

# 2011



## **Grant County Health Department**

"Protecting Public Health in Grant County for 76 years"

**TO:** The Honorable Chairman, John Patcle and the  
Members of the Grant County Board of Supervisors

**FROM:** The Staff of the Grant County Health Department  
and the Members of the Board of Health

**RE:** Report of the Grant County Health Department Programs  
and Services for 2011

The work and efforts of a dedicated staff and Board of Health are reflected in this report. A special thank you to the Grant County Board of Supervisors, UW-Extension, Personnel Department, Finance Director, Sheriff's Department, Emergency Management, Area Health Providers, SW Community Action Program, Wisconsin Department of Health Services and our other partners in public health not mentioned above.

The mission of the  
**Grant County Health Department**  
is to promote the health and wellness  
of ALL residents of Grant County.

“Everyone Living Better, Longer”



### Ten Essential Services

1. Monitor health status to identify community health problems.
2. Diagnose and investigate health problems and health hazards in the community.
3. Inform, educate, and empower people about health issues.
4. Mobilize community partnerships to identify and solve health problems.
5. Develop policies and plans that support individual and community health efforts.
6. Enforce laws and regulations that protect health and ensure safety.
7. Link people to needed personal health services and assure the provision of health care when otherwise unavailable.
8. Assure a competent public health and personal healthcare workforce.
9. Evaluate effectiveness, accessibility, and quality of personnel and population-based health services.
10. Research for new insights and innovative solutions to health problems.

### State and Local Health Goals

Improved Health Across the Life Span  
Eliminate Health Disparities and Achieve Health Equality

### 2020 Health Plan Focus Areas

Identify and Address Health Disparities  
Examine and Assess Social, Economic and Education Factors that Influence Health  
Improve Access to High Quality Health Services  
Form Collaborative Partnerships for Community Health Improvement  
Create and Maintain a Diverse, Sufficient, and Competent Workforce that Promotes and Protects Health  
Ensure Capabilities that Promote Emergency Preparedness, Response, and Recovery  
Secure Equitable, Adequate, and Stable Public Health Funding  
Improve the Health Literacy of the Public and Our Partners  
Ensure Public Health Capacity and Quality of Services  
Conduct research for New Insights and Innovative Solutions to Health Problems  
Support Systems to Manage and Share Health Information While Protecting Privacy  
Assure Adequate, Appropriate, and Safe Food and Nutrition  
Reduce Alcohol and Drug Abuse  
Prevent and Manage Chronic Illness  
Control and Prevent Communicable Diseases  
Improve Environmental and Occupational Health  
Promote Health, Growth and Development  
Reduce Injuries and Violence  
Improve Mental Health  
Improve Oral Health  
Increase Physical Activity  
Promote Reproductive and Sexual Health  
Reduce Tobacco Use

## Department Overview

In 2011, the Grant County Health Department administered over 20 programs managing over 8 grants and multiple contracts with the State including several multi-county contracts. Staffing includes the following:

**Full Time:** 23  
**Part Time:** 5 (including 2 that do not receive full benefits)  
**LTE Staff:** 1-4 (RNs) and (1) Nurse Practitioner  
**Direct Contracts:** 11 [(1) Hospice Medical Director, (1) Associate Hospice Medical Director, (1) Pharmacist, (2) Breast Feeding Peer Counselors, (2) Dental Hygienists, (1) STOP Coordinator, (1) Drug Free Community Assistant Coordinator, (1) Translator, and (1) River way Community of Hope Coordinator (Mental Health and AODA grant)]  
**Other Contracts:** >~100 individual contracts for services or to provide services  
**Volunteers:** ~10 Hospice, 1 PH Medical Director, >20 for DFC Coalition  
**Staff Professions:** Include: Registered Nurses, Nurse Practitioner, Certified Nursing Assistants, Registered Sanitarians, Registered Dietitian, Social Worker, Speech Therapist, Dental Hygienists, Pharmacist, Medical Doctors,

The 2011 operating budget was approximately 2.83 million dollars (excluding donations). This was a small increase over the 2010 budget which was approximately 2.78 million dollars. Approximately 2.34 million dollars was anticipated from sources other than the local tax levy making the health department largely funded by State, Federal, grant, and fee for service sources. The 2011 budget included a 17.92% decrease in levy support when compared to the 2010 budget.

In 2011, four programs were supported directly, but not entirely, by county levy funds. Of the four programs the vast majority of levy is used to provide public health and other services which are mandated by the State. The other programs provide direct services to children and/or individuals with health problems or disabilities. These programs include Personal Care and Health Check. Our Home Nursing Program requires direct levy support most years however, it did not require any direct levy support in 2011 (and likely will not require direct levy support in 2012 either). All programs are supported by levy funds through basic infrastructure (see the MAXIMUS report), administration, and other ancillary activities.

