



Benton-Franklin Health District 2017 Annual Report





District Administrator



Mission

BFHD provides all people in our community the opportunity to live full productive lives by promoting healthy lifestyles, preventing disease and injury, advancing equity and protecting our environment.



Vision

BFHD is a proactive leader uniting knowledgeable staff and proven practice with strong partners and informed residents to form a resilient, healthy community where all of us can learn, work, play, and thrive to our greatest potential.

Values

Excellence

We deliver the highest quality services incorporating community assessment data and evidence based practices to produce the best possible health outcomes.

Diversity

We feel a stronger community is based on engaging all cultures, attitudes, backgrounds and beliefs.

Communication and Collaboration

We share information and talents to best serve our community.

Integrity and Accountability

We make informed decisions to earn the trust of those we serve and strive to do what's right.

Effectiveness

We maximize resources to provide proactive and relevant services that improve our community's health by investing upstream and where needs are greatest.

Letter from The District Administrator, Jason Zaccaria.

Dear Colleagues, Partners & Friends,

The Benton-Franklin Health District 2017 Annual Report to the community provides an overview of the Health District's programs and services that work to protect and promote the health of the residents and visitors of Benton and Franklin counties. It also highlights important public health issues and trends, which help to guide the work of the District to make our community healthier.

Our population-based approach strives to provide all people in our community the opportunity to live full productive lives by promoting healthy lifestyles, preventing disease, reducing injury and protecting our environment. In 2017, Benton-Franklin Health District continued seeking innovative ways to collaborate with community partners to provide quality services and programs aimed at keeping our residents and visitors safe and healthy. We are a performance and results-based organization, placing high value not only on the public health issues of the here and now, but also looking ahead to future priorities. Quality improvement and increasing efficiency through performance management are playing more prominent roles now than ever before.

Although many of our efforts can be seen in how we connect with our community, frequently the work we do to prevent disease and promote healthy lifestyles is done behind the scenes. BFHD is a publicly-funded, local government special district, and it is our responsibility to the tax payers and community at large to transparently share our work. This annual report to the community is intended to help meet that objective. I hope this calendar version shows you not only our 2017 agency highlights, but will also be your calendar of choice throughout 2018.

Lastly, I would like to extend our sincere appreciation to our community partners, the staff of Benton-Franklin Health District, and its Board of Health members. Their commitment and dedication to improving the community's health is second to none. I look forward to 2018 being a year of improving the health and quality of life for residents throughout Benton and Franklin counties.

Jason Zaccaria

Jason Zaccaria, MHA
District Administrator



APRIL 2018

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
1 Easter Sunday	2	3	4	5	6	7 World Health Day
National Public Health Week						
8	9	10 National Youth HIV and AIDS Awareness Day	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
National Infant Immunization Week/World Immunization Week						
29	30	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Alcohol Awareness Month • National Autism Awareness Month • National Child Abuse Prevention Month • National Minority Health Month • Sexual Assault Awareness and Prevention Month 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Oral Cancer Awareness Month • STI Awareness Month • Testicular Cancer Awareness Month • National Distracted Driving Awareness Month 		



Letter from the Health Officer



Public health is essential and a right for every member of our community. As you mark the passing of time over the next 12 months, I invite you to see how Benton-Franklin Health District (BFHD) has supported the community over the last year. BFHD's population-based approach works to ensure that everyone regardless of where they live, work, learn, and play, has opportunities to achieve physical health through access to nutritious food and safe water and to achieve social-emotional health with improved kindergarten readiness and the support of resilient communities that help protect against the effects of adverse childhood experiences.

In 2017, the Washington State legislature recognized the need for a significant and stable investment in public health to support healthy people and communities. In Benton and Franklin counties, BFHD demonstrated that support to the community in several ways, including leading the coordinated response to a Legionella outbreak, partnering to present a conference on resilience and trauma informed care and processing nearly double the number of onsite sewage applications to increase access to farmworker housing. The initial down payment by the legislature for foundational public health services will enhance BFHD's capacity to respond to outbreaks and even more importantly, to identify and address the priorities in Benton and Franklin counties that will prevent disease and promote wellness.

In 2018, BFHD will strengthen its commitment to the ideal of health equity, where Benton and Franklin Counties are places and communities where people can reach their highest health potential. While the path to reach that potential and the tools provided by public health may have changed over time, the passion and the dedication that BFHD staff demonstrate has not.

Amy Person, M.D.
Health Officer



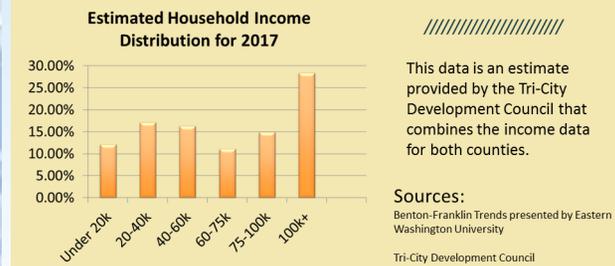
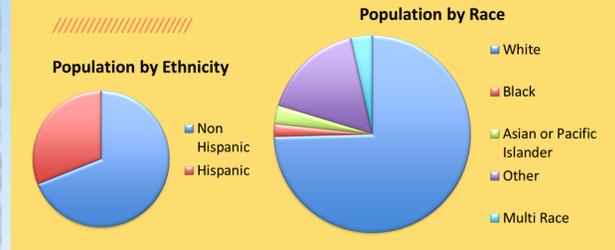
Benton-Franklin Health District

Benton-Franklin Health District serves the counties of Benton and Franklin to help form a resilient, healthy community where everyone can learn, work, play, and thrive. Below are examples of some of the unique demographics that make up the population BFHD serves.

