



NORTH DAKOTA

DEPARTMENT of HEALTH

Community Health

The Community Health Section (CHS) is one of seven sections within the North Dakota Department of Health. The CHS is responsible for the public health of all citizens from birth to death. The section's goal is to promote health and prevent illness and disease.

Mission:

☞ ☞ The Community Health Section supports families and communities working to improve the health and safety of North Dakotans by providing education and services, advocating healthy behaviors, assuring quality programs, developing policies, and engaging in statewide partnerships. ☞ ☞

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Division of Cancer Prevention and Control

Mission:

☞ ☞ The mission of the Division of Cancer Prevention and Control is to increase cancer prevention and awareness by engaging in partnerships, collecting and reporting data, assuring quality data, providing public and professional education, and assuring availability of quality services for screening, treatment, rehabilitation and palliative care. ☞ ☞

Programs and services within the division include:

- **Comprehensive Cancer Prevention and Control Program** – Works with stakeholders and partners in promotion of a common vision for comprehensive cancer prevention and control, implementation of the North Dakota cancer control plan and utilization of available resources to carry out the plan.
- **Women's Way** – Works to reduce mortality from breast and cervical cancer by increasing education and screening among low-income, medically-underserved, high-risk and minority women.
- **Cancer Registry** – Collects cancer incidence, survival and mortality data to assist in the development of cancer education, prevention and screening programs.

Division of Chronic Disease

Mission:

☞ ☞ To improve the health and quality of life for North Dakotans who have chronic diseases by promoting healthy behaviors, supporting health care improvement measures, developing community policies and practices, and increasing disease risk awareness. ☞ ☞

Programs and services within the division include:

- **Diabetes Prevention and Control** – Supports diabetes prevention, early diagnosis and disease management by working with communities, health professionals and health systems in the areas of policy, quality improvement and education.
- **Heart Disease and Stroke Prevention** – Provides a framework for statewide partnerships to collaborate in cardiovascular health, heart disease and stroke prevention and control. The overarching statewide emphasis is on heart-healthy policies and system and environmental changes.
 - **State Stroke Registry** - Provides grants to local hospitals to improve acute stroke care through adherence to evidence-based guidelines, quality improvement activities, training, technical assistance and community education.
- **Epidemiology** – Provides health data to guide program goals and objectives by assisting with surveillance, evaluation and data dissemination for the CHS and division. The Behavioral Risk Factor Surveillance System and Healthy People 2010 initiative are two avenues of surveillance supported by epidemiology services.
- **Behavioral Risk Factor Surveillance System**—Tracks health conditions and risk behaviors in the United States and North Dakota via the world’s largest, ongoing telephone health survey system, yearly since 1984.
- **Healthy People 2010**—Provides a framework for prevention for adopting health objectives designed to identify the most significant preventable threats to health and to establish national and state goals to reduce these threats.

Division of Family Health

Mission:

☞ ☞ The Division of Family Health administers state and federal programs designed to improve the health of North Dakota families. The division provides funding, technical assistance, training, needs assessment, educational materials and other resources to local public health units, schools and other public and private entities that offer health services in North Dakota communities. ☞ ☞

Programs and services administered by the division include:

- **Coordinated School Health (CSH) Program** – Provides consultation and technical assistance for schools and school nurses to use in organizing and managing school health and wellness initiatives. Provides support and coordination for the annual CSH Roughrider Health Promotion Conference.
- **Cribs for Kids Program** – Provides infant safe-sleep education and portable cribs to pregnant women enrolled in the Optimal Pregnancy Outcome Program (OPOP).
- **Coordinated Early Childhood Comprehensive Systems (ECCS) Program** – Supports collaborations and partnerships that support families and communities in their development of children who are healthy and ready to learn at school entry.
- **Donated Dental Services** – Provides grant oversight to services that provide essential dental care for disabled, elderly and medically compromised individuals who cannot afford care.