### **Highlights and Challenges in 2011**

In 2011, the single largest challenge was staff turnover particularly with nurses and the Women, Infant, and Children (WIC) program staff. As a result, the department has experienced significantly higher training costs and reduced productivity as new staff acquire the necessary training and get orientated to Department programming and as vacancies are waiting to be refilled. Despite the economic down turn, employment in the health care field remains strong. Recruiting and maintaining professional staff will be one of our greatest challenges for the foreseeable future.

In March of 2011, we were able to interface our electronic records with the County payroll system and became one of the first departments to transmit both payroll and mileage data electronically. As a result, we are currently one of the few departments that have direct deposit for mileage checks in addition to payroll.

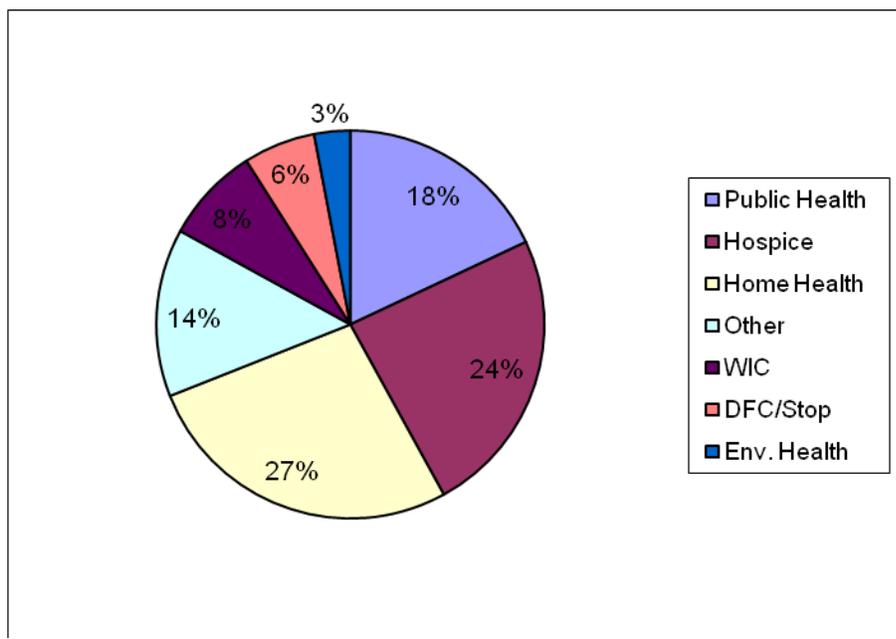
A fourth \$50,000 grant was secured to address underage drinking problems. Partnerships with the Grant County Sheriff's Department have increased awareness of underage drinking issues and significantly increased and funded enforcement activities as well.

We were also awarded funding through the federal government for our Drug-Free Community program for the eighth consecutive year. By the end of the complete grant cycle, over \$1,100,000 of federal assistance will have been provided to Grant County for substance abuse reduction. This is in addition to \$200,000 over four years for underage drinking initiatives.

A third and final Department of Juvenile Assistance grant was obtained to provide mental health and substance abuse counseling to youth.

A sixth \$2,500 grant from the Wisconsin Department of Transportation was also obtained to provide child passenger safety seats to low income families.

### **Major Programs by Expense**



### **Health Department Program Overviews**

#### **Public Health**

Health Departments monitor the health of the community by conducting surveys and using a multitude of data sets. Public Health programs are then developed and implemented based on identified need taking into account all available resources. This allows for a systems based approach to addressing the public health needs of our community. Programs are continuously evaluated for overall effectiveness. Local health departments are also required to provide specific services as identified by State Statutes and Administrative Rules. Mandated programs include the control of communicable disease, health promotion, education, and prevention efforts.

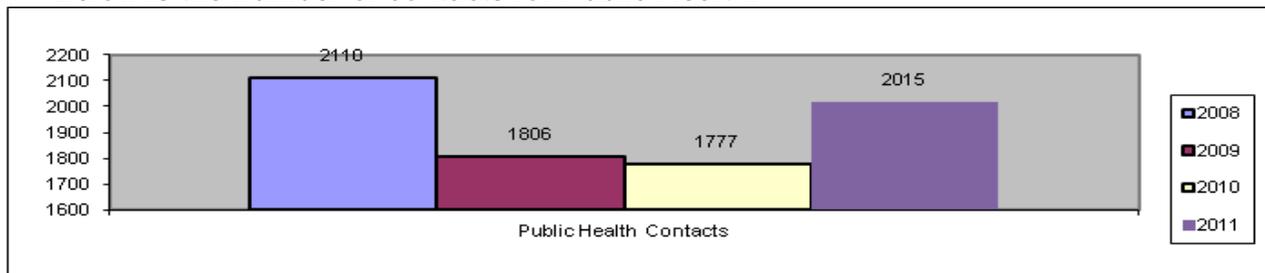
Health departments are also required to do educational campaigns. These campaigns are carried out through media releases, the use of social networking sites, newsletters, classes, and outreach at community events as well as through direct communication with community leaders.