Benton & Franklin Bi-County Demographics



- SHARE OF POPULATION BY AGE
- Ages 0-19: 30.96%
 - Ages 20-39: 27.28%
 - Ages 40-64: 28.88%
 - Ages 65 and up: 12.87%



MAY 2018

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mental Health Month Hepatitis Awareness Month Food Allergy Action Month Global Employee Health and Fitness Month Drowning Prevention Month 		1	2	3	4	5
			Children's Mental Health Awareness Week			
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
Children's Mental Health Awareness Week			Bike to School Day			 Safe Kids Saturday
National Drinking Water Week						
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
Mother's Day		Ramadan Begins				
National Women's Health Week						
Food Allergy Awareness Week						
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
National Hurricane Preparedness Week						
27	28	29	30	31	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Healthy Vision Month National Stroke Awareness Month National Teen Pregnancy Prevention Month Preeclampsia Awareness Month Global Youth Traffic Safety Month UV Safety Month 	
	Memorial Day (BFHD Closed)			World No Tobacco Day		



Strategic Plan 2014-2017 Closeout



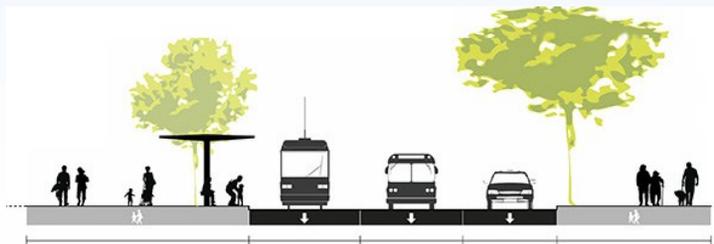
BFHD utilizes a Strategic Plan to provide direction and guidance for the organization. The most recent Strategic Plan for years 2014-2017 has been officially closed out and a new 2018-2020 Strategic Plan is being developed. BFHD wishes to highlight accomplishments related to the 2014-2017 goals.

Goal 1: Excel at internal communication, external communication and customer service.

- Developed a Social Media Policy.
- Activated an official Benton-Franklin Health District Facebook page.
- Setup and management of regular and frequent postings to all three official media platforms that are currently used by the Health District.
- Established public library on intranet for staff to access BFHD forms, policies, procedures and plans.
- All-staff training focused on customer service - internal and external, relationship building, improved communication, creating a culture of trust and team building.

Goal 2: Advance the agency's ability to reduce & prevent chronic diseases and injury across the life-course.

- The Diabetes Self-Management Program has seen **239** participants complete the series in English or Spanish with 42 trained Lay-Leaders facilitating classes throughout Benton, Franklin, Okanogan, Chelan, and Adams Counties.
- Increased outreach efforts to Hispanic community through health fairs and events at Vista Hermosa and the Pasco Farmer's Market.
- Worked with local hospitals on Partnering for Breastfeeding Success to reduce second day formula supplementation rates.
- Promoted adoption of Complete Streets to enable safer, healthier travel options with four cities having adopted these ordinances or policies.



Goal 3: Expand partnerships with businesses, community organizations, and government agencies.

- Expanded community outreach programs including Car Seat Clinics, Safe Gun Storage Event, and Walk to School Events.
- Developed new partnerships in Prosser, including West Benton Fire & Rescue and Prosser Boys and Girls Club and collaborated on creation of Hidden in Plain Sight exhibit.
- Received new grant funding for Tobacco and Vapor Product Prevention and Control which allowed BFHD to deliver over **40** presentations at eight local schools.
- Partnered with local agency, You Medical, to implement evidence-based fatherhood programs to address gaps in community services.
- Dedicated staff resources to Injury Prevention Programs.



JUNE 2018

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Men's Health Month National Safety Month Fireworks Safety Month Alzheimer's & Brain Awareness Month 						1	2
3	4	5	6	7	8	9	
National Cancer Survivors Day							
10	11	12	13	14	15	16	
					Eid al-Fitr		
Men's Health Week							
17	18	19	20	21	22	23	
Father's Day		World Sickle Cell Day					
National Lightning Safety Awareness Week							
24	25	26	27	28	29	30	
			National HIV Testing Day				

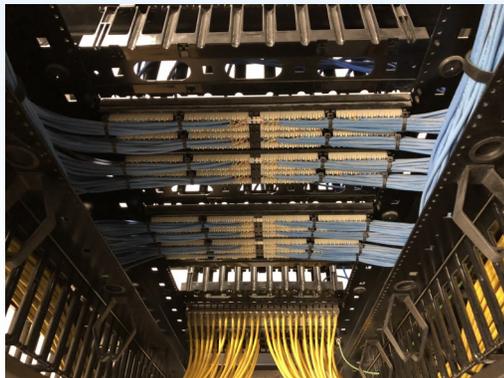


Strategic Plan 2014-2017 Closeout



Goal 4: Enhance technology and infrastructure.

