

# Lafayette County Health Department 2012 ANNUAL REPORT



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## Message from the Administrator

Dear Lafayette County Community Members,

It is my great pleasure to present the 2011-2012 Annual Report. This Annual Report outlines our mission, vision, and values and presents a "snapshot" of the services provided to our community during the 2011-2012 fiscal year. The Lafayette County Health Department provides a range of services to the residents of our community - from promoting healthy lifestyles, and protecting the health of our residents through immunizations and disease investigations, to providing prenatal, primary care and dental services.

One of our major accomplishments this past year was a collaborative community health improvement project with participation from multiple health professionals, community partners, and concerned citizens. This effort was a joint venture between the Lafayette County Health Department and the Suwannee River Area Health Education Council. This collaborative community effort resulted in the production of the 2011 Community Health Improvement Plan (CHIP). The CHIP serves as a framework for health improvement in Lafayette County and includes strategic health issues and actions and goals to achieve improved health. The CHIP report can be viewed on our Lafayette County Health Department website at: <http://www.doh.state.fl.us/chdLafayette/index.html>.

The economic downturn continues to present unique challenges to our Health Department as revenue streams continue to decline. Despite many challenges, we strive to maintain quality, high-level services, live up to the expectations of our community and continue to prepare for a changing health care landscape. This necessitates that we continually assess the value and impact of services, find new approaches for carrying out our work, identify new resources, strengthen our collaborations and maximize efficiencies. We are committed to embracing future challenges with dedication, commitment and leadership.

I am proud of our dedicated and highly trained public health employees who provide compassionate, quality services to our community. Please join me in applauding our staff and partners for a job well done.

In service,

Pamela M. Blackmon, RN, BSN, MPH  
Administrator/Health Officer  
Lafayette County Health Department



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# Staff Recognition



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# DOH Mission, Vision and Values

## Mission

To protect, promote and improve the health of all people in Florida through integrated state, county, & community efforts.

## Vision

To be the **Healthiest State** in the Nation!

## Values (ICARE)

**I**nnovation: We search for creative solutions and manage resources wisely.

**C**ollaboration: We use teamwork to achieve common goals and solve problems.

**A**ccountability: We perform with integrity and respect.

**R**esponsiveness: We achieve our mission by serving our customers and engaging our partners.

**E**xcellence: We promote quality outcomes through learning and continuous performance improvement.



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# 10 Essential Public Health Services

The **Essential Public Health Services** describe the public health activities that should be undertaken in all communities. These essential services are defined by the National Public Health Performance Standards Program (NPHPSP) and include the following 10 services:

1. Monitor health status to identify and solve community health problems.
2. Diagnose and investigate health problems and health hazards in the community.
3. Inform, educate, and empower people about health issues.
4. Mobilize community partnerships and action to identify and solve health problems.
5. Develop policies and plans that support individual and community health efforts.
6. Enforce laws and regulations that protect health and ensure safety.
7. Link people to needed personal health services and assure the provision of health care when otherwise unavailable.
8. Assure competent public and personal health care workforce.
9. Evaluate effectiveness, accessibility, and quality of personal and population-based health services.
10. Research for new insights and innovative solutions to health problems.

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# Medical Services

## Clinic Services

The Lafayette County Health Department provides a variety of healthcare services to meet the needs of the people in our community. During the 2011/2012 fiscal year, the Lafayette County Health Department provided 34,920 medical services to 3,302 clients.

Program	Services	Clients
School Health	19,176	N/A
Dental Health	9,289	2,048
Adult Health	1,403	234
Healthy Start-Women	1,225	60
Family Planning	959	208
Immunizations	893	509
Prenatal Care	877	66
Healthy Start - Infants	589	29
Pediatrics	335	100
STD HIV/AIDS	133	39
Tuberculosis	34	7
Hepatitis	7	2
<b>Total Medical Services</b>	<b>34,920</b>	<b>3,302</b>



**John M. Caroline, D.O.**  
Primary Care Physician

## Primary Care

Dr. John Caroline serves as the Medical Director for the Lafayette County Health Department and provides primary care services one day per week. Primary care services include acute and chronic care, disease management, school, sports, employment, adult and child physicals, screenings, labs, women's health and education. During fiscal year 2011/2012 1,738 adult and pediatric primary care services were provided to 234 adults and 100 children at the Lafayette County Health Department.

