

# 2012



## **Grant County Health Department**

"Protecting Public Health in Grant County for 77 years"

- TO:** The Honorable Chairman, Larry Wolf 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 2012

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 2012, the Grant County Health Department administered over 20 programs managing multiple grants and contracts with the State and other agencies. Additionally, we manage several multi-county regional programs. Staffing includes the following:

**Full Time:** 23  
**Part Time:** 4 (including 2 that do not receive full benefits)  
**LTE Staff:** 1-4 (RNs) and (1) Nurse Practitioner  
**Direct Contracts:** 15 [(1) Hospice Medical Director, (1) Associate Hospice Medical Director, (1) Pharmacist, (2) Breast Feeding Peer Counselors, (2) Dental Hygienists, (2) Drug Free Community Assistant Coordinator, (2) Translators (1) Registered Dietitian (3) Dentists (via contract with InHealth Community Wellness Clinic)  
**Other Contracts:** >~100 individual contracts for services or to provide services  
**Volunteers:** ~8 Hospice, 1 PH Medical Director, >20 for DFC Coalition  
**Staff Professions:** Include: Registered Nurses, Nurse Practitioner, Certified Nursing Assistants, Registered Sanitarians, Registered Dietitians, Social Worker, Speech Therapist, Dentists, Dental Hygienists, Pharmacist, Medical Doctors, Physical Therapists and Occupational Therapists.

The 2012 operating budget was approximately 2.71 million dollars (excluding donations). This was a small decrease from the 2011 budget which was approximately 2.83 million dollars. Approximately 2.21 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 2012 budget included a 0.03% decrease in levy support when compared to the 2011 budget. In fact, local levy budgeted for the Health Department has been reduced each year since 2009 and is now back to pre-2004 levels. However, additional services have been added including a substantial dental program serving all school districts.

In 2012, 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 2012 (and likely will not require direct levy support in 2013 either). All programs are supported by levy funds through basic infrastructure, administration, and other ancillary activities (see the Sequoia Consulting Group Report).

## **Highlights and Challenges in 2012**

In 2012, the largest challenges continue to be staff turnover and recruiting particularly with professional staff. As a result, the department continues to experience excessive training costs, reduced productivity, and difficulties in ensuring that programs run smoothly and efficiently 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 staff will be one of our greatest challenges for the foreseeable future.

Another notable challenge was the increase in reports of communicable diseases in Grant County. In 2011, 250 reports were received and followed up on by Grant County Health Department. In 2012, 394 reports were received and followed up on by Grant County Health Department resulting in over a 57% increase in our caseload. Much of the increase was associated with the Pertussis outbreak which has continued into 2013.

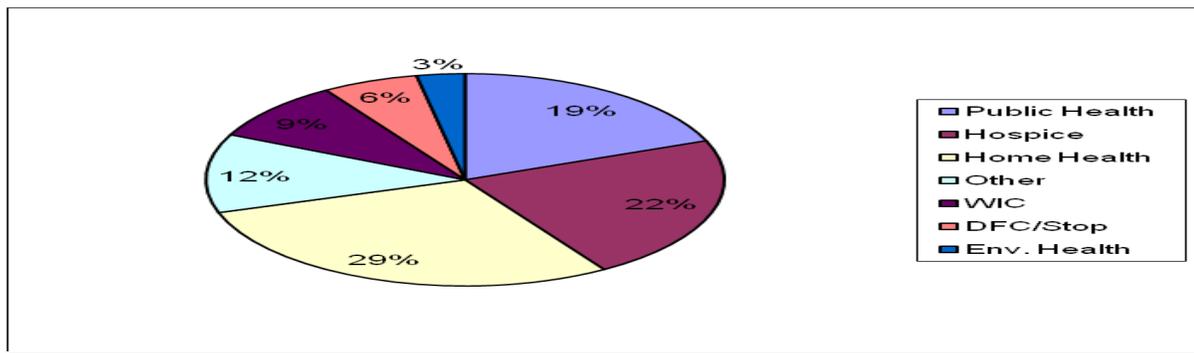
In 2012, we contracted with a pharmacy benefit manager for our Hospice program and as a result we now have access to excellent training, resources, and pharmacist consultation at no charge. We are better able to serve our Hospice patients and we saved approximately 60% on drug costs.