- Expanded IT Staff and resources to meet the growing needs of the agency.
- Began process of BFHD website redesign to improve user experience. Reviewed proposals and hired a web hosting company that specializes in local government and health district website development and deployment.
- BFHD went live with new, online bill payment system for the public, collecting approximately \$8,000 a month.
- Upgraded to a newer, more robust network firewall that gives BFHD better insight into all activity through the network to enhance protection against digital threats.



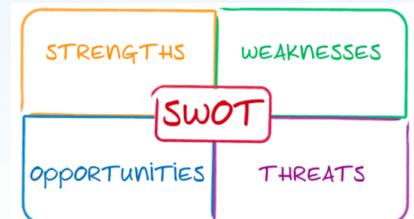
Goal 5: Manage our resources with fiscal responsibility and efficiency through a transparent, comprehensive process.

- Received PHAB Accreditation in 2016 after undergoing a lengthy and extensive certification process.
- Secured new sources of funding for public health programs like tobacco prevention and control, marijuana prevention, and expansion of Nurse Family Partnership into Benton County.
- Developed a standardized budget template that combines numbers, text and graphs into an easy to understand document to allow for more transparency.



Goal 6: Strengthen the resilience and culture of workforce.

- Conducted a competency-based training needs assessment of all employees in June 2015 with **96%** staff participation to assist in creating the workforce development plan.
- Developed and began implementing a workforce development guide with scheduled trainings on the Core Competencies for Public Health Professionals including topics like cultural competency, public health sciences, and policy development.
- Established the Employee Advisory Committee to increase staff ownership in BFHD.
- Completed an agency wide exercise using personality theory as a framework to improve communication by individual and collective awareness on preferred "styles" in communication.
- Conducted internal staff SWOT surveys to measure employee satisfaction and help influence policies.



JULY 2018

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
1	2	3	4 U.S. Independence Day (BFHD Closed)	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28 World Hepatitis Day
29	30	31 Heatstroke Prevention Day			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cord Blood Awareness Month • International Group B Strep Awareness Month • National Cleft & Craniofacial Awareness & Prevention Month 	



Agency Highlights



Legionella Outbreak Response

BFHD led a coordinated response to a Legionella outbreak at a local gym last July, which effectively utilized the Incident Command Structure to quickly limit exposure and cases and to successfully end the outbreak. It was an impressive example of collaboration within the agency and with community, state, and national partners. In order to achieve such a successful outcome, BFHD dedicated significant resources and staff hours to prevent further outbreak .



BFHD Staff testing pool water during the Legionella Response

239 Staff Hours
12 Staff Members
5 Partner Agencies
\$16,912 Total Cost

Innovative Community Engagement and Coalitions

The Health District established a collaboration with the Prosser Community Involvement Action Coalition to create a Hidden in Plain Sight exhibit. These are designed to create a walkthrough and follow up discussion experience for parents to help them identify drug paraphernalia and red flags of high risk behaviors in their teenager's room. The program was tested with local coalitions and was met with high praise. The exhibit should be ready to present to the public this upcoming year.



Pictures from the Hidden in Plain Sight Exhibit

BFHD Staff Speakers

BFHD staff members spoke at numerous regional and even international events. Jessica Davis and Erin Hockaday presented at the FDA Pacific Regional Retail Food Seminar, Vanessa McCollum co-presented at the WSPHA Annual Conference in Wenatchee, and Kathleen Clary-Cooke presented at PrevCon, an international childhood injury prevention conference held by Safe Kids Worldwide.

Water Lab Projects Expand

BFHD maintains an accredited water lab that is utilized by various entities throughout the region to perform testing on both waste water and drinking water. Most recently, the lab completed a clarifier study for a local engineering company that required 110 tests to be completed within a four day timeframe. The lab ran a total of 11,307 tests during 2017, which was an increase of more than 1000 tests from 2016.



Big projects mean big messes to clean up for BFHD water lab!

AUGUST 2018

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> National Breastfeeding Month National Immunization Awareness Month Children's Eye Health and Safety Month Back to School Safety Month National Water Quality Month 			1	2	3	4
World Breastfeeding Week						
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
World Breastfeeding Week						
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
National Health Center Week						
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
	Eid al-Adha					
26	27	28	29	30	31	



Administrative Team



Administration provides BFHD with the leadership, professional expertise, and financial management services that allow it to run efficiently and effectively for both internal staff and the public. This includes departments such as Human Resources, Billing and Contracts, Information Systems and Security, Finance, and Performance Management. These departments provide internal services like onboarding and training for staff, technical support, supply purchasing, and continuous quality improvement activities. They also provide services for the public like vital records requests, job postings and hiring, website maintenance, and data collection and analysis.

