

Division of Family Health

North Dakota Department of Health
Community Health Section

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- Maternal and Child Health Nurse Consultant
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- Sudden Infant Death Syndrome (SIDS) Program
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- North Dakota / Iowa Regional Follow-up Coordinator

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- Healthy Smiles Fluoride Varnish Program
- Seal! North Dakota

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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 within the division include:

Coordinated School Health (CSH) Program – Works in conjunction with the Department of Public Instruction to address the close relationship between health and learning. CSH provides consultation, technical assistance and resources for schools and school nurses to use in organizing and managing school health and wellness initiatives.

Cribs for Kids Program – Provides infant safe-sleep education and portable cribs to pregnant women and new mothers through partner agencies.

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.

Family Planning Program – Provides reproductive health-care services to men and women, giving preference to low-income, adolescent and women-in-need populations. Services include Pap smear, breast exam, testicular exam, infertility level-one services, pregnancy planning, a broad range of birth control methods including abstinence, and STD and HIV testing and counseling.

Fetal Alcohol Syndrome – Provides grant oversight to the University of North Dakota's Fetal Alcohol Syndrome Center for program activities.

MCH/Oral Health Epidemiology – Provides epidemiological support on all matters concerning the development, evaluation and prioritization of MCH and Oral Health Programs.

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.



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Vacant Nurse Consultant

- Family Planning Program
- Optimal Pregnancy Outcome Program (OPOP)

Oral Health Program

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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.

- **Donated Dental Services** – Provides grant oversight to services that provide essential dental care for disabled, elderly and medically compromised individuals who cannot afford care.
- **Healthy Smiles Fluoride Varnish Program** – Provides fluoride varnish for infants, children, adolescents and young adults to 21 years of age in various settings such as local public health, Head Start, clinics and schools.
- **Seal! North Dakota** – Provides sealants to second and sixth grade students through school-based and school-linked programs to prevent dental decay in molar (back) teeth.

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.



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