We finished a fourth \$50,000 grant for addressing underage drinking problems. Partnerships with the Grant County Sheriff's Department and the Wisconsin Tavern League have increased awareness of underage drinking issues and improved our efforts.

We were also awarded funding through the federal government for our Drug-Free Community program for the ninth 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 the \$200,000 for underage drinking initiatives.

A seventh \$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 are responsible for monitoring the health of the community by collecting and reviewing health indicators such as disease incidents, causes of death, and health behaviors. This information is used to develop and implement programs based on identified need taking into account all available resources. Reaching out to the community results in a system based approach to addressing the public health needs of our community. For example, recent partnerships with the three area hospitals (and Prairie du Chien Memorial Hospital) are leading to a comprehensive needs assessment of area health concerns. Working together, we will create a plan to address identified needs in a coordinated and efficient manner.

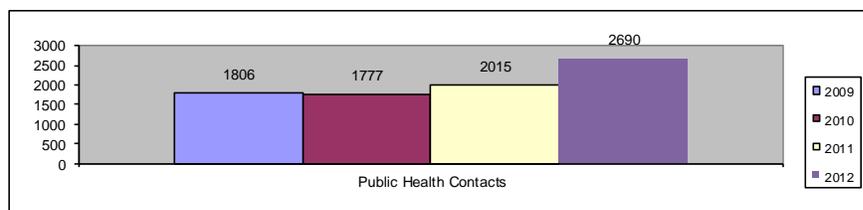
Local health departments are also required to provide specific services as identified by State Statutes and Administrative Rules. Mandated programs include the control of communicable disease, investigating and resolving human health Hazards, health promotion, education, and prevention efforts.

Health departments carry out health promotion and education campaigns through media releases, the use of social networking sites, newsletters, classes, and outreach at community events as well as through direct communication with the public and 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 Responses

Below is the number of contacts for our Public Health staff. Please note that the significant increase is due in part to a rise in communicable disease reports for 2012:



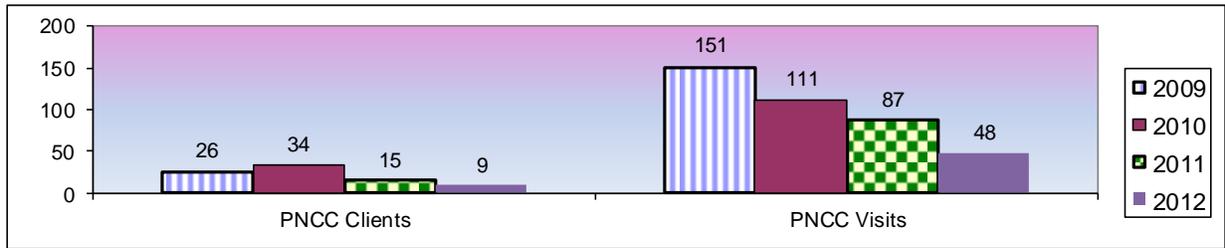
### **Prenatal Care Coordination (PNCC)**

The PNCC program reaches out to women with increased risks for complications during pregnancy. PNCC Coordinators help ensure linkages with programs dedicated to improving birth outcomes saving thousands of dollars per year on health care costs and preventing many life-long problems.

Education is provided on: breastfeeding promotion, safety, nutrition, pregnancy related physiological and emotional changes, infant care, and parenting skills. Nurses incorporate other 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 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 36 hours of service were provided. It is important to note that Southwest CAP Neighborhood Health Partners in Platteville now offers PNCC services and is providing services to many women in the Platteville area. These services combined with recent staff turnover explain the reduction in the number of women served in 2012.

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

Potosi Elem. /HS  
 Cuba City Elem. /HS  
 Immaculate Conception (Kielers)

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

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 701 nursing hours were spent relating to school health not including communicable disease control efforts. In addition, 5,504 miles were traveled by nurses relating to school health services. In 2011, 594.5 hours of nursing time were dedicated to schools and 5,262 miles were traveled. Public health aide time and administration are not included in this total (as these hours are not specifically kept track of).