Services Provided:

- ◆ Administrative Support
- ◆ Assessment
- ◆ Clerical Support
- ◆ Contracts and Billing Services
- ◆ Finance and Business Services
- ◆ Human Resources
- ◆ Information systems and security
- ◆ Performance Management
- ◆ Vital Records

Administration Team (Top Left downward): Jared Strait, Sean Domagalski, Chas Hornbaker, Anna Manzo, Eric Elsethagen, Lisa Wight, Jeff Jones, Kyle Phillips, Bonnie Hall, Bethany Hickey, Scott Soto, Angee Chavez, Diane Medick, Carl Turpen, Lamees Arbogast, Jason Zaccaria, Janae Parent, Bobbi Thompson, Susana Martinez.

SEPTEMBER 2018

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Childhood Cancer Awareness Month National Childhood Obesity Awareness Month National Food Safety Month National Preparedness Month 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ovarian Cancer Awareness Month Prostate Cancer Awareness Month Sexual Health Awareness Month Fruits & Veggies—More Matters® Month 				1	
2	3 Labor Day (BFHD Closed)	4	5	6	7	8
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
National Suicide Prevention Week						
16	17	18	19	20	21 Rosh Hashana	22
Septic Smart Week						
Child Passenger Safety Week						
23	24 Family Health & Fitness Day USA®	25	26	27	28	29 World Heart Day
30 Yom Kippur						
						



Administration Highlights

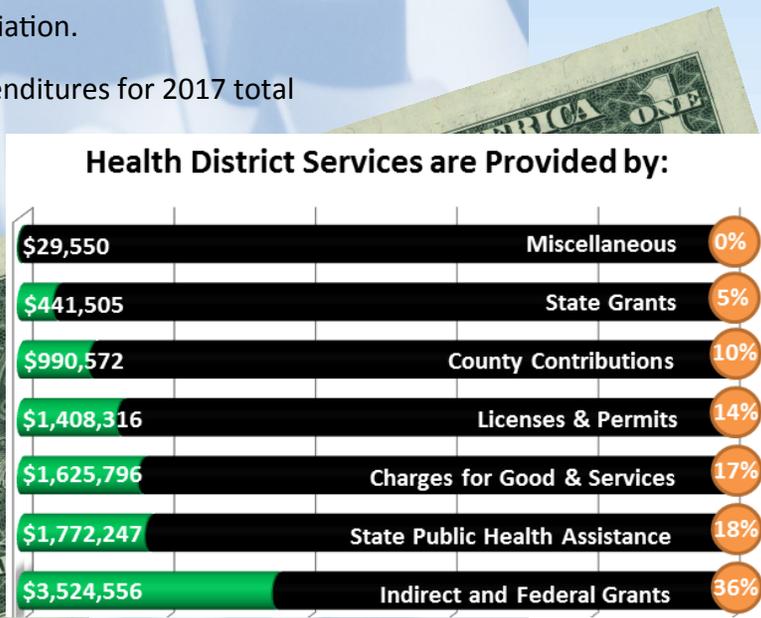


Information Systems and Security

2017 brought with it a decision to redesign the current BFHD website. A web content developer with extensive experience designing for the public sector was hired and is beginning the process to develop and completely rebuild the website. BFHD'S new and improved website will be live in 2018.

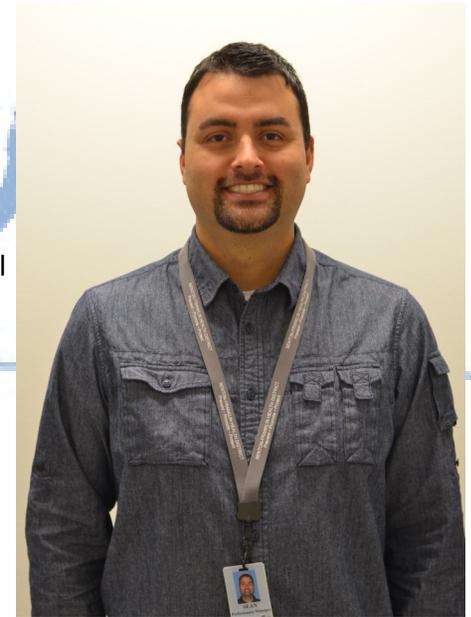
Finance Department Highlights

- Secured contract with Benton County to implement a Nurse Family Partnership program using funds generated from the Public Safety Tax.
- Revised the Health District's Budget policy to establish a general fund balance goal of 90 days working capital that establishes 45 days as the minimum acceptable fund balance. These levels are considered best practice by the Government Finance Officers Association.
- BFHD's operating expenditures for 2017 total approximately \$9.25 million.
- Approximately 73% of BFHD's 2017 expenditures went to cover personnel costs.