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# Medical Services

## Family Planning

Family Planning is available to all females during their reproductive years who desire assistance with planning or preventing pregnancy. Male and female sterilization services (vasectomy and tubal ligations) are provided on a limited basis, dependent on available funding. Ms. Deanna Mericle, ARNP provides family planning services twice a month at the Lafayette County Health Department. The family planning program provided 959 services to 208 clients in FY 2011/2012.

### Family Planning Services

- Yearly exams for women
- Breast and cervical cancer screening
- Birth control methods and devices
- Natural family planning counseling
- Pregnancy counseling and testing
- Basic infertility services
- Family Planning care for new mothers
- STD counseling, testing, and treatment
- HIV/AIDS counseling and testing



## Prenatal Care

The Lafayette County Health Department contracts with the University of Florida to provide prenatal services to eligible women. The prenatal care program provided 877 services to 66 women during 2011/2012 fiscal year.

## Dental Clinic

Dental services offered at the Lafayette County Health Department are available to all persons in and out of the county, including dental screenings for children and adults, preventative dental care, treatment, hygiene services and restorative services. Medicaid services are provided to children ages 4 through 20 and emergency dental care for Medicaid eligible adults. Non-Medicaid services are provided to adults and children at a reduced rate. The staff includes a dentist, hygienist, and dental assistant. The Dental Program provided 9,289 services to 2,048 clients during the 2011/2012 fiscal year.

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# Disease Intervention

## Communicable Disease Control

The Communicable Disease program offers Tuberculosis (TB), HIV/AIDS, and Sexually Transmitted Disease (STD) services, as described below. The health department is also responsible for surveillance and investigation of reportable diseases or outbreaks in the community. The communicable disease program provided 174 TB, STD/HIV/AIDS and Hepatitis services during the 2011/2012 fiscal year to 48 clients.

## Tuberculosis

Services available through the TB program include examination, testing, diagnosis, treatment and contact investigation and disease surveillance. TB medications are provided through directly observed therapy. The main focus of the TB program at the Lafayette County Health Department is to identify and treat residents with active and latent TB.

## Sexually Transmitted Disease/HIV/AIDS

Sexually transmitted disease (STD), HIV/AIDS services offered at the Lafayette County Health Department include examination, testing, counseling, treatment and contact notification services. In addition, confidential and anonymous HIV testing, counseling and partner notification services are available. Medication assistance is available to clients with AIDS through the AIDS Drug Assistance Program (ADAP).

## Epidemiology

The Epidemiology program is responsible for identifying, assessing and controlling the presence and spread of communicable diseases in Lafayette County. Currently, there are 98 communicable diseases that must be reported to the local county health department. Reports are submitted by laboratories, hospitals, physicians and other health care providers. Once a communicable disease is reported in an individual, group, or cluster the Lafayette County Health Department conducts a thorough case and outbreak investigation.

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# Disease Intervention

## Immunizations

Millions of people have benefited from vaccines for more than two centuries. The history of vaccines and immunization began in the 1790's with the creation of the world's first vaccine for smallpox. Public health professionals and the World Health Organization (WHO) rank immunization in the top ten health achievements of the past century. Vaccines protect infants, children, and adults from the unnecessary harm and premature death caused by a number of severe communicable diseases. Vaccination is the single most effective communicable disease prevention strategy.

Florida Statutes require specific immunizations for infants and children who attend childcare, family childcare homes, kindergarten and grade school. Florida's childcare and school entry immunization requirements ensure that students are protected against communicable diseases. The Vaccines for Children (VFC) program is a federal program providing free immunizations for children from birth through age 18. The goal of the vaccination program is to eliminate vaccine preventable illnesses through immunization. In fiscal year 2011-2012, 188 VFC eligible children received 550 immunization services.

Lafayette County Health Department promotes immunizations during Kindergarten round-up, immunization month and community health fairs. The health department also serves as a resource for vaccination information to childcare facilities and physician offices.

A variety of adult immunizations are also provided at the health department, including Tetanus, MMR, Hepatitis A and B, Influenza, and Pneumonia. The adult immunization program provided 343 services in fiscal year 2011-2012.