## **Jail Health**

Two nurses from the Grant County Health Department have completed extensive training and get regular updates on topics relating to the provision of jail health services. These nurses 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, health care providers, and State inspectors 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.

In 2012, 971.5 hours of nursing time were provided to the jail. This is an increase over 2011 when 693.75 hours of nursing time were provided to the jail. In addition, 2,018 miles were traveled to provide jail health services in 2012.

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

The Women, Infants and Children (WIC) program is designed as an educational and supplemental nutrition program which encourages and supports breastfeeding. The program promotes and maintains 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 includes a breastfeeding 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 2012 an average of 902 individuals were served per month. In 2012, WIC families spent a total of \$600,783 at thirteen Grant County grocery stores. A total of \$599,812 was spent in 2011.

## **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  
Growth and development assessments  
Nutritional screening  
Fluoride varnishes

Immunizations  
Mouth exams  
Other screenings  
Blood lead testing

Lab tests  
Eye Exams

Health check screenings and immunizations are offered at most clinics to compliment the WIC program. In 2012, 70 Health Checks were performed. Additionally, 505 blood lead screenings were completed for children in Grant County. In comparison, 97 Health Checks and 524 blood lead screenings were done in 2011.

As part of our Maternal and Child Health (MCH) grant, we also checked and or installed 108 child passenger safety seats (providing some seats at no charge to low income families). We also provided 10 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 1034 clients up from 554 clients in 2011 and educated many others in schools throughout Grant County. Grant County Health Department contracted dentists saw 45 clients in 2012. Services were also provided at the Grant County Health Department and in the Head Start offices. In addition, Public Health Nurses completed 245 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 2012, 54 participants from Grant County were able to access the WWWP program. This is an increase from 50 in 2011.

### **Immunizations**

In 2012, 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 totals of vaccinations given by the Grant County Health Department in 2012. 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 totals in those years. Finally, in October of 2012, the policies regarding the use of State supplied vaccine changed. A significant reduction in the number of shots given and the vaccine coverage particularly for influenza in Grant County are expected in the coming years as a result of the policy change.

<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>	<b>2012</b>
DTaP - Diphtheria/Tetanus/Pertussis	484	386	366	151	73	69	58
DTaP/Hib/Polio (Pentacel)	0	0	0	218	379	356	322
DTaP/Polio (Kinrix)	0	0	0	207	209	198	197
DTaP/HepB/Polio (Pediarix)	384	349	357	153	0	5	23
Polio	298	215	196	40	28	24	14
MMR - Measles/Mumps/Rubella	548	387	388	435	374	392	339
Hepatitis A (pediatric)	14	76	146	155	158	155	153
Hepatitis B (pediatric)	61	35	22	157	296	280	211
Td - Tetanus/Diphtheria	885	845	147	99	81	86	28
Tdap (Adacel & Boostrix)	158	165	976	1125	1078	747	1170
Hib - Haemophilus Influenza type B	433	386	312	207	110	48	53
HPV (Gardasil)	0	172	282	162	117	98	212
Varicella (Chickenpox)	248	408	780	875	811	742	607
Pevnar	558	482	474	415	576	388	323
Comvax (Hib/Hep B)	12	4	5	5	0	0	0
Meningitis	121	180	210	370	301	359	213
Rotavirus	3	76	134	108	140	132	118
Influenza -H1N1	0	0	0	2928	3461	n/a	n/a
Influenza - Seasonal	2822	3048	2993	3155	4529	4218	4232
Pneumonia	95	89	113	92	83	48	49
Twinrix (Hep A/Hep B)	0	0	1	13	22	57	10
Hepatitis A (adult)	46	26	28	30	42	43	20
Hepatitis B (adult)	169	134	132	103	106	117	91
Shingles (Zostavax)	-	-	-	-	-	-	2
<b>Total</b>	<b>7339</b>	<b>7463</b>	<b>8062</b>	<b>11203</b>	<b>12974</b>	<b>8562</b>	<b>8445</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.