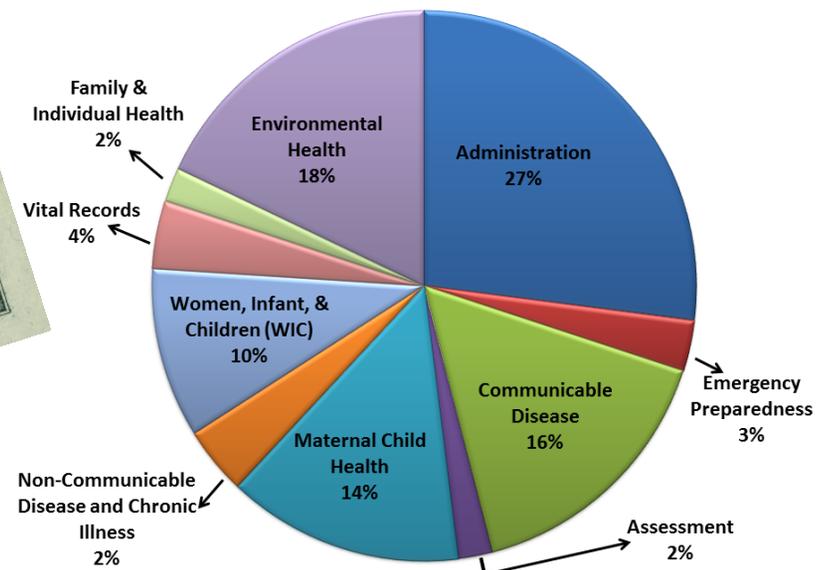
Performance Management

BFHD created the Performance Management department to meet internal demand and accreditation standards. The new Performance Manager oversees the Assessment Coordinator and new Epidemiologist position in order to conduct internal data collection, perform internal quality assurance programs, external quality assessments, and support a workforce culture of quality. This practice involves strategic use of performance measures and standards to establish goals, prioritize and distribute resources, educate participants about needed adjustments in policy or program directions to meet goals, create reports on the successes and areas for improvement in meeting performance goals, and magnify the quality of culture.



Sean Domagalski, BFHD's Performance Management Manager.

2017 Expenditures by Function



OCTOBER 2018

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
	1	2	3 National Walk to School Day	4	5	6
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
Mental Illness Awareness Week						
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
		National Health Education Week				
International Infection Prevention Week						
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29	30	31 Halloween Dia de los Muertos Begins	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Domestic Violence Awareness Month • National Breast Cancer Awareness Month • National Dental Hygiene Month • Sudden Infant Death Syndrome (SIDS) Awareness Month • Health Literacy Month • Fire Prevention Month 		



Healthy People and Communities Team



The Healthy People and Communities division of the Health District promotes health and well-being across the lifespan of residents in Benton and Franklin Counties. The foundations of health are built in early childhood and begin with the preconception health of a mother and last throughout adulthood. These foundations require stable, responsive relationships, safe and supportive environments and appropriate nutrition. HP&C programs support individuals and families through education, development of self-efficacy, and linkage to resources. HP&C encourages neighborhoods and communities to foster health promoting opportunities for all residents through a trauma informed lens with a focus on the most vulnerable

Programs and Services:

- ◆ Health Benefits Exchange Navigation
- ◆ Living Well with Diabetes and Chronic Disease Self-Management Programs
- ◆ Systems Engagement for Child and Family Health
- ◆ Early Childhood Consultation Services
- ◆ Enlace– Support for Expecting or Parenting Teens
- ◆ Children with Special Healthcare Needs Care Coordination
- ◆ Regional Care Facilitation for the Pediatric-Transforming Clinical Practices Initiative
- ◆ Injury and Violence Prevention
- ◆ Nurse-Family Partnership
- ◆ Oral Health Promotion
- ◆ Women, Infant, and Children (WIC) and Breastfeeding Peer Counseling



Healthy People and Communities Team (Top Left downward): Sheila Schweiger, Sandra Cooper, Julie Chacon, Gloria Cervantes, Liz Ellis, Graciela Jimenez, Carmen Garibaldi, Raynell Flannery, Shelly Singh, Sydney Filan, Rachel Guettner, Vanessa McCollum, Laili Abd Latif, Lisa Gonzalez, Valerie Shaw, Mahin Hackler, Kathleen Clary-Cooke, Jeanette Rodriguez, Cindy Bishop, Pam Aiello, Barbara Johnson, Marie Hutson, Diana DeRoos, Dana Harris, Karen Weidert, Annie Goodwin, Jennifer Wall, Susy Bockman-Thomas, Emerson Bevington, Amy Lindholm, Leslie Rivera. **Not Pictured:** Rachel Ramirez, Rosie Tobias, Jeanette Filan, Lauren Spilles, Daisy Herrera, Robin Henle, Shelley Little, Nancy Tarara, Carrie West, Crystal Rios, Cassandra Miller, Carla Prock.