We provide services out of our office and in businesses, schools, satellite clinic locations and in homes across the county.

Examples of services provided to our residents include:

- 1) Dental Health Services
- 2) Health Checks
- 3) Immunizations
- 4) Injury Prevention Programming
- 5) Communicable Disease Control
- 6) Emergency Response

Below is the number of contacts for Public Health:



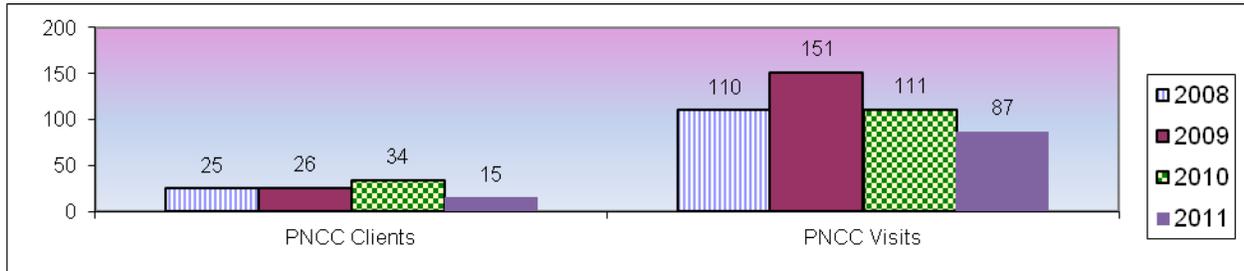
### **Prenatal Care Coordination (PNCC)**

The PNCC program reaches out to women with risks for complications during pregnancy. One goal of this program is to make connections to services that improve overall birth outcomes for high risk pregnancies. Improving birth outcomes saves thousands of dollars per year on health care costs and prevents many life-long problems.

The program has an extensive education component as well. Education topics include: breastfeeding promotion, safety, nutrition, pregnancy related physiological and emotional changes, infant care, and parenting skills. Nurses incorporate counseling regarding the dangers of alcohol, drug, and tobacco use during pregnancy, and encourage quitting these behaviors by providing referrals to professional counseling or cessation groups when necessary as well.

PNCC clients are referred to our department by various sources and our nurses make contact with each client to offer services. PNCC offers a comprehensive set of services which includes referrals and assistance in enrolling in other health department programs such as Women, Infants and Children (WIC) and Health Check as well as programs offered by outside agencies. A total of 88.75 hours of service were provided. It is important to note that Southwest CAP Reproductive Health Center in Platteville now offers PNCC services and is providing services to many women in the Platteville area. These services combined with recent staff turnover explains the reduction in the number of women served in 2011.

Below are the number of clients and visits in the PNCC Program:



## **School Health**

The Grant County Health Department provides nursing services to the following schools:

St Clements (Lancaster)  
 Christian Day School  
 St. Rose (Cuba City)  
 St. Joseph (Sinsinawa)  
 Cassville Elm. /HS

St Mary's (Platteville)  
 Amish/Mennonite Schools  
 Holy Ghost (Dickeyville)  
 RiverRidge Elem. /HS  
 St Charles (Cassville)

Potosi Elem. /HS  
 Cuba City Elem. /HS  
 Immaculate Conception (Kieler)  
 St. Mary's (Bloomington)

Direct services include:

- Medication management assistance
- Health plan and policy development
- Vision and hearing screenings for selected grades, including rechecks and referral to appropriate health care providers as needed.
- Immunization clinics for children and staff
- Follow-up on immunization requirements for entry to school.
- Health resources and presentations for teachers, staff, students and parents
- Training for school staff

The Grant County Health Department also provides support and education for school districts that employ their own school nurses. Meetings are held several times a year to educate all school nurses on important and new or emerging issues. Occasionally, support is provided to schools that have their own nursing staff to help out with health screening efforts or to provide other health services as well. Schools located in Boscobel, Fennimore, Lancaster, Platteville, and Muscoda (Riverdale) receive these services.

A total of 594.5 nursing hours were spent relating to school health not including communicable disease control efforts. In addition, 5,262 miles were traveled by nurses relating to school health services. Public health aide time and administration are not included in this total (this is not specifically kept track of).