Four illnesses saw significant increases in reporting for 2012. These include pertussis, lyme disease, chlamydia, and HIV. Between, October 2011 and December 2012, 7 HIV cases were reported to Grant County Health Department. In a typical year, 0-2 cases are reported in Grant County. Concerns over a resurgence of heroin use in the region and an increase in other risky behaviors are likely a factor in the increase in HIV cases reported. The SAFE Grant County Coalition is increasing activities in response to the re-emergence of heroin use and we are stepping up efforts to educate the public about other risks as well.

Below is a summary of communicable diseases that were reported to the Grant County Health Department in 2012 (It should be noted that not all cases were confirmed as actual positive cases). It is also noteworthy that 394 diseases were reported to Grant County Health Department in 2012 compared to 250 in 2011.

### **COMMUNICABLE DISEASES**

(January 1 - December 31, 2012)

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>	<b>2012</b>
Anthrax	0	0	0	0	1	0
Arboviral Illness	0	1	1	0	2	2
Blastomycosis	0	0	0	0	0	1
Brucellosis	0	0	0	0	0	1
Campylobacteriosis	15	22	18	34	26	23
Cryptosporidiosis	31	36	10	17	8	18
E.Coli	0	1	6	7	8	8
Ehrlichiosis	0	0	0	1	1	4
Giardiasis	1	2	1	3	2	2
Hepatitis C	8	5	4	8	11	8
Histoplasmosis	1	1	0	0	2	1
Hemolytic Uremic Syndrome	0	0	0	0	2	0
Influenza-associated Hospitalization	-	-	-	-	2	3
Invasive Hemophilus Influenza	0	0	1	2	0	0
LaCrosse Encephalitis	0	0	1	0	1	0
Legionella	0	0	1	1	1	0
Listeriosis	0	0	0	1	0	0
Lyme Disease	12	11	17	30	27	40
Measles (Rubeola)	0	0	0	0	3	0
Metal Poisoning (non-lead)	0	0	0	0	0	1
Mumps	4	0	0	0	1	1
Mycobacterium (Non TB)	1	4	3	2	2	5
N. Meningitidis	-	-	-	-	-	2
Parapertussis	-	-	-	-	-	1
Q Fever	2	0	0	1	1	0
Rocky Mountain Spotted Fever	0	0	0	0	1	1
Rubella	0	0	0	0	2	0
Salmonellosis	9	3	2	6	9	11
Shigellosis	0	1	26	1	6	0
Strept All Types	1	1	1	5	2	3
Toxic Shock Syndrome	0	1	0	0	0	2
Transmissible Spongiform Encephalopathy	0	0	0	0	1	1
Tuberculosis	1	0	0	0	0	2
Tuberculosis Latent	0	0	4	7	6	3
Viral Encephalitis	0	0	1	0	1	0
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>86</b>	<b>89</b>	<b>97</b>	<b>126</b>	<b>129</b>	<b>144</b>

<b>VACCINE PREVENTABLE DISEASES</b>	<b>2007</b>	<b>2008</b>	<b>2009</b>	<b>2010</b>	<b>2011</b>	<b>2012</b>
Chickenpox	13	21	4	9	11	11
Hepatitis A	0	1	0	0	0	0
Hepatitis B	0	4	2	1	0	2
Hib	0	0	1	2	0	1
Pertussis	8	0	3	5	17	93
TOTALS	<b>21</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>107</b>

<b>SEXUALLY TRANSMITTED DISEASES</b>	<b>2007</b>	<b>2008</b>	<b>2009</b>	<b>2010</b>	<b>2011</b>	<b>2012</b>
Chlamydia	67	87	104	108	87	132
Gonorrhea	7	6	8	7	6	9
Syphilis	0	0	0	0	0	2
TOTALS	<b>74</b>	<b>93</b>	<b>112</b>	<b>115</b>	<b>93</b>	<b>143</b>

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

During 2012, Grant County Health Department continued to prepare for public health emergencies through extensive planning, training, and testing efforts. In 2012, we trained and exercised on communication systems including the new alerting system Everbridge®. We also, ensured that Health Department staff was trained on National Incident Management (NIMS) response principles.

