



HEALTH  
Department

# 2022 YEAR IN REVIEW





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## FROM THE CHIEF PUBLIC HEALTH OFFICER

As we reflect on the year 2022, I am extremely proud of how the Detroit Health Department has continued to implement strategies to ensure all Detroiters have an opportunity to thrive. We've done so through emergency preparedness, outreach, and providing services that address equity and the social determinants of health.

Our accomplishments highlighted in this report demonstrate that we have remained committed to delivering programs and essential services at a time when public health proved to be challenging.

Through community outreach programs, we provided public awareness to many wraparound services the Department offers to improve health outcomes of all Detroiters.

We also offered low or no cost health screenings throughout the city that included: HIV testing, immunizations, Mpox and COVID-19 vaccinations and boosters. Our Department lead infant mortality

discussions and focused on direct approaches to address infant and maternal deaths amongst vulnerable populations.

I express my gratitude and appreciation to our Detroit residents, dedicated staff, managers, and leaders who have worked tirelessly to advocate and bolster our health equity strategies.

Thank you to our community partners as we cannot do this work alone – it is a truly an honor to serve alongside transformative organizations.

Yours in Health,

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## Behavioral Health

The Behavioral Health Team focuses on harm-reduction, overdose prevention and education. The program partners with community organizations to provide free education, training, and resources for individuals dealing with trauma, addiction, and unaddressed wellness issues.

This year, the Team partnered with community organizations to **coordinate a “DEA Take Back Day,”** which focused on providing a safe, convenient, and responsible means to disposing of prescription medication. A total of **210 pounds of expired and unwanted prescription** medication was collected, and safely disposed of to prevent abuse and theft of the substances. Working together with community-based organizations, the Detroit Health Department continues to spearhead efforts to host various community events and provide access to programs that promote pathways to healing.



## Children’s Special Health Care Services

Children’s Special Health Care Services (CSHCS) provides referrals for children, youth, and young adults with chronic medical conditions such as cystic fibrosis, hemophilia, and sickle cell disease. In addition, the program offers community services for supportive care, case management, education, advocacy for educational needs.

In 2022, CSHCS increased their caseload to serve **3,980** clients, and supported close to **4,000 clients and families** in Detroit to improve health outcomes. During the spring and summer of 2022, CSHCS participated in **30 outreach events** and obtained additional funding to increase education, awareness, and access to vaccinations for children, youth, and young adults enrolled in the program.



## Epidemiology

The Epidemiology team provides air monitoring and health impact assessments to neighborhoods, including those surrounding the Gordie Howe International Bridge construction project. Also, the Epidemiology team contributes to the city of Detroit's effort in lead abatement among children and drug overdose response.

The Communicable Disease Program supports the Epi Team by focusing on identifying and investigating outbreaks within schools, nursing homes, and correctional facilities through the use of investigators, epidemiologists, and nurses to educate the community and provide resources to help control and stop the spread of infectious diseases.



## Safe Routes

The Safe Routes Ambassador Program offers practical, skills-based traffic safety education, community walk audits, and physical activity resources, the Detroit Bike Resource Guide, and the Pedestrian and Bicycle Law guide to Detroiters through strategic partnerships with internal and external partners.

During 2022, the Safe Routes Ambassador Program provided pedestrian and bicycle education to **8,137 residents** and **65 first responders**. Bicycle and pedestrian law education was conducted in **122 classrooms** and **50 local businesses**, and **95 community events** received the educational session as well. In June 2022, the Safe Routes to School Initiative and the Safe Routes Ambassador Program partnered to provide transportation safety education and bicycle safety kits that included helmets, lights, reflectors, and more to **499 students in more than 40 classrooms**. Through a collaboration with the Lane Bangerz Bike Club, a local bike club, the team provided bike safety education to **more than 850 students**, and participated in **two additional** community bike rides.



