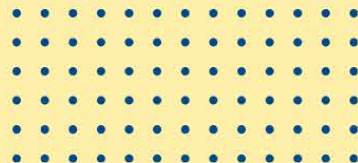

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BUENA VISTA COUNTY PUBLIC HEALTH



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This health improvement plan was developed in conjunction with the Community Health Assessment completed by Buena Vista County Public Health. This improvement plan is a living document and will be used to improve the overall health of the residents of Buena Vista County. Working together, we can achieve great things!

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Buena Vista County Need #1: Oral Health Care

Goal	Improve oral health in the residents of Buena Vista County.	
Metric: By 2028, the number of students identified as “in need of urgent dental needs” by the I-Smile @ School Program at Storm Lake Community School District will reduce by at least 50%. (Baseline data 47/257)		
Objective	Increase the understanding of basic oral health/hygiene.	
	Strategies:	Identify existing opportunities to provide education regarding proper oral hygiene practices.
		Leverage existing community partnerships to provide increased screenings and fluoride varnish applications.
		Provide community outreach and education regarding proper oral health/hygiene.
		Pursue toothbrush grants and offer them to clients at Buena Vista County Public Health.
Objective	Encourage the community to think before they drink.	
	Strategies:	Provide education regarding the importance of drinking water containing fluoride.
		Provide education to parents regarding the appropriate use of bottles and sippy cups.
		Partner with local towns/cities and complete community outreach and education regarding the safety of drinking tap water.
Objective	Increase number of dental providers in BV County for all payer types.	
	Strategies:	Develop a community dental coalition to better understand opportunities to improve local access to dental care for residents that do not have private dental insurance.
		Continue the process of accessing the Delta Dental Find Program.
		Pursue mobile dental clinic opportunities for under- and uninsured populations, including special dental events in collaboration with Mission of Mercy, the University of Iowa College of Dentistry, or other collaborators.
		Advocate for increased dental reimbursement rates for Medicaid patients through conversations with local legislators and collaborate with statewide and national affiliates.



Buena Vista County Need #2: Access to Care

Goal	Ensure that all who live in Buena Vista County have access to the needed community & health care services.	
Metric: The number of uninsured Buena Vista County residents will be <10% by 2028. (Baseline 11%) Data source: County Health Rankings		
Objective	Buena Vista County Public Health (BVCPH) will evaluate policies and procedures to ensure necessary planning, outreach, and programming to reflect social determinants of health, culturally and linguistically appropriate services, and ensure equity of services by the end of FY25.	
	Strategies:	Review and revise BVCPH Policy Manual.
		Investigate mental health certification for the home visitation program to increase access to mental health care for our youth.
Objective	BVCPH will continue to grow and develop services offered to meet the needs of the residents we serve.	
	Strategies:	BVCPH will support the addition of a Community Resource Specialist to assist in resource navigation.
		Investigate further grant opportunities to expand services offered to BV County residents.
		BVCPH will be able to offer school-based immunization clinics regardless of payer source by the end of FY24.
		Identify additional resources to support increasing needs for mental health support in the community.
	Hardwire processes to welcome and educate new residents to community healthcare resources and navigation.	



Buena Vista County Need #3: Health Education

Goal	Increase health education amongst Buena Vista County residents to decrease the prevalence of obesity and diabetes.	
Metric: Adult obesity in Buena Vista County will have a 2% reduction by 2028. (Baseline 33%) Data source: County Health Rankings		
Objective	Increase educational opportunities to promote healthy lifestyle choices in Buena Vista County by developing a county health education plan by the end of FY24.	
	Strategies:	Identify community partners to participate in this workgroup.
		Outline education plan and present to the Buena Vista County Board of Health.
Objective	Develop a county wide initiative that focuses on movement and healthy food choices throughout the lifespan to decrease obesity, diabetes, and improve mental health.	
	Strategies:	Form a core committee and develop overarching 5-year plan by the end of FY24.
		Identify community partners that impact all age groups in various communities.
		Identify employers with employee wellness programs that could be partnered with.
		Explore partnering with various community businesses to support activities for youth at school.



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