## **Jail Health**

Two nurses from the Grant County Health Department have been comprehensively trained and regularly staff the Grant County Jail providing onsite care with scheduled visits three days a week (Monday, Wednesday, and Friday). In addition, the jail is included in our “intake” system and “on call” rotation allowing our department to provide services as needed ensuring complete coverage 24 hours a day, 7 days a week including holidays.

The jail nurses coordinate with the jail staff and health care providers to provide necessary care in as efficient and cost effective manner as possible. This system of providing nursing services on demand has met needs and saved thousands of taxpayer dollars. Services include training of jail staff and acting as a resource for a variety of public health issues as well as directly serving inmates by handling medications, collecting laboratory specimens, providing care, and maintaining records.

In 2011, 693.75 hours of nursing time were provided to the jail. In addition, 1,054 miles were traveled to provide jail health services in 2011.

## **WIC (Women, Infants and Children) Program**

The Women, Infants and Children (WIC) program is dedicated to promoting and maintaining the health and well-being of nutritionally at-risk pregnant, breastfeeding and postpartum women, infants and children. WIC provides supplemental nutritious foods, nutrition and breastfeeding information, and referrals to other health and nutrition services. WIC also promotes and supports breastfeeding through a peer program and provides access to nutritious foods via a farmer’s market program.

Health benefits of WIC participation include reduced:

- Premature births
- Low birth-weight babies
- Long-term medical expenses

In 2011, an average of 904 individuals were served per month. In 2011, WIC families spent a total of \$599,812 at twelve Grant County grocery stores. A total of over \$634,760 was spent in 2010.

## **Health Check**

The Health Check Program provides comprehensive examinations of children aged birth to 21 years.

A complete health check includes:

Head to toe physical exams	Immunizations
Lab tests	Eye exams
Growth and development assessments	Mouth exams
Nutritional screening	Other screenings
Fluoride varnishes	Blood lead testing

Health check screenings and immunizations are offered at most clinics to complement the WIC program.

In 2011, 97 Health Checks were performed. Additionally, 524 blood lead screenings were completed for children in Grant County. In comparison, 128 Health Checks and 565 blood lead screenings were done in 2010.

As part of our Maternal and Child Health (MCH) grant, we also checked 90 child passenger safety seats for proper installation (providing some seats at no charge to low income families) and provided 15 cribs to low income families along with information on how to prevent Sudden Infant Death Syndrome (SIDS) following the Cribs for Kids® program guidelines.

### **Dental Health Services**

Our Dental Hygienists provided services to 554 clients (mostly children) and educated many others in schools throughout Grant County. Services were also provided at the Grant County Health Department and in the Head Start offices. In addition, Public Health Nurses completed 429 fluoride varnishes and oral assessments on children in schools and at WIC/Health Check Clinics.

### **WWWP (Wisconsin Well Woman Program)**

Grant County Health Department administers the WWWP for women ages 45-64 years of age meeting specific income requirements. Well Woman pays for mammograms, Pap tests and certain other health screenings. Early detection of breast or cervical cancer can greatly improve outcomes and significantly reduce the cost of treatment as well as shorten recovery times. In 2011, 50 participants from Grant County were able to access the WWWP program. This is a decrease from 64 in 2010.

### **Immunizations**

In 2011, immunizations were offered at many locations throughout the county including all WIC / Health Check Clinics and vaccine was also available at the Health Department office and in Grant County schools. Many vaccines are provided at no charge while others are billed at minimal expense.

Below are the numbers of vaccinations given by the Grant County Health Department in 2011. It is important to note that changes in vaccines and the continued expansion of the use of combined vaccines have made comparisons to previous year's statistics more complex. Also, 2009 and 2010 included both seasonal and H1N1 monovalent influenza vaccine increasing the overall all totals in those years.