## Making Strides in the Community



## Detroit Animal Care

Detroit Animal Care (DAC) promotes and protects the health, safety, and welfare of Detroit residents and visitors from animal bites, zoonotic



disease, traffic hazards, and is committed to maintaining the highest standards of humane animal sheltering; and promoting the placement of animals into homes. In 2022, DAC was able to render treatment and aid to more than **5,467** animals. The shelter received a **\$10,000** grant from the Michigan Department of Agriculture & Rural Development (MDARD) for spay and neuter services. The DAC encourages responsible pet ownership through education, and community partnerships; coordinating events to promote adoption, foster, and return-to-owner activities; and collaborate with a robust network of animal welfare partners, including the Friends of Detroit Animal Care and Control.

## HIV/STI

The HIV/STI program provides community outreach and education to reduce the spread of infectious diseases, and offers services to improve health outcomes for communities within the city of Detroit. During 2022, the program distributed **96,594** condoms and held **85** educational and outreach events, which included physician detailing.

In addition, **330** at-home HIV Test Kits were distributed to residents free of charge. The Housing Opportunity for Persons with AIDS (HOPWA) team worked to address the housing needs of people living with HIV within Wayne County and the city of Detroit. A total of **231** consumers were provided Tenant-Based rental assistance, and **41** clients received



short-term rental, mortgage, and utility support. The Ending the HIV Epidemic team is working to end HIV by 2030 through a network of funded partners providing innovative projects.

## iDecide Detroit

The iDecide Detroit program reached a major milestone in 2022, serving its **1,000th** client. Through **40** community outreach events, the team **connected over 1,100** Detroiters to much needed program information and services. In partnership with the Karmanos Cancer Institute, more than **50** City of Detroit employees received breast cancer screenings. Additionally, iDecide Detroit successfully treated **98%** of clients who tested positive for a sexually transmitted infection and helped **51%** of female clients select contraceptive methods considered among the most effective methods for preventing an unintended pregnancy. Throughout the year, **581** tests for both gonorrhea and chlamydia were administered. The program was awarded an additional **\$75,000** for Family Funding Planning from the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS).



# DETROIT HEALTH DEPARTMENT BY THE NUMBERS



**BEHAVIORAL HEALTH**  
Narcan kits distributed  
**4,600**



**CHILDREN'S  
SPECIAL HEALTH  
CARE SERVICES**  
Clients served  
**3,980**



**ENVIRONMENTAL  
HEALTH/FOOD SAFETY**  
**3,463**  
Inspections completed

**iDecide Detroit**  
Clients screened for  
Chlamydia and Gonorrhea  
**375**



**COMMUNICABLE  
DISEASE**  
Investigations completed  
**48,528**



**CLIENTS  
ENROLLED**  
**62,931**

**Certified  
Community  
Health Workers**  
**133**



**VISION AND  
HEARING**  
Children screened for Vision • **21,830**  
Children screened for Hearing • **16,059**

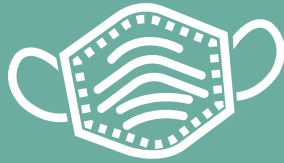
**592**  
Clients  
served by  
**SisterFriends**

Number of Safe Sleep  
Pack-n-Play cribs distributed = **1,006**  
Number of Fatherhood Program  
participants = **937**



### PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS/ CITY READINESS INITIATIVE PROGRAM

Personal  
protective  
equipment  
dispensed



**5,700**

### Lead Prevention and Intervention Program

Home visits by  
nurse case managers



**470**

Detroit Animal Care  
Intake of Animals

**5,467**



**SAFE ROUTES**  
Classes conducted

**122**



**HIV/STI**  
Clients served

**3,833**



**EPIDEMIOLOGY**  
\*Non-COVID-19 cases

**24,101**

### COVID-19 RESPONSE CENTER

COVID-19 tests  
administered

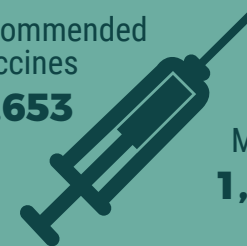
**78,409**



### IMMUNIZATIONS

CDC recommended  
vaccines  
**9,653**

COVID-19 vaccines  
**39,577**



Mpox  
**1,134**

## Immunizations

The Detroit Health Department plays a vital role in vaccinating and educating the public against vaccine-preventable diseases, such as diphtheria, tetanus, pertussis, flu, hepatitis A & B, measles, mumps, and rubella. The Immunizations team collaborated with local school districts, public and private sector physicians, and other stakeholders to ensure effective immunization practices, disease surveillance and reporting, education and outreach. In 2022, the team provided vaccines and education at **1,662 community and social events**. **384 vaccines** were administered at schools and childcare centers. In addition, **1,134 Mpox vaccines** were distributed and provided along with **39,577 doses** of the COVID-19 vaccine.



