project.
- The Immunization Assistance Program has conducted over 2,100 immunization clinics for Sacramento County residents since 2022.

Women, Infants, & Children (WIC) is a federally funded supplemental nutrition program whose goal is to improve pregnancy outcomes and promote optimal health and growth in children ages zero to five years. This is done by teaching about health and nutrition, breastfeeding support and assistance, the provision of specific nutritious foods, and referrals to other programs. Sacramento County WIC exceeded expectations this year, serving an average of 101.3% of its assigned caseload each month, including a 1,200-participant increase due to growing demand for services.

A key advancement this year was the formal establishment of a county classification for International Board Certified Lactation Consultants (IBCLCs). For over two decades, WIC provided lactation services through personal service agreements. Now, with a stable and fully integrated team, including two full-time and four part-time IBCLCs, WIC is better positioned to deliver high-quality, advanced lactation care to families across Sacramento County.

This investment in excellence was nationally recognized when Sacramento County WIC received the 2024 USDA Food and Nutrition Services Premier Level Breastfeeding Award of Excellence. Sacramento County WIC was one of only 20 programs in the U.S., and just two in the entire western region, to earn this honor. The award highlighted the success of WIC's Breastfeeding Peer Counselor Program, which thrives through strong partnerships with community organizations and health systems. WIC's Breastfeeding Program Coordinator has even mentored other local agencies to strengthen their peer counselor efforts.

To further enhance services, WIC implemented a Joint Home Visiting policy, pairing lactation consultants with SCPH Public Health Nurses to provide in-home breastfeeding support. This collaborative approach has improved efficiency and delivered expert care directly to families.

WIC also regularly hosts CDPH WIC staff for site visits and shadowing opportunities, helping inform statewide policy decisions with local insights and real-world experiences.



Annual Budget
• \$7,683,834



Federal Funding
• 80%



Full Time Equivalents (FTE)
• 44.8



PHOTOS: WIC in action.

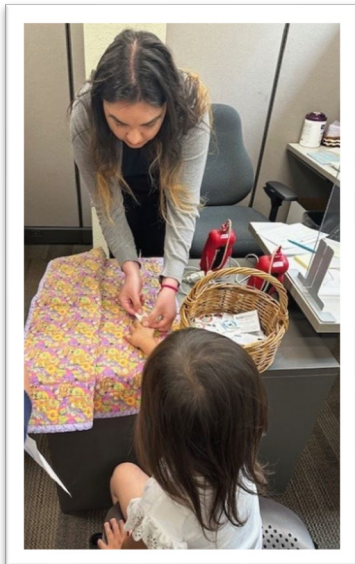
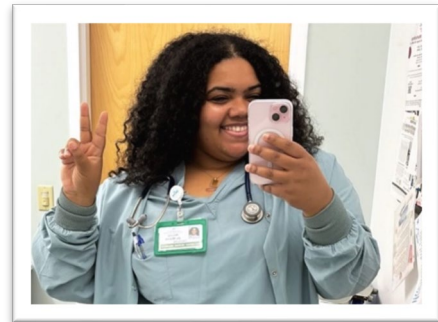


"I wish that I had this [support] sooner. In the state I moved from the lactation help was not anywhere near as good as here. I wanted to give up on breastfeeding because I had thrush and it hurt so badly but decided to keep in it. I am so appreciative of the help as a first-time mother. – WIC participant

24,000+ participants per month

28.0% avg. exclusive breastfeeding rate

"The lactation consultant helped impact my breast-feeding experience in a major way. There were times where I lost my breastmilk all together and I had no hope. I cried and fell into depression. My lactation consultations were able to not only get my production back but save me from giving up and falling into a deep depression. They encouraged me to keep trying. They encouraged me to keep going and stay consistent with increasing my production once it came back. The support was out of this world and I'm so grateful I can't even put into words." – WIC participant



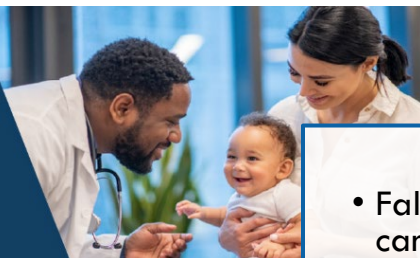
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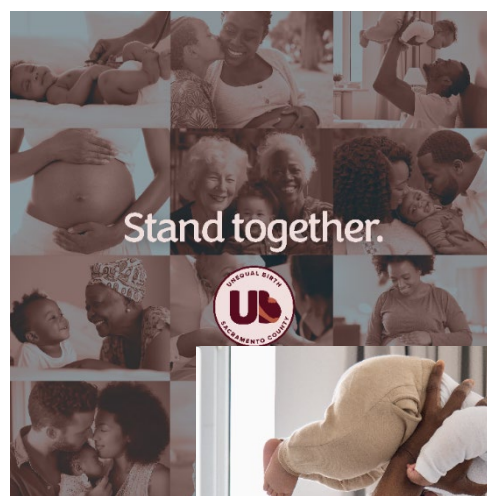


Childhood Lead Poisoning Prevention Billboard

- Fall 2024 and spring 2025 campaigns that included movie theater ads, posters, and digital billboards