<b>Number of Doses of Vaccine</b>	<b>2006</b>	<b>2007</b>	<b>2008</b>	<b>2009</b>	<b>2010</b>	<b>2011</b>
DTaP - Diphtheria/Tetanus/Pertussis	484	386	366	151	73	69
DTaP/Hib/Polio (Pentacel)	0	0	0	218	379	356
DTaP/Polio (Kinrix)	0	0	0	207	209	198
DTaP/HepB/Polio (Pediarix)	384	349	357	153	0	5
Polio	298	215	196	40	28	24
MMR - Measles/Mumps/Rubella	548	387	388	435	374	392
Hepatitis A (pediatric)	14	76	146	155	158	155
Hepatitis B (pediatric)	61	35	22	157	296	280
Td - Tetanus/Diphtheria	885	845	147	99	81	86
Tdap (Adacel & Boostrix)	158	165	976	1125	1078	747
Hib - Haemophilus Influenza type B	433	386	312	207	110	48
HPV (Gardasil)	0	172	282	162	117	98
Varicella (Chickenpox)	248	408	780	875	811	742
Pevnar	558	482	474	415	576	388
Comvax (Hib/Hep B)	12	4	5	5	0	0
Meningitis	121	180	210	370	301	359
Rotavirus	3	76	134	108	140	132
Influenza -H1N1	0	0	0	2928	3461	n/a
Influenza - Seasonal	2822	3048	2993	3155	4529	4218
Pneumonia	95	89	113	92	83	48
Twinrix (Hep A/Hep B)	0	0	1	13	22	57
Hepatitis A (adult)	46	26	28	30	42	43
Hepatitis B (adult)	169	134	132	103	106	117
<b>Total</b>	<b>7339</b>	<b>7463</b>	<b>8062</b>	<b>11203</b>	<b>12974</b>	<b>8562</b>

### **Communicable Disease Follow-Up**

Local public health departments are responsible for conducting follow-up activities with individuals having or suspected to have illnesses as identified in Wisconsin State Administrative Rule Chapter DHS 145, "Control of Communicable Diseases". Public Health Nurses confirm the illness, educate the individual(s) about the illness and encourage or ensure treatment (if needed), as well as take steps to control and reduce the spread of the disease. Telephone calls, letters, and/or face-to-face contacts are used to gather and distribute information.

Below is a summary of communicable diseases that were reported to the Grant County Health Department in 2011 (It should be noted that not all cases were confirmed as actual positive cases):

### **COMMUNICABLE DISEASES**

(January 1 - December 31, 2011)

According to Wisconsin State Statute 252, any individual with knowledge or reason to believe that a person has a communicable disease must report to their local health department. This includes physician, nurses, lab workers, teachers and the general public. The Grant County Health Department has received the following reports of illness. Staff has completed follow-up on these reports and appropriate action has been taken.

<b>COMMUNICABLE DISEASES</b>	<b>2007</b>	<b>2008</b>	<b>2009</b>	<b>2010</b>	<b>2011</b>
Anthrax	0	0	0	0	1
Arboviral Illness	0	1	1	0	2
Campylobacteriosis	15	22	18	34	26
Cryptosporidiosis	31	36	10	17	8
E.Coli	0	1	6	7	8
Ehrlichiosis	0	0	0	1	1
Giardiasis	1	2	1	3	2
Hepatitis C	8	5	4	8	11
Histoplasmosis	1	1	0	0	2
Hemolytic Uremic Syndrome	0	0	0	0	2
Influenza-associated Hospitalization	-	-	-	-	2
Invasive Hemophilus Influenza	0	0	1	2	0
LaCrosse Encephalitis	0	0	1	0	1
Legionella	0	0	1	1	1
Listeriosis	0	0	0	1	0
Lyme Disease	12	11	17	30	27
Measles (Rubeola)	0	0	0	0	3
Mumps	4	0	0	0	1
Mycobacterium (Non TB)	1	4	3	2	2
Q Fever	2	0	0	1	1
Rocky Mountain Spotted Fever	0	0	0	0	1
Rubella	0	0	0	0	2
Salmonellosis	9	3	2	6	9
Shigellosis	0	1	26	1	6
Strept All Types	1	1	1	5	2
Toxic Shock Syndrome	0	1	0	0	0
Transmissible Spongiform Encephalopathy	0	0	0	0	1
Tuberculosis	1	0	0	0	0
Tuberculosis Latent	0	0	4	7	6
Viral Encephalitis	0	0	1	0	1
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>86</b>	<b>89</b>	<b>97</b>	<b>126</b>	<b>129</b>

<b>VACCINE PREVENTABLE DISEASES</b>	<b>2007</b>	<b>2008</b>	<b>2009</b>	<b>2010</b>	<b>2011</b>
Chickenpox	13	21	4	9	11
Hepatitis A	0	1	0	0	0
Hepatitis B	0	4	2	1	0
Hib	0	0	1	2	0
Pertussis	8	0	3	5	17
TOTALS	<b>21</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>28</b>

<b>SEXUALLY TRANSMITTED DISEASES</b>	<b>2007</b>	<b>2008</b>	<b>2009</b>	<b>2010</b>	<b>2011</b>
Chlamydia	67	87	104	108	87
Gonorrhea	7	6	8	7	6
TOTALS	<b>74</b>	<b>93</b>	<b>112</b>	<b>115</b>	<b>93</b>

### **Public Health Preparedness and Response**

During 2011, Grant County Health Department continued to prepare for public health emergencies through extensive planning, training, and testing efforts.