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. Additionally, we maintain memorandums of understanding so that resources can be shared if necessary. We also updated plans based on findings from exercises, new information, and lessons learned.

### **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 and include both public health nuisances and human health hazards.

Grant County also operates a regional Radon Information Center (RIC) serving a six county region. 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:

Number of Contacts	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012
Water	163	208	179	215	157	184
Air Quality	256	425	272	259	213	216
Asbestos	81	88	210	197	153	196
Hazardous Materials	6	0	0	0	0	2
Lead Hazards	127	134	167	138	161	141
Radiation Hazards	182	404	209	234	183	180
Other Environmental Hazards	4	0	0	0	0	0
Housing	261	418	270	174	218	130
Rabies	94	107	113	92	117	101
Sewage	65	47	183	180	143	217
Solid Waste	148	146	213	241	179	202
Insects/Rodents/Animal Problems	76	111	170	162	132	170
Home Inspections	263	235	254	308	261	281
<b>Totals</b>	<b>1726</b>	<b>2323</b>	<b>2240</b>	<b>2200</b>	<b>1917</b>	<b>2020</b>

### **Tobacco-Free Coalition**

In 2012, the Tobacco-Free Coalition continued a partnership with resources being provided by 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 Multi-jurisdictional Tobacco Coalition are monitoring new tobacco products that may be marketed to children, policy work, and sustainability efforts. This Coalition 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 (53 checks) and Iowa County (22 checks) establishments which sell tobacco products. The 2012 illegal tobacco sales rate to minors in Grant and Iowa Counties were at 5% and 4% respectively.

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

The S.A.F.E. (Safe Actions for Everyone) Grant County Coalition serves all of Grant County and is supported primarily through competitive federal/state grants (such as the Drug Free Community, STOP, State Tobacco Control, and OJA grants) and the volunteer hours of its many members/partners from multiple sectors of Grant County. S.A.F.E.'s mission is to *"promote responsible behaviors to reduce/prevent substance abuse and other risky activities among youth/adults in Grant County."* Some of its initiatives to implement its mission include:

1. Providing drug-free education through Town Hall or Community Meetings, legislative breakfasts/meetings, numerous classroom presentations, and informative displays at public events regarding substance abuse.

2. Helping establish/fund 2 permanent drop-off prescription drug boxes in Muscoda and Platteville so that citizens of Grant County (and beyond) can dispose of their unused/expired Rx drugs more quickly and conveniently thus preventing the drugs from potential misuse.
3. Holding an annual Youth Leadership Conference to create student leaders who can influence and educate peers about healthy and safe alternative activities to alcohol, tobacco, and other drugs. (656 middle/high school student leaders have been trained since 2002)
4. Assist with a countywide Underage Drinking Task Force and the Wisconsin Tavern League to help curb underage drinking and related concerns. As a result, many neighborhoods throughout the county (including those around the UW-P campus) are reporting a decrease in problematic house parties as a result.

The efforts of the Coalition have led to a reduction of the abuse of alcohol, tobacco and marijuana in our county as noted in the Southwest Youth Survey (SWYS) results.

### **Consolidated Grants**

The Wisconsin Department of Health Services 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** – Promotes systems building and injury prevention including: Car Seat Safety Checks and Cribs for Kids ®.

**Lead** – Promotes blood lead screening of children and 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 education and nutrition services, access to healthy foods, and referrals to services for pregnant women and children under the age of five who meet the income guidelines.

**Immunizations** – Funds are used for maintaining records and for entering information into Wisconsin Immunization Registry (WIR) as well as to help ensure that children are up to date on immunizations.