- **Family Planning Program** – Provides reproductive health-care services to men and women, giving preference to low income, adolescents and women-in-need populations. Services include Pap smear, breast exam, infertility level-one services, pregnancy planning, education and counseling about STDs and HIV, and a broad range of birth control methods including abstinence.
- **Fetal Alcohol Syndrome** – Provides grant oversight to the University of North Dakota’s Fetal Alcohol Syndrome Center for program activities.
- **Newborn Screening Program** – Identifies infants at risk and in need of more definitive testing to diagnose and treat affected newborns. Serves as the North Dakota/Iowa regional follow-up coordinator focusing on quality assurance and education.
- **Optimal Pregnancy Outcome Program (OPOP)** – Provides nursing, social and nutritional services to pregnant women.
- **Oral Health Program** – Provides prevention programs, education, access, screening and consultation to address the oral health needs of North Dakotans.
- **Ronald McDonald Care Mobile** – Provides grant oversight to plan a mobile dental- care service to provide dental treatment, prevention and education services to low income and underserved children in the state with limited or unavailable dental services.
- **Sudden Infant Death Syndrome (SIDS) Program** – Provides support, education and follow-up to those affected by a sudden infant death.
- **Title V Maternal and Child Health** – Provides consultation, technical assistance and comprehensive services to improve the health, safety and well-being of mothers and children.
- **Women’s Health Services** – Collaborates with programs, public and private, that provide and/or advocate for women’s health. Provides national, state and local women’s health information across the state.

Division of Injury Prevention and Control

Mission:

☞ ☞ The Division of Injury Prevention and Control is dedicated to reducing the frequency and severity of intentional and unintentional injuries to North Dakotans. ☞ ☞

Programs and services administered by the division include:

- **Child Passenger Safety Program** – Promotes child passenger safety activities through educational campaigns, car seat distribution programs, car safety seat checkups and trainings.
- **Injury/Violence Prevention Programs** – Promotes the reduction and elimination of intentional and unintentional injuries using best practice strategies, including primary prevention theories, data collection and analysis, intervention design and development, training and technical assistance, policy advocacy and evaluation.
- **Domestic Violence/Rape Crisis** – Supports programs to develop effective law enforcement and prosecution strategies to combat domestic violence, sexual assault, dating violence and stalking crimes and strengthen victim services and partners with stakeholders to develop and implement policies, provide training and technical assistance, and evaluate programs.
- **Suicide Prevention** – Collaborates with the North Dakota Suicide Prevention Coalition to implement programs on suicide prevention and early intervention to reduce the number of attempted and completed suicides.

Division of Nutrition and Physical Activity

Mission:

☞ ☞ The mission of the Nutrition and Physical Activity Division is to promote healthy eating and physical activity in order to prevent and reduce overweight, obesity and related chronic diseases in North Dakota. We accomplish our mission through education, policy development, advocacy, partnerships, technical assistance and special programs and initiatives. ☞ ☞

Programs and services within the division include:

- **Healthy Weight/Healthy Communities Program** – Assists communities, schools, worksites and other program partners in creating and sustaining environments that support lifelong healthy eating and physical activity.
- **Maternal and Child Health Nutrition** – The Nutrition Program provides consultation and technical assistance, monitors nutrition data, plans and evaluates nutrition programs, coordinates nutrition-related activities, and acts as a clearing house for nutrition information and training.
- **Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants and Children (WIC)** – WIC provides healthy foods for proper growth and development, education on choosing healthier ways of eating and referrals to other needed services. WIC is for pregnant, breastfeeding and postpartum women; infants; and children younger than 5 and is available in all counties in North Dakota.

Division of Tobacco Prevention and Control

The Division of Tobacco Prevention and Control accomplishes our mission by providing grants, training and technical assistance to support infrastructure and build capacity for tobacco prevention and control efforts in communities.

Mission:

☞ ☞ Our Mission is to improve and protect the health of North Dakotans by reducing the negative health and economic consequences of the state's number-one cause of preventable disease and death — tobacco use. ☞ ☞

Our Goal is to reduce disease, disability and death related to tobacco use by:

- Preventing initiation among youth and young adults.
- Promoting quitting among adults and youth.
- Eliminating exposure to secondhand smoke.
- Identifying and eliminating tobacco-related disparities among specific population groups.

Programs and services within the division include:

- **Tobacco Prevention and Control Program** – Provides grants, training and technical assistance to local public health units and American Indian tribes for tobacco prevention and control efforts in communities.
- **Cessation Services** – Provides grants for city, county and state employee cessation programs and supports a statewide tobacco cessation quit line and Internet-based cessation service for all tobacco users who want to quit.
- **Surveillance**-Commissions multiple surveys designed to measure a variety of factors related to tobacco use among North Dakota citizens and asses how these factors change over time.

Healthy North Dakota

The CHS is linked closely to *Healthy North Dakota*, which is a partnership that brings together partners and stakeholders to identify common strategies to address health issues. For more information about on *Healthy North Dakota* visit www.healthynd.org.