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PUBLIC HEALTH MATTERS

Public health is the science of promoting and protecting the health of people and their communities. While doctors treat sick people, those of us in public health try to prevent illnesses and injuries in the first place by promoting and encouraging healthy behaviors.

People in the field of public health work to prevent health problems from happening or recurring. That can mean vaccinating to prevent the spread of disease. It can mean educating people about how to prevent or manage chronic diseases like diabetes, hypertension or heart disease. It can mean ensurina kids have access to healthy food. It can mean setting safety standards to protect workers and consumers.

Public health professionals work to spread the word about ways to stay healthy and give science-based solutions to problems. Public health saves money, improves our quality of life, helps children thrive and reduces human suffering.

PRIMARY HEALTH CARE

The Angelina County & Cities Health District has been providing a medical safety net for the residents of Angelina County since 1987. ACCHD provides access to **primary**

health care services for lower income and uninsured families

residing in Angelina County.

Services include diagnosis
and treatment, prescriptions,
referrals to specialists,
laboratory, health risk
assessments, health education,
preventive health and chronic
disease management,
well-child and sick child
exams, women's preventive







health services and family planning. Healthcare services are provided directly by a **qualified medical team** or indirectly through a system of referrals or subcontracts within the local medical community.

2020 BY THE NUMBERS

24,353Total Services

20,068 Laboratory Tests

9,025
Provider Visits

14,503
Prescriptions

HEALTHY BEGINNINGS

The Healthy
Beginnings
program is
adapted from
a successful
program
developed by
CHI St. Joseph's Children
in Albuquerque, NM. It
focuses on a child's health
and development during
the most important
period of early brain



development — from prenatal to three years of age. Healthy Beginnings is a free service for eligible pregnant women and children up to age 3 in Angelina
County. Healthy Beginnings is
for first-time families — through
birth, adoption or court
placement. Families can enter
the program anytime during
pregnancy or until the baby
is 2 months old. Healthy
Beginnings staff provides
in-home visits, utilizes the First
Born Curriculum and acts as
a Resource Navigator for the
family.

PHARMACEUTICAL ASSISTANCE

Pharmaceutical assistance is provided to all eligible primary care clients of ACCHD through a variety of pharmacy assistance programs. Direct-from-the-manufacturer drug recovery programs provide low

income/uninsured individuals medications through the ACCHD pharmacy. ACCHD pharmacy has processed applications resulting in

\$34 million of donated medications for clients over the last fifteen years.



2020 BY THE NUMBERS

14,503
Prescriptions





WOMEN, INFANTS & CHILDREN NUTRITION PROGRAM

The purpose of WIC is to give children the best possible start by providing optimal nutrition during the critical stages of their development. Those eligible include pregnant, postpartum and breastfeeding women,

2020 BY THE NUMBERS

27,720 **WIC Participation**

infants, and children up to age 5. Client-centered nutrition

education also stresses physical activity and obesity prevention. WIC educates about, promotes, and supports breastfeeding. The foods given to eligible clients are high in protein, iron, calcium, and vitamins that are critical for proper growth.





Helping Angelina County families access health care, food & community programs



acchd.us (936) 633-1442

ANGELINA COUNTY CONNECTS

Individuals and families in Angelina County can present to

Angelina County Connects (ACC) and be linked with programs and services immediately. A contract with Texas HHSC has provided a dedicated Medicaid Worker to assist the ACC

2020 BY THE NUMBERS

2,207 Families Screened for **Eligibility**

case management staff "put people on programs" while they are at the Health District. Comprehensive medical program screenings include Medicaid, Medicare, CHIP,

Healthy Texas Women, Primary Care, and County Indigent. Individuals are referred to the appropriate physician or clinic for care within the community. Case managers also are able to connect individuals and families with social service agencies such as Love INC, Mosaic Center, Salvation Army, CISC, Family Crisis Center, Food Banks,



Transportation services and Burke with a phone call and direct hand-off.



IMMUNIZATIONS

Our vaccination programs help prevent the spread of communicable diseases.

2020 BY THE NUMBERS

1,965
Children Immunized



ENVIRONMENTAL & CONSUMER HEALTH PROTECTION

Health and safety regulatory authority, inspection and licensing of retail food service establishments



PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS

ACCHD is a first-responder in an emergency like a disease outbreak or a manmade or natural disaster.



Revamped and updated in 2020, the Angelina County & Cities Health District website (acchd.

us) played a vital role in keeping the community informed about COVID-19. In addition, our **social**

media channels helped raise awareness about the prevalence of the virus, the health concerns it presented to East Texans and the response mounted by the health care professionals at ACCHD.

2020 BY THE NUMBERS

ACCHD.US

70,189New Visitors

17,238
Returning Visitors

145,378

Unique page views for COVID-19 health concerns page 67.8%

Visitors using a mobile phone

26.9%

Visitors using a desktop computer

5.3% Visitors using

a tablet

2020 BY THE NUMBERS

FACEBOOK

facebook.com/acchdus

3,548 Page Likes

We gained a total of 2,714 likes last year. That's a 325.42% increase from January 1 to December 31!

2,757,246

Total Impressions

The number of times any content from our page or about our page entered a person's screen. This includes both paid and unpaid content.

1,461,778

Total Reach

The number of people who had any content from our page or about our page enter their screen. This includes both paid and unpaid content.

INSTAGRAM

instagram.com/acchdus

238

Total Followers

5,965

Total Reach

YOUTUBE

youtube.com/acchdus

9

Total Subscribers

94

Total Views On 10 Videos Uploaded Last Year

TWITTER

twitter.com/acchdus

58

Total Followers