

2010



Grant County Health Department

"Protecting Public Health in Grant County for 75 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 2010

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, Corporation Counsel, Personnel Department, Finance Director, Sheriffs 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 2010, 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:	10 [(1) Hospice Medical Director, (1) Associate Hospice Medical Director, (1) Pharmacist, (1) Breast Feeding Peer Counselor, (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 Dietitians, Social Worker, Speech Therapist, Dental Hygienists, Pharmacist, Medical Doctors,

The 2010 operating budget was approximately 2.78 million dollars (excluding donations). This is a decrease from the 2009 budget which was approximately 2.86 million dollars. Approximately 2.3 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 2010 budget included a 5.43% decrease from the 2009 budget in levy support.

In 2010, four programs were supported directly, but not entirely, by county levy funds. This is a reduction of one levy supported program from 2009. Of the four programs the vast majority of levy is used to provide Public Health services many of which are mandated by the State. The other three programs provide direct services to children or individuals with health problems or disabilities. These programs include Personal Care, Home Nursing, and Health Check. All programs are supported by levy funds through basic infrastructure (see the MAXIMUS report), administration, and other ancillary activities.

Highlights and Challenges in 2010

In 2010, the single largest challenge was staff turnover particularly in the Women, Infant, and Children (WIC) program. Despite the economic down turn, employment in the health care field remains relatively strong. Recruiting and maintaining professional staff is likely to be one of our greatest challenges for the foreseeable future. Competing with private healthcare worker wages and benefits is becoming increasingly difficult given the challenges faced by governmental budgets.

In 2010, we completed the process of converting our home health, hospice and personal care programs to electronic medical records. This was a major undertaking. However, the conversion resulted in numerous efficiencies including reducing the need to enter data into multiple databases, improved billing efficiencies, and allowed for the reduction of both staff and overtime. The latest enhancement (expected to be complete in 2011) will allow us to make our payroll calculations more efficient and less prone to error by creating an export directly from our electronic records that can be received by the County's new accounting software. This system is expected to be up and running sometime around March of 2011.

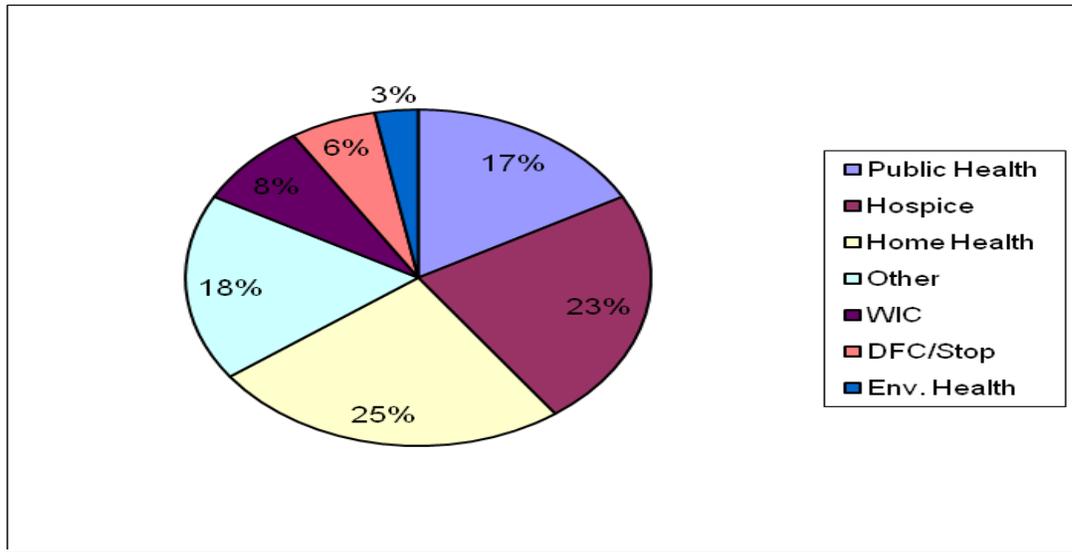
We now offer Dental Hygienist services at all school districts at no direct cost to the county. We also started providing dental hygienist appointments to adults late in 2009 and have continued offering appointments into 2011. Access to dental health care is a priority in our area as identified by our community health needs assessment.