**WWWP (Wisconsin Well Women's Program)** –Provides health services and screening to low income women.

**Public Health Preparedness and Response** – Provides 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

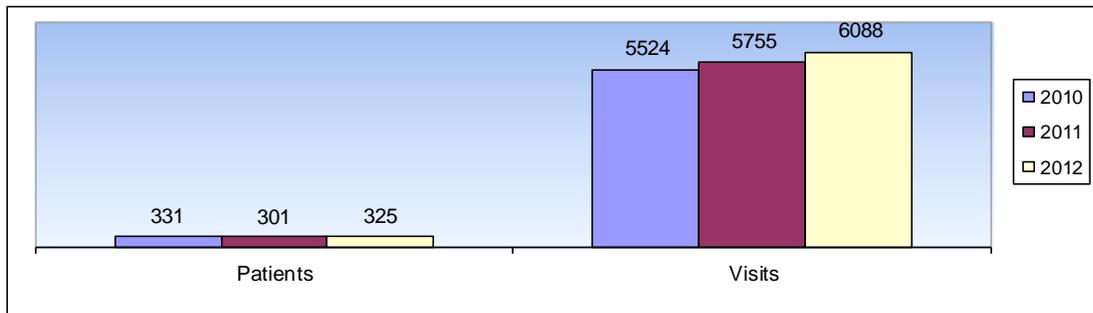
In 2012, 6 clients were served by the Grant County Health Department for personal care services. In 2012, 285 visits were made to these clients by our home health aides. These clients receive assistance with bathing, hair care, skin care and nail care. These clients also receive an evaluation visit from one of our nurses every 50 to 60 days. In 2012, there were 29 nursing visits made to our personal care clients. These numbers are almost identical to the 2011 numbers.

## HOME NURSING

In 2012, 325 clients received services from the Grant County Health Department. This number shows an increase of 24 more clients being served in 2012 than in 2011. These clients received a total of 6,088 visits from the Department. These visits are provided by nurses, physical therapists, occupational therapists, speech therapists and home health aides. These services are paid for by Medicare, Medical Assistance, private insurance, Medicare replacement policies, private pay and family care. No one is denied service because of inability to pay.

The Department provides physical, occupational and speech therapy services through contracts. The Department utilizes therapy contracts with all three hospitals in our county. This allows the therapy services to be provided by a therapist who is in their area. In 2012, Medicare implemented new reassessment rules for therapies which has increased the oversight needed to remain in compliance with the therapy rules. The Department continues to evaluate the most efficient way to provide therapy services to our homecare clients.

A comparison of patients and visits is noted below.

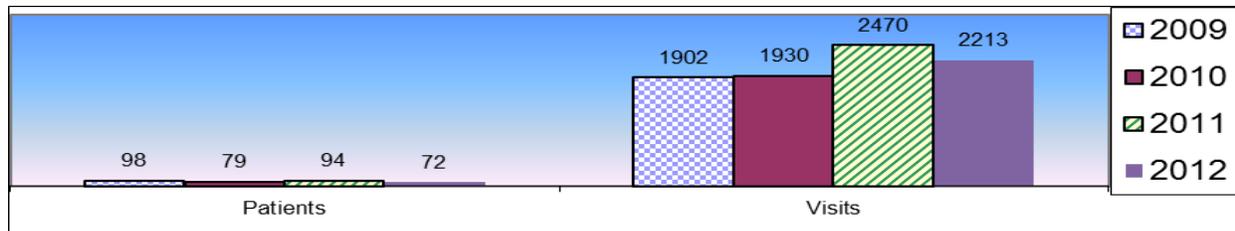


# HOSPICE

In 2012, 72 clients were served on the Grant County Hospice Program. These clients receive services from a multi-disciplinary support team that includes registered nurses, social workers, hospice aides, nurse practitioners and therapist. Clients choose hospice care when their physician certifies that they are terminally ill and they are no longer seeking active treatment for their illness. Hospice care focuses on medical and personal comfort for people in the last months of their lives. Hospice provides comfort care so clients can live as fully as possible until the end of life. Hospice also provides support services to clients' families as well as bereavement services for 13 months following the clients' death.

In 2012, hospice began using a new pharmacy system to supply medications to our hospice clients. This change has worked well as it has allowed our clients to access more local pharmacies as well as reduced cost to the program. The current pharmacy system offers the department many reviews of our medication usage and suggestions for further controlling the medication expenses incurred by our clients.

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