While a formal regional structure no longer exists due to funding cuts, we continue to meet at least monthly with public health partners including those in our local and regional area. We also updated plans based on findings from exercises, new information, and lessons learned. In 2011, we assessed our ability to receive federal assets including the Strategic National Stockpile. Finally, we assessed and tested our ability to respond to performance measures deemed important by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

### **Environmental Health Programs**

Grant County remains the lead agency in the Southwest Wisconsin Environmental Consortium. Members of the consortium include Grant, Crawford, Lafayette, Iowa, Richland, and Vernon counties. This program addresses factors that can adversely impact the health of our citizens. Problems can include human health hazards such as vermin infestations, sewage or other waste problems, water and air quality issues, or public health nuisances which may endanger the safety or health of the public.

Local health departments are required by state statute to respond to human health hazards and by local ordinance to respond to public health nuisances. Most complaints received by the local health departments are related to environmental health issues.

Grant County also operates a regional Radon Information Center (RIC) serving the same six counties. Radon is a naturally occurring gas that is considered to be the second leading cause of lung cancer in the U.S. The RIC provides free consultation and radon test kits to homeowners concerned about radon.

Below are the statistics for environmental health issues:

<b>Number of Contacts</b>	<b>2007</b>	<b>2008</b>	<b>2009</b>	<b>2010</b>	<b>2011</b>
Water	163	208	179	215	157
Air Quality	256	425	272	259	213
Asbestos	81	88	210	197	153
Hazardous Materials	6	0	0	0	0
Lead Hazards	127	134	167	138	161
Radiation Hazards	182	404	209	234	183
Other Environmental Hazards	4	0	0	0	0
Housing	261	418	270	174	218
Rabies	94	107	113	92	117
Sewage	65	47	183	180	143
Solid Waste	148	146	213	241	179
Insects/Rodents/Animal Problems	76	111	170	162	132
Home Inspections	263	235	254	308	261
<b>Totals</b>	<b>1726</b>	<b>2323</b>	<b>2240</b>	<b>2200</b>	<b>1917</b>

### **Tobacco-Free Coalition**

In 2011, the Tobacco-Free Coalition continued with a partnership with resources being provided Family Services of Southern Wisconsin and Northern Illinois, Inc. The coalition provided tobacco control and coordination services to Grant, Iowa, and Lafayette Counties.

The primary focuses of the new Multi-jurisdictional Tobacco Coalition are policy work and sustainability efforts. We also continued to partner with the Grant County Sheriff's Department to check establishments selling tobacco products to ensure that they were not selling these products to minors. Compliance checks were done in both Grant and Iowa County establishments which sell tobacco products. The 2011 illegal tobacco sales rate to minors in Grant and Iowa Counties were at 6.25 % and 8.0% respectively.

Our Tobacco program also received a Fight Against Corporate Tobacco (FACT) Grant and a First Breath Grant to help pregnant women quit smoking. Unfortunately, the majority of the funding for this project no longer flows through the Grant County Health Department. However, services are still provided by Family Services of Southern Wisconsin and Northern Illinois, Inc.

Some of the activities for the coalition include:

- Youth Events
- Educational Events
- Outreach and Education to Legislators
- Participation in Health and Wellness Fairs

## **S.A.F.E. GRANT COUNTY COALITION**

The S.A.F.E. Grant County Coalition continues in its effective efforts to help prevent/reduce substance abuse including prescription drug abuse, marijuana/tobacco use, and underage drinking among youth in Grant County and beyond. The S.A.F.E. (Safe Actions For Everyone) coalition is currently funded primarily by the federal Drug-Free Communities and STOP Act grants.

The Drug Free Communities grant (DFC-\$125,000/year) will continue until September 2014 as long as its goals and objectives continue to be met or exceeded, but, unfortunately, the STOP Act grant (Stop Underage Drinking Now-\$50,000/year) will end September 2012. The good news is that many of the successful STOP initiatives will be picked up by the DFC grant and community contributions. The Riverway Communities of Hope grant from the Office of Juvenile Assistance (OJA), which we also administered, ended in December 2011, but Riverway continues to seek more funding. As a result of this three-year OJA grant, a total of 2,172 youth (many of them latchkey) were successfully served via an Early Release (after school) program. In addition, the OJA grant served 470 at-risk youth who were given transportation to clinics as well as greatly needed mental health and substance abuse counseling. Thus, all of the coalition's grants have brought significant funds and services into the county to serve its citizens. The federal government's research continues to show that communities with Drug Free Communities' grants (and their supplemental ones like STOP) have less substance abuse problems than those who do not have these types of grants. Consequently, the coalition is making our county a safer place to live.