NOVEMBER 2018

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> American Diabetes Month Lung Cancer Awareness Month National Healthy Skin Month National Alzheimer's Disease Awareness Month Stomach Cancer Awareness Month 				1	2	3
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
11	12 Veteran's Day-Observed (BFHD Closed)	13	14 World Diabetes Day	15	16	17
18	19 Public Health Thank You Day	U.S. Antibiotic Awareness Week				
U.S. Antibiotic Awareness Week		20	21	22 Thanksgiving Day (BFHD Closed)	23 (BFHD Closed)	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	



Healthy People and Communities Highlights



USDA Gold Award Given to BFHD Peer Counselors

The Breastfeeding Peer Counseling program was one of three recipients in Washington state awarded the **USDA WIC Loving Support Gold Award of Excellence** for exemplary breastfeeding support and promotion and for acting as a model of other agencies on how to strengthen their breastfeeding promotion.



Approximately
1300
Families
Served

A Fond Farewell and Thank you!

The Safe Babies Safe Moms program ran for 18 years to serve women with addiction issues who were pregnant or had a young child. Recently, it has been restructured into the Parent Child Assistance Program, making it a better fit elsewhere in the community. Thank you to all the staff and participants throughout the years for making this program a success!

Safe Kids Program Earns State Recognition

BFHD staff member, Kathleen Clary-Cooke, was named **Safe Kids Coordinator of the Year** in Washington State, at the Washington State Safety Summit. Kathleen was also asked to speak at PrevCon, an international childhood injury prevention conference hosted by Safe Kids Worldwide. She was one of four panelists on "Hard to Reach Communities: Strategies for Success." The invitation was based on the success she has had with Safe Kids Benton-Franklin.



Resiliency and Trauma Informed Care Conference

BFHD partnered with the Prosser Community Involvement Action Coalition to host a community viewing of the film "Resilience" followed by a hugely successful, day long conference. The viewing had about 70 people in attendance and the conference was attended by 172 community partners. Ten sessions were offered at the conference focusing on topics such as What is Trauma Informed Care, 10 Steps to Being More Resilient, Local Kids at Hope Program Successes, and Therapeutic Means of Releasing Trauma From the Body including a session utilizing Mindful Art techniques. BFHD also hosted a Parent Bootcamp Facilitator Training for the Toddlers to Teens program, an educational curriculum that focuses on building social and emotional literacy in kids. The training was attended by 87 community partners and ECEAP staff, certifying over 50 participants to train their own staff on the program in the future.



DECEMBER 2018

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Safe Toys and Celebrations Month 					 World AIDS Day December 1	1 World AIDS Day
2 Hanukkah Begins	3	4	5	6	7	8
National Influenza Vaccination Week						
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
23	24 (BFHD Closed)	25 Christmas Day (BFHD Closed)	26 Kwanzaa Begins	27	28	29
30	31					



Surveillance and Investigation



Surveillance and Investigation Team (Top left downward): Rick Dawson, Leslie Rivera, James Coleman, Britt Wilkins, Melissa Roberts, Richard Edwards, Shawn Brown, Cindy Hines, Jessica Garcia, Jessica Davis, Deana Chiodo, Erin Hockaday, Alisa Sabandith, Pam Williams, Justin Gerber, JoDee Peyton, Karen Curtis, Angeles Ize, Maria Wong. **Not Pictured:** Chris Plager, Melissa Lantz, Cristian Gonzalez, Heather Hill, Emerson Bevington, Kathleen King, Susy So, Miriam Chaviano, Jennifer Franco, Angela Salazar, Cindy Ralston, Lars Richins, Carlos Torres, Diana Padilla.

In January 2017, BFHD realigned to improve the groupings of services, foster better engagement between staff and improve response in the community. This structure placed all of the District’s monitoring, investigation and response areas into a single division called Surveillance and Investigation (S&I), leading to improved sharing of information and coordination among the different groups. This set of programs and services directly delivers foundational public health services in emergency preparedness, prevention and control of communicable disease, and environmental public health. S&I continues to have widespread impact on state and local programs and rule development across many areas with staff providing their expertise to schools, medical providers, businesses, partner agencies and members of our community.

Programs and Services:

- ◆ Drinking Water
- ◆ Indoor Air
- ◆ Smoking in Public Places
- ◆ Emergency Preparedness and Response
- ◆ International Travel Clinic
- ◆ Solid Waste Management
- ◆ Food Safety and Illness Investigation
- ◆ Land Use
- ◆ Waste Water
- ◆ Vector Borne Disease Investigation
- ◆ Onsite Sewage
- ◆ Water Lab Services
- ◆ Refugee Health
- ◆ School Plan Review
- ◆ Water Recreation Permitting
- ◆ Vaccines for Children
- ◆ HIV Case Management
- ◆ Immunization Clinic
- ◆ Tuberculosis Control and Management
- ◆ Communicable Disease Reporting, Surveillance and Investigation



JANUARY 2019

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cervical Health Awareness Month • National Blood Donor month • National Birth Defects Prevention Month • Glaucoma Awareness Month 		1 New Year's Day (BFHD Closed)	2	3	4	5
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
Folic Acid Awareness Week						
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
20	21 Martin Luther King Jr. Day (BFHD Closed)	22	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30	31		