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

Major Programs by Expense



Health Department Program Overviews

Public Health

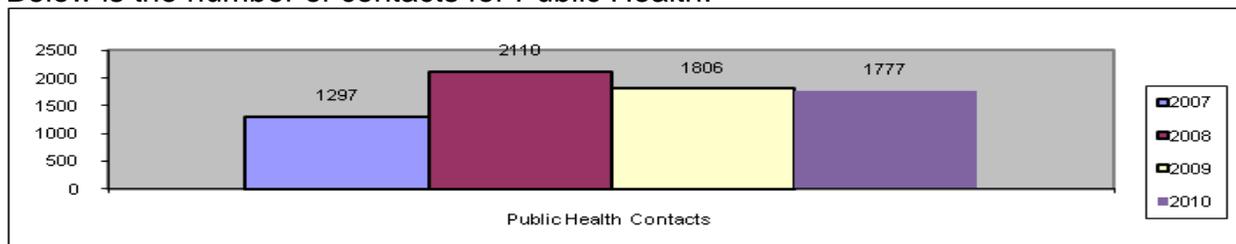
Health Departments continue to play a key role in educating the public and protecting the health of the community as a whole. Public Health programs are developed and implemented based on identified need taking into account all available resources. Programs are continuously evaluated for overall effectiveness. 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 monitor the health of the community by conducting surveys and using a multitude of data sets. Educational 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. Currently, we provide services directly out of our office and in businesses, schools, and many satellite clinics across the county.

Examples of services provided to our residents include:

- 1) Dental Health Services
- 2) Wellness, Growth and Development Checks
- 3) Health Teaching and Education Outreach
- 4) Immunizations
- 5) Assisting families with Individuals at Risk for Health or Other Problems
- 6) Communicable Disease Control
- 7) Emergency Response

Below is the number of contacts for Public Health:

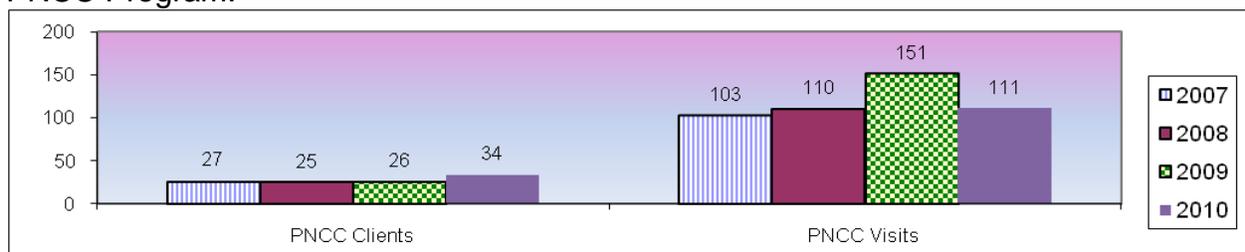


Prenatal Care Coordination (PNCC)

The PNCC program was established to reach out to women with greater risks for complications during pregnancy and 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.

PNCC clients are referred to our department by various sources and our nurses make contact with each client to offer services. Public Health nurses focus on providing education to pregnant women on the importance of early and regular prenatal care. They also assist in coordinating services with the woman's healthcare providers as well as perform outreach, risk assessments, and create personalized care plans. A comprehensive set of services 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.

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



School Health

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

St Clements (Lancaster)	St Mary's (Platteville)	Potosi Elem. /HS
Christian Day School	Amish/Mennonite Schools	Cuba City Elem. /HS
St. Rose (Cuba City)	Holy Ghost (Dickeyville)	Immaculate Conception (Kieler)
St. Joseph (Sinsinawa)	RiverRidge Elem. /HS	St. Mary's (Bloomington)
Cassville Elm. /HS	St Charles (Cassville)	

Direct services provided by Grant County Health Department staff include:

- *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 staff 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.

Grant County Health Department is required to follow up on cases or reports of communicable diseases to control the spread of illness in our school populations as part of our mandated responsibilities. A total of 566 nursing hours were spent relating to school health not including communicable disease control efforts. In addition, 4,264 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.

While identifying some challenges with the facility, the 2010 State Jail Survey identified no critical deficiencies in the services provided by Grant County Health Department. In 2010, 663.5 hours of nursing time were provided to the jail. In addition, over 1,470 miles were traveled to provide jail health services in 2010.

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.

Health benefits of WIC participation include reduced:

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

An average of 1,000 individuals were served per month in 2010. In 2010, WIC families spent a total of \$634,760 at thirteen Grant County grocery stores. A total of over \$678,206 was spent in 2009.

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

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

In 2010, 128 Health Checks were performed. Additionally, 565 blood lead screenings were completed for children in Grant County. In comparison, 238 Health Checks and 708 blood lead screenings were done in 2009.

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 2010, 64 participants from Grant County were able to access the WWWP program. This is a decrease from 74 in 2009.

Immunizations

In 2010, immunizations were offered at more than fourteen different 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 2010. 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.