The continued key to the overall effectiveness of the S.A.F.E. coalition is the ability to initiate positive changes in social norms through proven research-based efforts as well as community outreach using leaders from 12 community sectors representing many facets of society. The coalition also helps to develop and pay for the administration of the Southwest Youth Survey and the Grant County Youth Survey as well as the annual local community assessment to help evaluate its effectiveness in reducing and preventing substance abuse among youth.

From 2007 to 2011, a significant drop in our area was seen in the combined grades of students (grades 6-12) in alcohol, marijuana, and tobacco and we believe that our efforts significantly have led to this drop. Unfortunately, we have also seen a drop in the perception of teens that their parents think that these drugs are unacceptable for their teens. Studies show that when parents are silent or do not express their negative views for usage by their youth, the rates begin to increase. Thus, we will be emphasizing parent education as much as possible in the coming year while maintaining our youth focus.

Since 2008-09, when the SUDN/STOP grant created an Underage Drinking Task Force, through a partnership with the Grant County Sheriff and Platteville Police Departments, there have been a significant number of arrests while the Task Force was on patrol with our funding. (As a result, the UW-P campus and other parts of our county, are reporting less house parties and related issues.)

The STOP grant once again sponsored a powerful underage drinking and driving community reenactment event, called The Plunge, in Lancaster in April 2011 to “drive home” the dangers of teen drinking and driving. The SUDN project also continues to offer a Neighborhood Watch in five neighborhoods surrounding the UW-campus to help curb underage drinking house parties and related problematic activities. In addition, SUDN provides interested parents with car chips so that they can monitor their young teens driving behaviors to avoid car crashes and other risky behaviors.

Among the many DFC grant accomplishments, the coalition: 1). Sponsored (or partnered with the DEA) to hold 3 unwanted Rx Round Ups/Take Backs in 2011, which contributed to approximately 1,026 pounds of drugs being taken out of medicine cabinets and away from teens and our environment since 2007. 2). Trained 73 student leaders at its annual 2 ½ day Youth Leadership Conference in July 2011, making a total of 589 student leaders trained since 2002 to make a positive impact in their schools/communities, and 3) Continued coordinated alcohol and tobacco compliance checks to reduce minors’ access to these products, dropping the rate of alcohol sales to minors by retailers in Grant County from 25% (when the coalition began the checks around 2002) to 7.23% as of September 2011. Similarly, the tobacco compliance checks decreased from 25% in 2002 to 6.52% in 2011. Clearly, these compliance checks have made a significant difference in our county! You can check out more S.A.F.E. programs/activities at: [www.safegrantcounty.org](http://www.safegrantcounty.org).

### **Consolidated Grants**

The Wisconsin Division of Public Health has continued to provide state and federal grant funds to local health departments in a pass through process called Consolidated Contracts. The following programs are examples of services provided using these funds:

**Maternal & Child Health** – Public Health Home Visits, Promote Breastfeeding, Car Seat Safety Checks, Cribs for Kids®, Fluoride Varnish promotion.

**Prevention** - A five County Environmental Health consortium including Grant, Iowa, Lafayette, Richland, and Vernon counties to address environmental health issues and human health hazards. Unfortunately, funding from the Prevention Block Grant was discontinued late in 2011.

**Lead** – Promotes blood lead screening of children follow-up services for children with elevated lead levels (Grant, Iowa, Lafayette, Richland, and Vernon counties funds)

**Radon** – Provides testing, education, and consultation services for residents regarding the risk of radon. (Grant, Iowa, Lafayette, Richland, Vernon, and Crawford counties funds)

**WIC (Women, Infants & Children)** – Provides nutrition services, access to healthy foods, and referrals for women and children under the age of five who meet the income guidelines.

**Immunizations** – Funds used for maintaining records for each person receiving immunizations and for entering information into Wisconsin Immunization Registry (WIR). Also, to help ensure children are up to date on immunizations

**WWWP (Wisconsin Well Women’s Program)** – The WWWP provides health services and screening to low income women.

**Public Health Preparedness and Response** – Federal funds for training and planning responses to natural and man-made public health emergencies. This is done in conjunction with Emergency Management, Law Enforcement, Fire Departments, and health care providers as well as other partners.

## PERSONAL CARE SERVICE

In 2011, five clients were seen by the Grant County Health Department for personal care services. The Department has been referring most clients who need assistance with personal care to private providers in our area. These clients received assistance with bathing, hair, skin and nail care. This service allows clients to remain independent in their own homes with minimal assistance. The onset of Family Care has decreased the utilization of this program through the Health Department.

