



Chronic Disease Prevention & Neighborhood Health Division

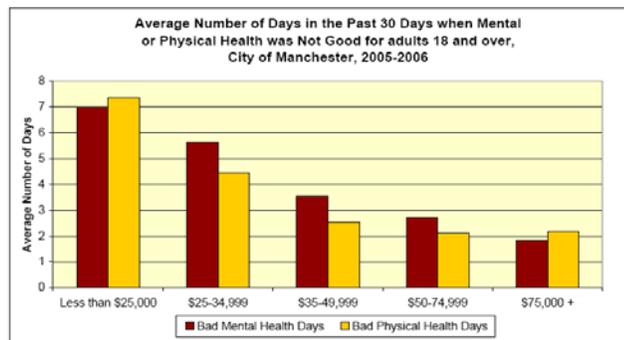
**Increasing Access to Behavioral Health Care
 Through Integration for the Most Vulnerable**

Nationally, mental health concerns impact approximately 30% of adults over the age of 20 and nearly one in five children. In addition, poverty had been shown to impact mental illness, both directly and indirectly. Manchester residents making less than \$25,000 annually reported approximately seven days of poor mental or physical health compared to about only two days for individuals making \$75,000 or more annually. There is considerable evidence that one way of closing the treatment gap, especially for untreated mental illness, is to integrate mental health services with physical healthcare in the same location.

The Manchester Sustainable Access Project (MSAP) was first formed in 2005 to develop an economically sustainable system of comprehensive, coordinated primary care (including oral health and behavioral health care) for Manchester’s uninsured, the underinsured and Medicaid enrollees. This month, MSAP was generously awarded funding through the Heritage United Way to integrate behavioral health services into three primary care practices (Child Health Services, the Manchester Community Health Center and the West Side Neighborhood Health Center) and to develop a community strategic plan for future integration opportunities.

For more information on MSAP, please download the report “Manchester’s Primary Care Safety Net: Intact but Endangered – A CALL TO ACTION” by visiting:

<http://www.manchesternh.gov/website/Departments/Health/DataandReports/tabid/700/Default.aspx>



Source: NH DHHS

Community Health Division

The Manchester Health Department Launches New Immunization Initiative

Major achievements have been made to decrease the incidence of vaccine-preventable diseases among Manchester residents. Over a fifteen-year period, vaccination rates for two-year-old children have increased from 48% to 84%. However, lower immunization rates still continue to exist within some areas and many adolescents and adults are under-immunized, as well. Vaccine coverage rates of at least 90% are needed to protect the public health.

The Department recently received funding from the American Reinvestment and Recovery Act (ARRA) to embark on a new Immunization Initiative within the community. The funding will enable the Department to promote flu vaccine for all ages, increase immunization rates for adolescents and adults, build awareness of immunization through the lifespan and build regional immunization preparedness. During 2009, the Manchester Health Department played a pivotal role in responding to the H1N1 pandemic and will continue to lead the community in protecting the public health through immunization.

2009 Public Health Excellence Awards for Food Safety Announced

The Manchester Health Department recognizes the important role that food service establishments, when maintained and operated in a sanitary manner, play in the prevention of foodborne illnesses in the community. In recognition of this role, the Manchester Board of Health has established a Public Health Excellence Award for Food Safety for those establishments, which maintain high sanitary standards, comply with all applicable laws and regulations, and have staff that is trained in safe food handling practices. The recipients of the 2009 calendar year Public Health Excellence Award for Food Safety are:

Blake's Scoop Shop	Hillsborough County Dept. of Corrections
Bourbon Street Café	Maple Leaf Healthcare Center
Brown School Apartments	Mary Gale Apartments
Burger King (622 South Willow Street)	Master Wok
Catholic Medical Center Cafeteria	Mount Carmel Nursing Home
Chiggy's Place	New Hampshire Food Bank
Christos Kalivas Highrise	Oven Poppers, Inc.
Dairy Queen	Reverend Raymond Burns Highrise
D'Angelo Sandwich Shop (673 D.W. Highway)	St. Joseph Community Services
D'Angelo Sandwich Shop (401 South Willow St.)	St. Teresa Rehabilitation and Nursing Center
D'Angelo Sandwich Shop (1500 South Willow St.)	The Café at YDC
Dunkin Donuts-Chesterman LLC	The Executive Court Banquet Facility
Dunkin Donuts @ CMC	The Hanover Street Chophouse
Dunkin Donuts, Manco, LLC d/b/a (1932 South St.)	Tinkers' Seafood
Easter Seals NH	Trinity High School
Governor Hugh Gallen Highrise	Villa Crest Nursing & Retirement Center
Henry J. Pariseau Highrise	
Hillcrest Terrace	

School Health Division

Kindergarten Registration

On Saturday, April 17, 2010, the SEE Science Center hosted registration for Manchester's families with children starting kindergarten in September 2010. This was the first time a central registration process was held and as a result, 568 children were registered for kindergarten. Staff from the Manchester School District was on hand as well as many volunteers including retired teachers and City Year members to assist families. School nurses from the Manchester Health Department were present to review immunization records and physical examination reports, both required for school entry. Information on the Department's Oral Health Program and Healthy Kids was also available. For further information about health requirements for entry or if a child requires specific medical services during the school day, please contact your child's school nurse.

Monthly Spotlight

Congratulations to Andrea Jordan, MPH, Environmental Health Specialist, on her recent passing of the National Environmental Health Association's Registered Environmental Health Specialist (REHS) exam.

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