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

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

In 2010, we fully implemented the use of the Wisconsin Electronic Disease Surveillance System (WEDSS) and the available linkages within the Electronic Laboratory Reporting (ELR) System. Likely as a result of better reporting, the number of cases identified and followed up on in Grant and other counties have increased.

Below is a summary of communicable diseases that were reported to the Grant County Health Department in 2010:

COMMUNICABLE DISEASES

(January 1 - December 31, 2010)

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.

COMMUNICABLE DISEASES	2007	2008	2009	2010
Arbo Virus	0	1	1	0
Campylobacter	15	22	18	34
Cryptosporidium	31	36	10	17
E.Coli	0	1	6	7
Ehrlichiosis	0	0	0	1
Giardia	1	2	1	3
Hepatitis C	8	5	4	8
Histoplasmosis	1	1	0	0
Invasive Hemophilus Influenza	0	0	1	2
LaCrosse Encephalitis	0	0	1	0
Legionella	0	0	1	1
Listeria	0	0	0	1
Lyme Disease	12	11	17	30
Mumps	4	0	0	0
Mycobacterium (Non TB)	1	4	3	2
Q Fever	2	0	0	1
Salmonella	9	3	2	6
Shigella	0	1	26	1
Strept All Types	1	1	1	5
Toxic Shock Syndrome	0	1	0	0
Tuberculosis	1	0	0	0
Tuberculosis Latent	0	0	4	7
Viral Encephalitis	0	0	1	0
TOTALS	86	89	97	126

VACCINE PREVENTABLE DISEASES	2007	2008	2009	2010
Chickenpox	13	21	4	9
Hepatitis A	0	1	0	0
Hepatitis B	0	4	2	1
Hib	0	0	1	2
Pertussis	8	0	3	5
TOTALS	21	26	10	17

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

Public Health Preparedness and Response

During 2010, Grant County Health Department continued to prepare for public health emergencies through extensive planning, training, and testing efforts. Throughout the year, we acquired some new critical infrastructure to ensure continued operations of our department and of our ability to respond. The infrastructure improvements included a generator to protect our vaccine supplies, and maintain computer and phone communication in the event of a power outage. Additionally, we acquired new radios capable of linking with State and local emergency broadcasting communications. We also tested our communication systems to ensure that we can stay in contact with key partners.

In addition, met regularly with public health partners and updated plans. We also re-tested our level of preparedness on 13 out of 15 performance measures outlined by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention as essential to local health departments for their ability to respond to a public health emergency showing improvement in several areas. We also re-tested the competency of our health department staff with regard to their ability to respond to a public health emergency and planned training to improve competency.

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:

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

Tobacco-Free Coalition

In 2010, the Tobacco-Free Coalition continued with a new 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. A total of 95 compliance checks were attempted within Grant and Iowa County establishments which sell tobacco products. The 2010 illegal tobacco sales rate to minors in Grant and Iowa Counties were at 3% and 0% respectively. 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 reduce substance abuse including prescription drug abuse, marijuana/tobacco use, and underage drinking among youth in Grant County and beyond. The Roundtable and the Southwest Alliance for Tobacco Prevention (S.A.T.P.) are a part of the S.A.F.E. (Safe Actions For Everyone) coalition, which is primarily funded by the federal Drug-Free Communities and STOP Act grants.

The Drug Free Communities grant (\$125,000 a year) will continue until September 2014 as long as its goals and objectives continue to be met or exceeded and the STOP Act grant (Stop Underage Drinking Now) will continue until September 2012 (\$50,000 a year). The Riverway Communities of Hope grant from the Office of Juvenile Assistance (OJA) was extended to a third year for 2011-12 (\$22,395.00). Due to Riverway's successful services to youth via the Early Release (after school) program and counseling referral/treatment for youth with mental health/substance abuse issues, Riverway received an additional \$8,000 that they did not even request from OJA. Thus, all of the coalition's grants are bringing significant funds and services into the county to serve its citizens. The federal government's research shows 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 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.

In 2008-09, the SUDN/STOP grant created an Underage Drinking Task Force through a partnership with the Grant County Sheriff and Platteville Police Departments and had a total of 298 arrests during 2009-10 while on patrol with our funding. The STOP grant once again sponsored a powerful underage drinking and driving community reenactment event, called The Plunge, in Lancaster in April 2010 to "drive home" the dangers of teen drinking and driving. The SUDN project also continues to offer a Neighborhood Watch in 5 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). Held three unwanted Prescription Drug Round Ups which took 350 pounds of drugs out of medicine cabinets and away from teens and the environment. 2). Trained 71 student leaders at its annual 2 ½ day Youth Leadership Conference in June 2010, making a total of 516 student leaders trained since 2002 to make a positive impact in their schools/communities, 3) Partnered with the Grant County Partners of Families group and area businesses to host another Parenting Conference in February 2010. 4) 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 5.88% as of December 31, 2010. Similarly, the tobacco compliance checks decreased from 25% in 2002 to 3% in 2010. 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.