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# Prevention Programs

## Healthy Start

Healthy Start is a voluntary program for all pregnant women and infants from birth to age three to ensure access to health care and promote a healthy outcome for mom and baby. Pregnant women and newborns in Lafayette County are screened for services. Risk factors are identified by the screens to determine what services might be needed. Healthy Start services are then offered to women and infants who enroll in the program. Services are free and there are no income requirements to receive services. Healthy Start services were offered to 89 women and infants and 1,814 services were provided during FY 11/12. Healthy Start services offered by the Lafayette County Health Department include:

- Home visits by a nurse or social worker
- Information about pregnancy and baby care
- Care coordination to assist in accessing needed services
- Education about having a healthy pregnancy and a healthy baby
- Help to quit smoking
- Classes on childbirth and support
- Breastfeeding education and support
- Health education-family planning, woman's health, nutrition and exercise
- Counseling services.



The Healthy Start program offers car seats at a reduced rate for Medicaid and WIC participants. The car seat program is part of the Safe Kids program located in Gainesville.



## Breast and Cervical Cancer Early Detection

The Florida Breast and Cervical Cancer Early Detection Program provides breast and cervical cancer early detection in 11 North Florida counties, including Lafayette. This program provides clinical breast exams, mammograms and pap smears to women who qualify. Women diagnosed with cervical or breast cancer through the Believe in Miracles program are eligible for Medicaid for treatment of their cancer. Two women were assisted in 2011/2012 through this program.

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# Prevention Programs

## School Health

School Health Services in Lafayette County are provided by the Lafayette County Health Department. The Lafayette County Health Department employs a school health coordinator who is an RN, an LPN and two school health aides for the Lafayette County school system. Preventive health services are provided to students in grades K-12 as part of the total school health program. Services provided include medication administration, health counseling, health education, routine health screenings, and referral and follow-up of suspected or confirmed health problems. Consultations are also provided to students, teachers and parents or guardians. Lafayette County School Nurses provided 19,176 services to public school children during the 2011/2012 fiscal year.

## Health Education Classes—Puberty and Abstinence

Each year 4<sup>th</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> grade students have the opportunity to participate in Puberty classes provided by Lafayette County Health Department School Health Staff. The curriculum involves discussing the physical changes of their bodies during this age as well as the importance of personal hygiene and maintaining their health. Girls and boys are given instruction separately to prevent embarrassment and encourage participation. Puberty classes were provided to 174 4th-6th graders in 2011/2012. Abstinence education classes were provided to 7th and 8th graders at LHS. The curriculum, Postponing Sexual Involvement, teaches students to think about their future goals, how to reach their goals and things that can get in the way of achieving those goals. The program covers teenage pregnancy risks, sexually transmitted diseases, and emotional issues. Students are encouraged to speak with a parent or responsible adult about these and other issues that may affect their personal health and future success. Abstinence classes were provided to 180 7th and 8th graders.



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## Environmental Health

The Lafayette County Health Department's Environmental Health program includes a wide range of services, including septic tank permitting, septic inspections, water testing, nuisance complaint investigations, rabies control investigations, food borne illness outbreak investigations and facilities regulation.

Facilities regulation includes tanning salons, group care facilities, swimming pools and spas, mobile home and RV parks, limited use water systems and institutional food facilities. The environmental health program provided 580 services in fiscal year 2011/2012.

### Rabies Control Investigations

Rabies is a virus transmitted from the saliva of an infected animal by a bite or a scratch. Rabies is a preventable disease that is almost 100% fatal if left untreated. To prevent rabies in humans and domesticated animals it is imperative that all animal bites be reported to the local health department. The health department and animal services work jointly on animal bites and exposures and quarantines. Some obvious signs of rabies in animals are nervousness, fever, excessive drooling around the mouth, and tremors.

### Rabies Services Fiscal Year 2011/2012

Type of Animal	Investigations
Cats	2
Dogs	12
<b>Total Investigations</b>	<b>14</b>



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# Environmental Health

## Services 2012

### Environmental Surveillance 14

Arbovirus Surveillance  
Rabies Control Investigations

### Drinking Water Services 42

Commercial well inspections  
Community well inspections



### Onsite Sewage Treatment and Disposal System (OSTDS) 415

A permit is required when a septic tank is initially installed and when repairs are needed. Inspections are completed on septic pump trucks and land application sites and locations where septic tanks are manufactured. Annual inspections on septic tanks near the river that are below the ten year flood elevation are also completed by EH inspectors. This ensures the systems are working properly and helps protect the rivers.