Surveillance and Investigation Highlights

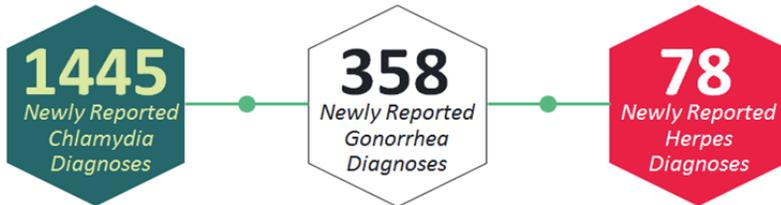


Communicable Disease

As a result of Washington State's End AIDS 2020 campaign, BFHD was able to expand services for the community provided by the HIV Case Management Program. Data evidence shows the Hispanic population in our area and the Yakima Valley are disproportionately affected by the epidemic. In response, the Department of Health (DOH) provided funding for a bilingual HIV Case Manager and other projects slated to begin in 2018. The other major project in communicable disease was a contract from DOH to focus on ways to increase the use of the Human Papilloma Virus (HPV) vaccine within our community. HPV is the leading cause of oral and genital cancer in the United States, but the use of this vaccine has remained quite low and many of our adolescents are entering adulthood without protection from these viruses. BFHD has partnered with six pediatric providers, Tri-Cities Cancer Center, the Benton-Franklin Oral Health

Coalition, and Group Health Foundation to increase provider and community knowledge of the lifesaving importance of this vaccine. The project began in 2017 and will continue through 2018.

Communicable Disease Snap Shot for 2017



DID YOU KNOW?
BFHD's HIV program was able to provide over \$6,000 in housing and utilities assistance to clients in need.

Food Safety Awarded Grant from FDA

The Food Safety team began a partnership with the Food and Drug Administration on a nationwide research project. The aim is to identify best practices and education pertaining to food safety and standards for food establishments. BFHD participation in this project is an exciting endeavor that will benefit not only the Benton-Franklin community, but the food service industry on a national level.

Land Use, Sewage, and Water

Land use, sewage, and water experienced significant growth in the permitting of on-site sewage systems, issuing 35 separate permits related to farmworker housing development. This is almost double 2016 numbers and created safe housing for an additional 750 people. Additional significant activities centered around the rapid residential housing



growth in Benton and Franklin counties with over 425 permits issued for new construction. In the water program, all 29 of the water system inspections requested by the Department of Health were completed, ensuring our residents have safe potable water.

750
More Beds for Farmworker Housing

FEBRUARY 2019

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FEBRUARY 
**Teen Dating Violence
 Prevention Awareness Month**
 Dating & violence should not be a couple

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African Heritage and Health Week

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Valentine's Day

Condom Week

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President's Day
(BFHD Closed)

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Rare Disease Day

- American Heart Month
- Teen Dating Violence Awareness Month
- National Children's Dental Health Month

Eating Disorders Awareness and Screening Week



More Community Involvement Highlights



Emergency Preparedness and Response



BFHD's Emergency Response Team (Richard Edwards, Melissa Lantz, and Cristian Gonzalez) with one of the two survival kits located at the Kennewick site.

BFHD's Emergency Response team created and facilitated a successful, realistic regional exercise requiring response from hospitals, clinics, and public health organizations spanning the five county region. The scenario centered around an infectious disease outbreak and garnered excellent participation from

surrounding regions and agencies. The team also responded to real world events this year such as the Legionella outbreak, wildfire smoke affecting air quality across Eastern Washington, and planning for the Vietnam Moving Wall Memorial that visited the region.



BFHD staff responding to the regional exercise drill facilitated by the Emergency Response Team.

Nurse-Family Partnership

Nurse-Family Partnership® (NFP) is an evidence-based program that provides new moms with a personal nurse who offers ongoing and medically accurate education, guidance and support through the first two years of the child's life. This intensive and



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scientifically proven program is delivered at the most critical time for mom and baby by a specially trained clinical expert.

While NFP has been successfully operating in Franklin County for some time, Benton County has recently contracted with the Health District to implement its own NFP program using the

Public Safety sales tax to fund the

program. In the first full year it has been operating, Benton County NFP went from seven families served to 47 families served and from 15 home visits completed to nearly 300. Twice a year, BFHD holds a graduation for moms and their families to formally recognize successful program completion.

Based on the research for NFP, Benton County can anticipate 57 fewer arrests, 22 fewer children who experience abuse and neglect, 26 fewer E.R. visits for accidents and poisonings, 39 more moms working, and 10 moms off of welfare entirely as a result of involvement in the program.

Benton & Franklin County Numbers	2016	2017
Families Served	145	172
Infants	104	122
Home Visits	1,424	1,826

MARCH 2019

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> National Nutrition Month National Colorectal Cancer Awareness Month Trisomy Awareness Month 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Bleeding Disorders Awareness Month National Endometriosis Awareness Month Problem Gambling Awareness Month 			1	2
3	4	5	6 Ash Wednesday	7	8	9
National School Breakfast Week						
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
17	18	19	20	21 Purim	22	23
National Poison Prevention Week						
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
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Special Thanks!