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, Fluoride Varnish

Prevention - A five County Environmental Health consortium including Grant, Iowa, Lafayette, Richland, and Vernon counties to address environmental health issues and human health hazards

EIDP – Helps cover the cost of enrollment into the Family Planning Waiver Program and pregnancy testing.

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

Radon – Provide 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, drafts, 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).

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

Tobacco-Free Coalition – Funds from Wisconsin Tobacco Settlement provides education regarding the impact of policy changes as well as funding for law enforcement and youth to do compliance checks at businesses throughout Grant County.

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

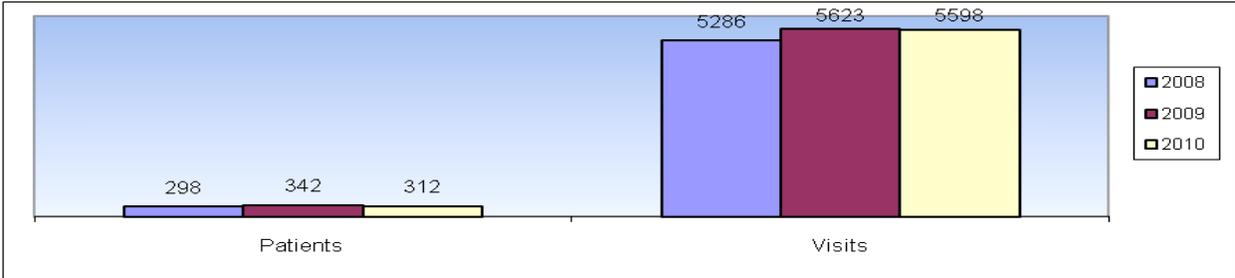
In 2010, The Grant County Health Department served 11 clients on the Personal Care Services program. The Department for the most part has been referring clients who need personal care services to other private providers in the area. However clients who receive services through the Veterans' Administration can not receive services from many of the private agencies. The onset of Family Care has also decreased the use of this program. These clients receive assistance with bathing, hair and nail care. This service allows clients to remain independent in their own homes. Along with visits from one of our home health aides personal care clients receive an evaluation visit from one of our nurses every 50 to 60 days.

HOME NURSING

In 2010, 312 clients received services from the Grant County health Department Home Nursing Program. These clients receive skilled visits from registered nurses, physical, occupational and speech therapists as well as home health aide care. These services are provided to clients in their homes under the direction of the client's physician. Services are paid for through Medicare, medical assistance, private insurance or private pay on an ability to pay schedule. No one is denied service because of inability to pay.

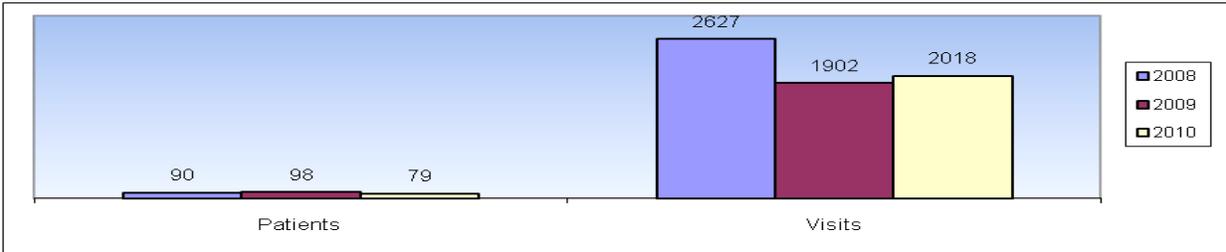
In 2010, the department switched to a new computer system which provided an electronic medical record as well as a billing system. While the first half of the year was challenging the system has proven to be very useful in both record keeping and billing.

A comparison of patients and visits is noted below.



HOSPICE

In 2010, 79 clients were served on the Hospice Program. These clients receive services from a multi-disciplinary support team that includes registered nurses, social workers, aides, nurse practitioners and therapists. The hospice program offers care to clients who have a life limiting illness as well as support to their families. Hospice is a way of caring for the dying that emphasizes working with the terminally ill and their families to make the most of their remaining time together. The focus is on comfort not cure. Hospice gives support to both the client and their family at this difficult time as well as attempting to lessen the apprehension about the dying process.



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