### Community Health Services 95

Food Hygiene  
Institutional Facilities  
Food borne illness investigations  
Group Care  
Adult Family Care  
Child Care  
Foster Home  
Schools (both public and private)  
Mobile Home / RV Parks



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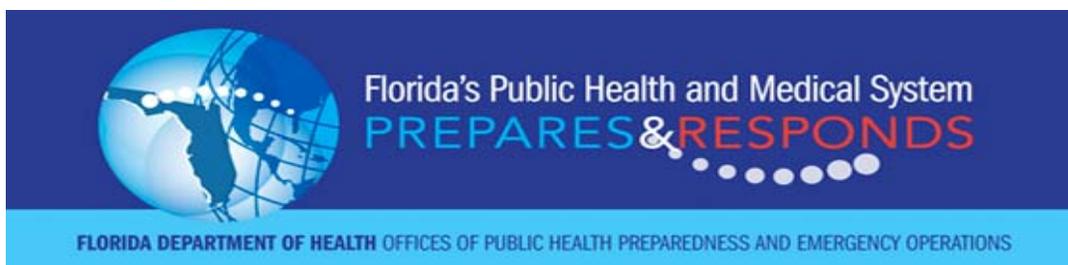
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## Public Health Preparedness

The Lafayette County Health Department shares a Public Health Preparedness Coordinator with the Suwannee County Health Department. The coordinator serves as the planning and training liaison between the health department and other county emergency response agencies. The coordinator assists the health department in preparing for the possible effects of a manmade or naturally occurring disaster, such as hurricanes, influenza pandemics, and bio-terrorism events through training and exercises.

The coordinator regularly conducts training exercises to test the viability of the health department's plans and ability to protect the public health. These training exercises are often "full-scale" and are designed to be as realistic as possible. They require participation by health department staff and the staffs of other emergency response agencies.

As Emergency Support Function (ESF) 8, the Lafayette County Health Department is responsible for managing all health and medical resources within Suwannee County during emergency situations. The responsibilities of the ESF8 are outlined in the Lafayette County Comprehensive Emergency Management Plan. The Lafayette County Health Department also coordinates with Lafayette County Emergency Management in the area of Special Needs clients. The health department maintains the Special Needs Shelter plan and assists with screening client records to determine medical suitability for shelter entrance.



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# Public Health Preparedness



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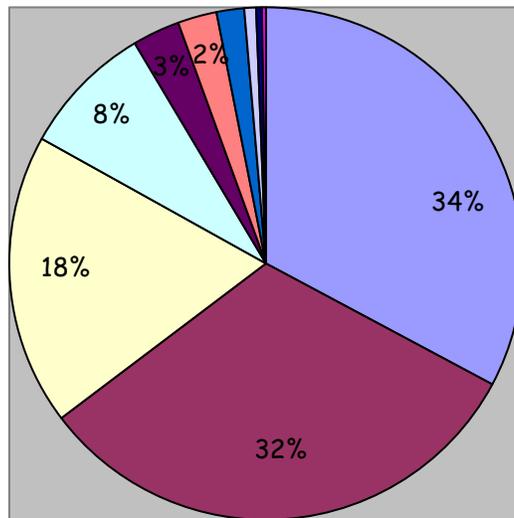
# Business Office

## Budget and Finance

The 2011/2012 annual budget of the Lafayette County Health Department was \$1,133,218.00. Revenues that support the county health department include State general revenue, non-general revenue State funds, Federal Grants, Lafayette County Board of County Commissions, Lafayette County School Board, clinic fees, vital statistics, environmental health fees, Medicaid, Medicare, and third party insurance. The health department revenues support the delivery of the various services and programs including direct medical services, community health, environmental health, immunizations, dental, vital statistics, communicable disease, public health preparedness, school health, and administration.

### 2011/2012 Fiscal Year Revenue

■ Medicaid - \$417,199	■ State GR - \$404,414
■ Federal Revenue - \$233,302	■ Clinic Fees - \$102,669
■ Other Revenue - \$41,888	■ Environmental Health Fees - \$30,407
■ Board of County Commissioners - \$21,004	■ State - Non-GR - \$8,778
■ Vital Statistics - \$5,815	■ Medicare - \$2,881



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# Business Office

## Vital Statistics

The Vital Statistics office records resident births and deaths and issues certified copies of Birth and Death Certificates. Birth certificates are available at the Lafayette County Health Department for anyone born in the State of Florida from 1930 to present.