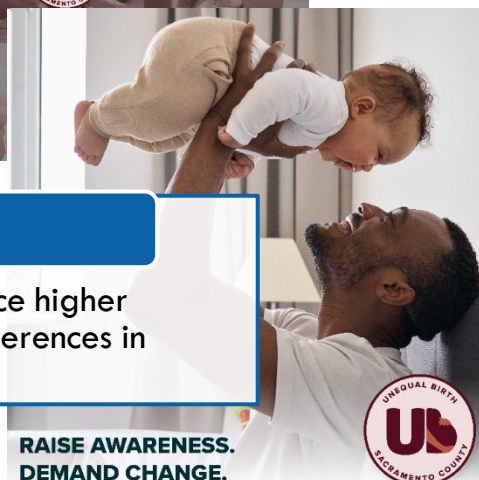
Kids' Plates Social Media

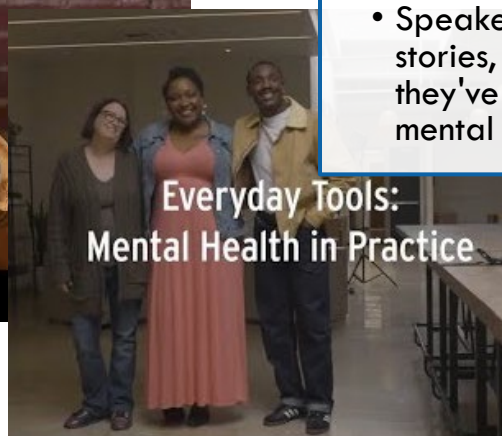
- Facebook posts promoting Kids' Plates, which help fund childhood injury prevention programs



Unequal Birth Campaign

- BIH and PEI campaign on how Black women experience higher rates of maternal and infant deaths, often due to differences in healthcare access and treatment





Stop Stigma Roundtable Videos

- Speakers Bureau members share stories, including the best advice they've received and everyday mental health tools

Immunization Campaign

- Online, digital, and SMF airport ads encouraging travelers to be up-to-date on routine vaccinations



Nutrition Education & Active Living Social Media

- Facebook posts promoting key messages related to nutrition education and active living





Oral Health Campaign

- Billboards promoting dental sealants

HIV Prevention PrEP Campaign

- HIV PrEP ads were placed on social media, dating apps, and throughout the county on light rail trains and buses



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Alzheimer's Caregiver Campaign

- Multilingual digital, social media, online, and radio ads in partnership with the Alzheimer's Association



In Their Own Words

THE IMPACT OF SCPH IS BIGGER THAN NUMBERS

We're passionate about the health of everyone living in Sacramento County. Here's what a few of them had to say about us this year.

"It has been an honor to host your team at [our site]. I'm certain that the combined efforts of your team has saved several lives during these trying times. Having lost my only child to COVID three years ago, your program has held a special place in my heart."

- church leader

"What I love about SCPH is the goal of creating access to public health resources and mission to create healthy lifestyles!"

- Community Health Worker student

"We are deeply grateful to the Unhoused Pediatric Immunizations Project and the dedicated team at SCPH's Immunization Assistance Program for partnering with the Sacramento County Office of Education's Project Teach, Homeless Liaisons, and Sacramento's family shelter system during the 2024-25 school year. By removing immunization barriers for hundreds of unhoused students, they are helping to prevent health-related school interruptions and reduce chronic absenteeism, both of which are essential for improved attendance and long-term educational success. This partnership is truly innovative!"

-Education for Homeless Children and Youth Program Coordinator, Sacramento County Office of Education

"I can tell you really love what you do!"

- Community Nursing client

"I'm glad that we are making some traction on the plans that we've been discussing for a long time...I'm really excited to see what we can all learn from these committees."

CHIA Coalition member

"I want to make sure that I'm strong, so learning about the right foods to eat was important. And the importance of sleep, I had no idea I needed more sleep."

- SNAC participant

"I'll forever be grateful for receiving the Sacramento Midwives Scholarship, as it has impacted my academic journey in ways that have transformed my life."

- student

"You helped me stay strong for myself and my family, thank you so much for helping me when things felt impossible."

- BIH client

"Stop Stigma Sacramento program has had a positive impact on how I think about mental health because they have ads on all radio stations and it is helping ease the stigma that my fellow African Americans have with receiving help"

- community member

"Sacramento County Lead Program team were there every step of the way from explaining the results to helping us remove lead from our home. We learned how to protect our kids from lead by avoiding certain imported spices."

- Childhood Lead Poisoning Prevention program client

"Very informative, the kids were very comfortable with the nurse. Answered all my questions and gave me helpful information."

- foster parent

"Blanca has given me the confidence to try and attempt to exclusively breastfeed which was my original feeding plan. After having an emergency C-section, the hospital I delivered at immediately gave baby a bottle of formula without my informed consent and we didn't receive as much breastfeeding education or support during our postpartum stay there so I went home feeling defeated at first. After seeing Blanca, I have a new sense of hope that we can have more success in our breastfeeding journey."

- WIC participant

"Thank you for your generous support. The toothbrushes and posters will be a great addition for our participants, and we truly appreciate your help with this initiative."

- Nutrition Program Supervisor, CalFresh Healthy Living

"Having a Public Health Nurse during my pregnancy made an enormous difference for me and my son. Thier support and expertise were a constant source of reassurance and practical help when everything felt overwhelming."

- NFP client