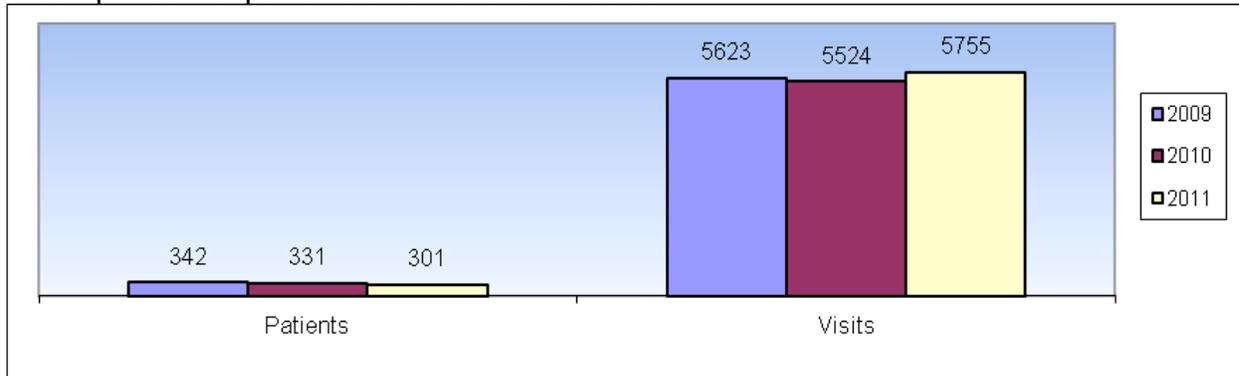
The Health Department continues to serve clients who receive services through the Veterans’ Administration since many of the private providers can not meet the requirements to serve these clients. In 2011, 285 visits were made to these clients by our home health aides. These clients also receive an evaluation visit from one of our nurses every 50 to 60 days. In 2011 there were 29 nursing visits made to our Personal Care clients.

## HOME NURSING

In 2011, 301 clients received services from the Grant County Health Department Home Nursing Program. These clients receive skilled visits from registered nurses, physical therapist, occupational and speech therapist as well as home health aide care. These services are paid for by Medicare, Medical Assistance, private insurance or private pay on an ability to pay schedule. No one is denied services because of inability to pay.

In 2011 the Department was surveyed by the State to ensure compliance with the Homecare Conditions of Participation. The surveyor spent four days in the office and made five home visits to clients with the Health Department Staff. The Health Department was found to be in compliance with the Conditions of Participation and no citations were received. The Department is surveyed every three years and the previous survey was citation free as well.

A comparison of patients and visits is noted below.

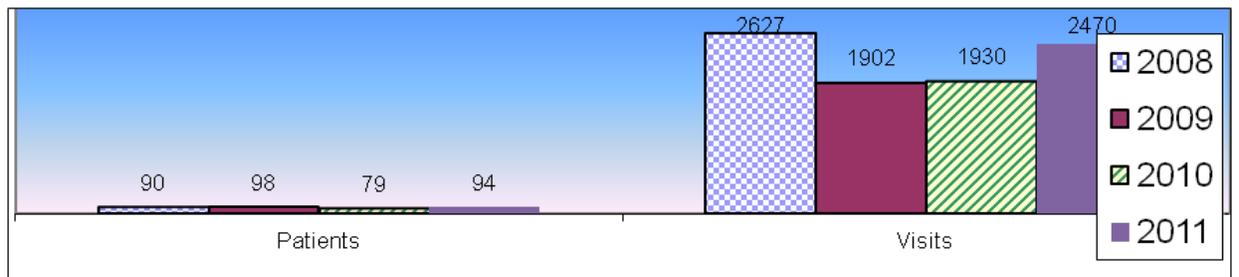


## HOSPICE

In 2011, 94 clients were served on the Grant County Hospice program. Clients choose hospice care when it becomes clear that a cure is no longer likely and they want comfort care so they can live as fully as possible until the end of life. Hospice care focuses on medical and personal comfort for people in the last months, weeks or days of life. Hospice is comfort care that helps patients with physical symptoms like pain and nausea. Hospice also comforts patients, families and friends by lessening the apprehension around the dying process and offering support. These clients receive services from a multi-disciplinary support team that includes registered nurses, social workers, aides, nurse practitioners and therapists.

In 2011 hospice began exploring more cost effective and client friendly ways of providing medications for our clients. The department has been looking at several options including mail order medications or a billing service which allows clients to use local pharmacies. In discussion with the Board of health the department will be implementing a new system for medications in early 2012, which will allow continued use of local pharmacies and also allow the department some cost savings on medications required by clients.

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