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### **Jessamine County Health Department Annual Report FY 2011**

#### **Summary of Services and Achievements**

July 1, 2010-June 30, 2011

The Jessamine County Health Department is pleased to present the 2011 Annual Report summarizing the many accomplishments during this past fiscal year. In broad strokes, they include more than 60,000 patient services, hundreds of environmental inspections, and continued excellence in our community programs. Here are some examples of our work over the past year:

- Responded effectively to cases of flu, whooping cough, food-borne disease, hepatitis, sexually transmitted diseases and other infectious diseases as well as took action to prevent the spread of these viruses and diseases in the community.
- Offered low-cost pneumonia, tetanus, and shingles vaccines to adults in Jessamine County.
- Provided 5924 unduplicated patients with physicals, family planning and women's cancer services, immunizations, HIV testing, tuberculosis screening, and STD testing.
- Served nearly 2500 women, infants and children through the Women, Infants and Children (WIC) Nutrition Program and contributed hundreds of thousands of dollars to local grocery stores through WIC food dollars.
- Serviced the community by offering 20 different offsite/worksites flu vaccination clinics in Jessamine County.
- To protect our drinking water, JCHD approved 65 new septic system permits, evaluated 53 proposed septic system sites, and responded to 10 septic complaints.
- To ensure food safety, our environmentalists completed 393 food related inspections including but not limited to: Retail, Retail Food Service, Schools, Camps, Concessions, Hotels/Motels, etc. Additionally, JCHD issued food handlers cards to 251 individuals and trained 53 Food Managers.
- Further work in protecting the community's health includes responding to numerous animal bites, bedbug complaints, mold concerns, mosquito problems, and inspections of mobile home parks, swimming pools, and tattoo/body piercing studios.
- Participated as an active member with the Jessamine County Trails Association.
- Provided assistance in establishing the Jessamine County Animal Care and Control Advisory Committee.

- Facilitated four reduced cost rabies clinics vaccinating approximately 350 animals in conjunction with the local Jessamine County Veterinarians.
- Worked with the Jessamine County Fiscal Court to sign a Proclamation recognizing Radon Awareness.
- Distributed 145 radon test kits to the citizens of Jessamine County.
- Taught 58 classes of the Strong Women Program with an average of 10 women in each class.
- Taught 4 sessions of Body Recall exercise classes (24 classes) to approximately 30 participants.
- Sponsored the 5<sup>th</sup> annual K92K race in September 2010, with around 30 participants and 15 dogs, raising funds for the Jessamine County Cancer Coalition and the Markey Cancer Center for cancer research.
- JCHD in conjunction with the Jessamine County Cancer Coalition, sold breast cancer awareness T-shirts to raise funds for Indian Summer Camp and the Jessamine County Cancer Coalition.
- Hosted the annual Cancer Survivor Celebration Dinner at Asbury University with over 40 women and 1 man present.
- JCHD was awarded a \$5000 grant from Central Baptist Hospital to use in FY 2011/2012 for a breast and cervical cancer awareness campaign.
- Through our long-term partnership with Central Baptist Hospital, offered five expanded diabetes self-management classes to the community.
- Had representatives who participated in several local, regional, state and national preparedness exercises.
- Trained all JCHD on the use of the Health Alert Network and successfully used this system to complete internal after-hour call down drills.
- Participated as an active member in the Regional Health Care Planning Coalition (HCEPC).
- Regional Training Coordinator became a Center for Domestic Preparedness Certified Trainer in Incident Command.
- Advertised and promoted hundreds of public health educational offerings (in-person, online, or by videoconference) in Jessamine and five surrounding counties.
- Housed a regional Epidemiologist that served Jessamine and five surrounding counties.
- Enrolled 191 people in Cooper Clayton tobacco cessation classes, both in health department classes and offsite classes at local businesses.
- Played an active role in education requests and technical assistance for the proposed local smoke-free ordinance.
- Assisted the Jessamine County Schools in receiving funds, through partnerships with Jessamine County ASAP (Agency for Substance Abuse Policy) to pay for signage to promote the "1-1-11" 24/7 Smoke-free School Campus Policy.
- As a result of partnerships with Jessamine County Schools, we were able to sponsor 36 completed TATU (Teens Against Tobacco Use) and PSI (Postponing Sexual Involvement) sessions

in both East Jessamine Middle School (EJMS) and West Jessamine Middle School (WJMS) using approximately 30 EJMS & WJMS students as Teen Mentors/Session Leaders.

- Abstinence Coordinator was certified as a Choosing the Best Facilitator (Research- Based Abstinence Education Program) and began lessons at both EJMS and WJMS.
- Presented at and/or facilitated several community abstinence education discussions.
- Remains an active Board Member for the Kentucky Teen Pregnancy Coalition.
- Through school-based dental varnish, provided screenings and preventive fluoride varnish to 1335 children in five elementary schools, Jessamine Early Learning Village and Head Start.
- Through school-based dental sealants, JCHD in partnership with a local dentist, provided screenings and, if needed, dental sealants to 310 Jessamine County (second, third and sixth grade) students.
- Because of the TOHSS grant (Targeted Oral Health Surveillance System) funding (\$10,000 award) we were able to purchase a much needed Digital X-ray unit for the Refuge Ministries Medical/Dental Clinic.
- Initiated a Health Equity Coalition comprised of community partners after being awarded a \$10,000 grant for the Kentucky Department of Public Health. Members of the Coalition also became involved with the Lexington Fayette County Health Department's Health Equity Network.
- Established and chaired the Jessamine County Health and Safety Coalition.
- Facilitated a Matter of Balance Coaches Training. Completed two seminars comprising of 8-two hour sessions, "A Matter of Balance: Managing Concerns about Falls", at Wesley Village.
- Hosted a Falls Prevention Workshop.
- Conducted 535 visits to 63 families through the Health Access Nurturing and Development Services (HANDS) program to provide education and support to first time parents.
- Jessamine County was recognized in March 2011 as having completed the highest percentage of home visits in the HANDS program for the entire state!
- Began the early stages of the Public Health Accreditation process.
- Continued an ongoing partnership with Refuge Medical Clinic, a free faith-based medical and dental clinic for persons with no insurance who meet federal poverty guidelines.
- With the approval of the Jessamine County Board of Health, offered \$10,000 to Refuge Medical Clinic to cover the cost of dentures for uninsured patients who cannot afford them.
- Hired a new Public Health Director, Jennifer Wyatt, with over 17 years of public health experience and expertise.
- Governed and guided by a twelve member Board of Health and the employer of 29 public health professionals whose commitments to the agency and the community truly embody the Jessamine County Health Department's mission statement of "protecting the public's health and environment."

To learn more about our medical, environmental, community health, and preparedness services, visit our website at [www.myjchd.org](http://www.myjchd.org) . Or email the Public Health Director, Jennifer Wyatt at [JenniferL.Wyatt@ky.gov](mailto:JenniferL.Wyatt@ky.gov) . She will answer your questions or put you in touch with a knowledgeable Jessamine County Health Department subject matter expert who can tell you more about your program of interest.

For the most recent public health data and health care statistics pertaining to Jessamine County and Kentucky, go to the DPH Data Warehouse at <http://chfs.ky.gov/dph/surv.htm>

To obtain demographic data for Jessamine County and Kentucky, go the Kentucky State Data Center website at <http://ksdc.louisville.edu/>

For general information on public health topics, go the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention website at [www.cdc.gov](http://www.cdc.gov)