BFHD Board of Health



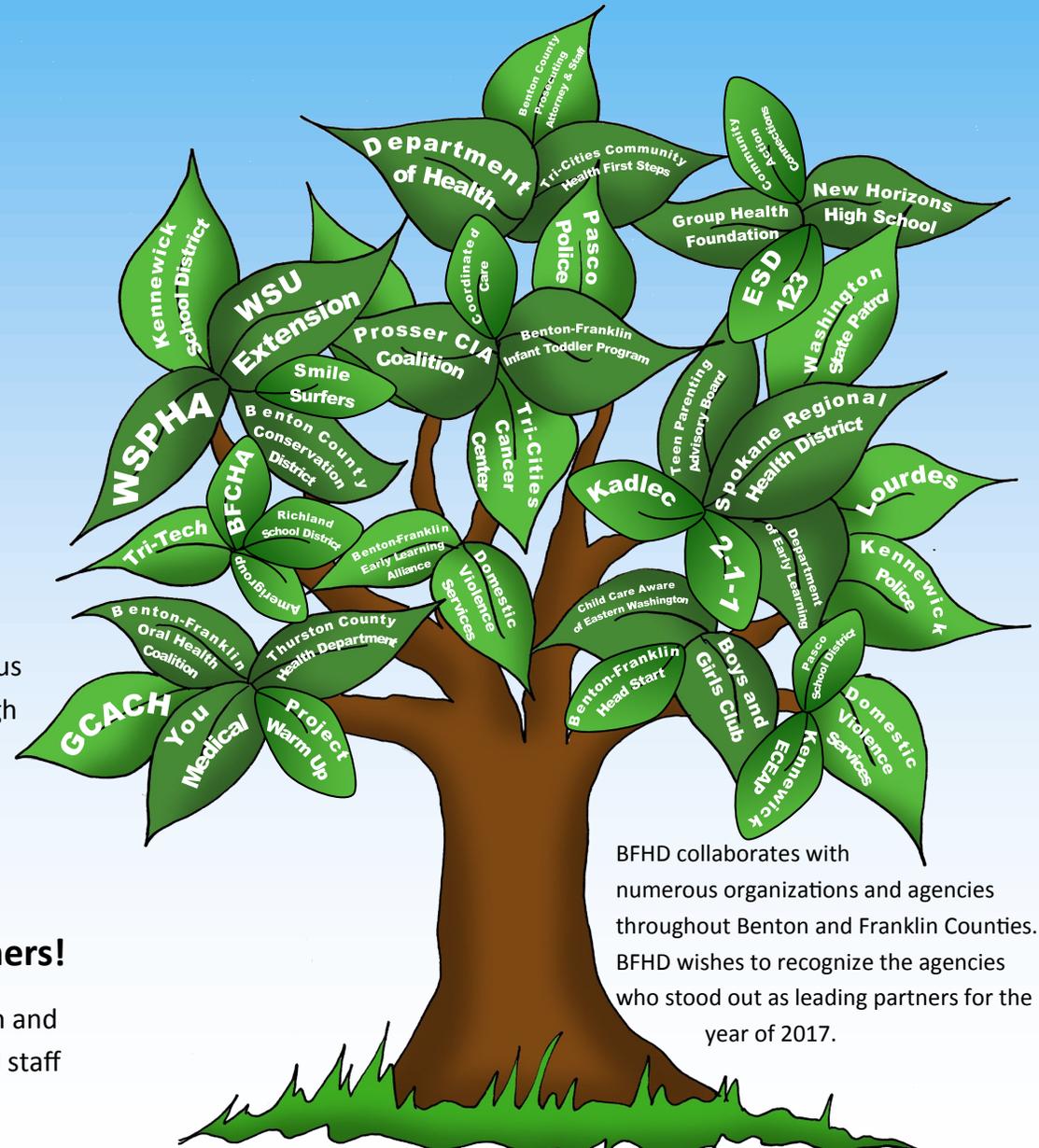
The Board of Health coordinates with the District Administrator to develop the strategic direction for BFHD, oversee the financial status of the agency, and ensure the health and welfare of citizens through enacting rules and regulations as needed. The Board is made up of three county commissioners from Benton County and three from Franklin County. **Left to Right:** Brad Peck, Robert Koch, Rick Miller, Jerome Delvin, James Beaver, and Shon Small.



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BFHD 2017 Community Partners



BFHD collaborates with numerous organizations and agencies throughout Benton and Franklin Counties. BFHD wishes to recognize the agencies who stood out as leading partners for the year of 2017.

APRIL 2019

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
	1	2	3	4	5	6 World Health Day
	National Public Health Week					
7	8	9	10 National Youth HIV and AIDS Awareness Day	11	12	13
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
21 Easter Sunday	22	23	24	25	26	27
National Infant Immunization Week/World Immunization Week						
28	29	30	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Alcohol Awareness Month • National Autism Awareness Month • National Child Abuse Prevention Month • National Minority Health Month • Sexual Assault Awareness and Prevention Month • Oral Cancer Awareness Month • STI Awareness Month • Testicular Cancer Awareness Month • National Distracted Driving Awareness Month 			

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