2015 DEKALB COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT

Provides caring, quality services that affect every person in DeKalb County—not just those who walk through health department doors.

The Bureau of Clinical Laboratories provides quality laboratory results for the following programs: maternity, family planning, child health, STD, tuberculosis control, diabetes, HIV/AIDS, newborn screening and environmental services.

Alabama's Children's Health Insurance Program increases access to care for eligible, uninsured children ages birth through 18, and served 1,749 DeKalb County children in the month of August 2015.

WIC provides nutrition assessment, education, and nutritious foods at no cost to a monthly average of 2,587 limited-income pregnant, breastfeeding, and postpartum women, infants, and children up to age 5 at nutritional risk in DeKalb County and a monthly average of 139,000 statewide.

Licensed public heath social workers provide case management/care coordination for family planning, newborn screening disorders, elevated lead levels, home health and other services.

Made 238 visits to regulate and permit onsite sewage disposal systems and oversee treatment and disposal of septage and other permitted wastes.

Prevents the occurrence and spread of rabies within the human and animal population of DeKalb County by investigating reports of 119 exposures to animal bites.

Provided confidential testing, treatment, counseling, partner referral, and epidemiologic investigations for most sexually transmitted diseases in 538 support nurse visits.

Confidential and professional family planning services were provided in 2,954 visits by DeKalb County residents. A wide range of services is available regardless of income to prevent unintended pregnancies through education and contraceptive services.

Offers a tobacco Quitline free to Alabama residents. Free call, free coaching, and free nicotine patches (if medically eligible and in coaching) to help tobacco users quit. Call 1-800-QUIT NOW or go to Quitnowalabama.com

Provides breast and cervical cancer screening to uninsured and underinsured women age 40-64. The DeKalb County Health Department screened 168 women in 2015.

Newborn screening detects genetic or metabolic conditions, thereby reducing morbidity, premature death, intellectual and other developmental disability through early detection and follow-up.

Regulates the possession, use and disposal of radioactive materials and equipment, and administeres a radon and naturally occurring radioactive materials program.

Provides health education and other services to modify behavior to prevent and manage chronic diseases and prevent injuries.

Assists rural and medically underserved areas by working with health care providers and organizations to prepare grants and provide workforce development.

Protects patients/ residents of health care facilities from abuse and neglect. Works to ensure facilities comply with state and federal standards. Requires corrective action when surveys find facilities are noncompliant. Assures that emergency medical services meet or exceed established standards.

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Provided 6,158 home care visits that include skilled nursing, physical therapy, medical social work and personal care services through Medicare-certified home health agencies.

Issued 5,456 certified copies of certificates in Fort Payne on a while-you-wait basis regardless of where in the state the event occurred.

Conducted 367 inspections of restaurants, schools, and other food service and lodging establishments including child care centers to ensure standards in environmental health are maintained.

Provided 41 visits for tuberculosis testing, medication, physician services, epidemiologic investigations, hospitalization, and laboratory services for those with known or suspected TB disease and their contacts.

Provided 1,432 immunizations including childhood and adult vaccines. Provided Alabama Certificates of Immunization required for school entry.

The Alabama Department of Public Health works closely with your community to protect the public's health through emergency preparedness activities, health care coalitions, training and response.

The mission of the Alabama Department of Public Health is to serve the people of Alabama by assuring conditions in which they can be healthy, and has served DeKalb County since 1928. Our purpose is to provide caring, high quality, and professional services for the improvement and protection of the public's health through disease prevention and the assurance of public health services to resident and transient populations of the state regardless of social circumstances or the ability to pay.

All services from the Alabama Department of Public Health are provided to eligible persons without regard to race, color, creed, national origin, political beliefs, handicaps or sex. Payment for services varies. No one will be denied services if unable to pay.

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