Death certificates are available for deaths that occurred in Lafayette County from 2007 to present. Photo identification is required to receive birth and death certificates. In fiscal year 2011/2012, the Lafayette County Health Department issued 380 birth certificates and 171 death certificates. The Health Department's Vital Statistics office has been busier since 2010 due to the required changes at the Department of Motor Vehicles.



## General Services

The general services department includes purchasing, contract management, shipping and receiving. When possible, procurements are made from State contracts through a bidding process. All services and commodities are procured per the Department of Health policies and procedures and Florida Statutes.

Some services must be procured using a contract. The contract managers secure these contracts and conduct administrative and programmatic monitoring to ensure that services are rendered per the terms and conditions of the contract.

The health department has a dedicated receiving area for delivery of equipment, office and medical supplies. These deliveries are received by assigned staff.

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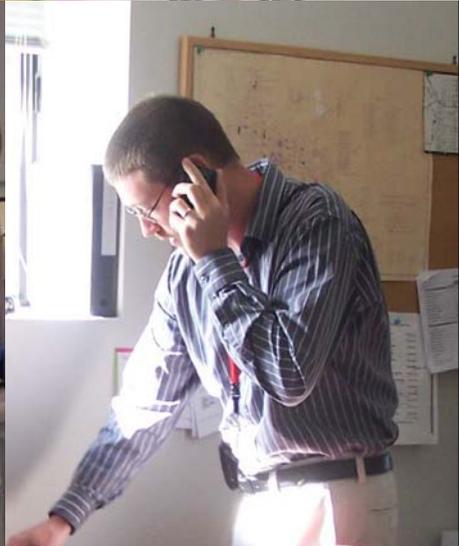
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# LCHD Partners

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Food Nutrition Program Assistant  
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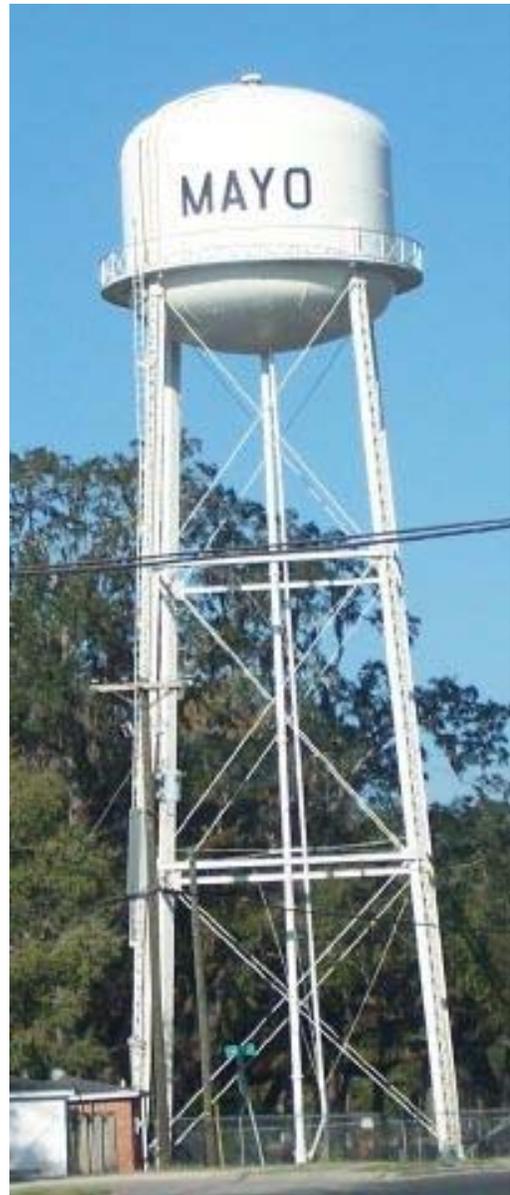


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# Community Partners

Day Care Centers  
Doctor's Memorial  
Faith Based Organizations  
Lafayette County Board of County Commissioners  
Lafayette County Extension Service  
Lafayette County Fire  
Lafayette County Private Schools  
Lafayette County Rescue  
Lafayette County School District  
Lafayette County Sheriff  
Lafayette Health Care  
Mayo Correctional Institution  
Mayo Free Press  
Mayo Health Services  
Media  
North Florida Pharmacy  
Oakridge Assisted Living Facility  
Rotary Club  
Town Council of Mayo  
Thriftway Grocery  
Women's Club



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