## COVID-19 Response Team

The COVID-19 Response Team provided essential health services during the endemic phase of the COVID-19 pandemic. While response activities have scaled down from the beginning of the pandemic, the team continued to distribute and administer COVID-19 vaccinations and tests, provide education, and provide personal protective equipment (PPE) and clinical supplies for the prevention and control of spread of the disease. The Department's COVID-19 operations and services are compliant with MDHHS and CDC requirements and recommendations for treatment, control, and prevention.



## Lead Prevention and Intervention

The Lead Prevention and Intervention program seeks to eliminate childhood lead poisoning by increasing awareness of the hazards and sources of lead for children from birth through six years of age, and pregnant women with elevated blood lead levels (EBLL), by working to identify and eliminate sources of lead exposure.

In 2022, the program completed **470** nurse case management visits. Lead testing was provided during community events at the Detroit Health Department's mobile sites, schools, Head Start locations, and daycare centers within the following targeted zip codes: 48202, 48204, 48206, 48209, 48213, and 48214. The Team attended more than **100 health fairs** and provided testing to over **750 children** under six years of age, and educated the community on how to prevent lead and lower the levels, as well as safe cleaning practices and healthy nutrition.



## Vision and Hearing

The Vision and Hearing Program has provided service to the city of Detroit for more than 70 years. During calendar year 2022, **21,830 vision screenings** were provided, **1,943 children received eye exams and glasses**, and **16,059 hearing screenings**



were conducted for children. In September 2022, vision and hearing screenings were reinstated following the full reopening of all schools, which had been impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic. Vision and hearing screenings were reinstated in efforts to assist Detroit Head Start programs meet their mandatory child health screening requirements. Vision and hearing screenings were provided to all children within the first 45 days of enrollment at all well-attended Head Start locations.

## Public Health Emergency Preparedness/ City Readiness Initiative

The Public Health Emergency Preparedness/City Readiness Initiative (PHEP/CRI) program responds to public health emergencies that impact the health of Detroit residents. In November 2022, PHEP/CRI established its first partnership with the Department of Homeland Security (DHS), Office of Emergency Communication, Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency (CISA) for the **Government Emergency Telecommunications Service (GETS)** and the **Wireless Priority Service (WPS)**. The team also spearheaded the effort to transfer the entire Detroit Health Department's staff to the **Detroit Alerts 365** mass communications system.



## Environmental Health/ Food Safety

The Environmental Health/Food Safety division focuses on reducing the prevalence of food and environmental linked illnesses and poisoning through education, enforcement, and investigation. In 2022, the Environmental Health team carried out **474** non-food inspections, and conducted **188** consumer complaint investigations. Under federal, state, and local laws, inspections are conducted within food service establishments, childcare centers, public swimming pools, body art facilities, rental halls, marijuana facilities, motels and hotels to ensure safety and health in the workplace, as well as the surrounding environment.

The Environmental Health staff serve as environmental health advisors to other cities, and the team collaborates with state of Michigan agencies to protect local communities from a variety of environmental health hazards.



## Maternal Child Health

The Maternal Child Health division serves women and teens who are pregnant along with their families, providing supportive services, resources, networking opportunities, education, and advocacy. The team partners with community organizations and health systems to help address systematic issues that affect Detroit communities.

**Programs offered through the Maternal Child Health include:**

### SisterFriends Detroit

SisterFriends Detroit connects caring and compassionate mentors to pregnant women who live in the city of Detroit to reduce infant mortality.

In 2022, a total of **321** pregnant women enrolled in the program, including **250** volunteer mentors. There were **165** healthy births, and **147** full-term deliveries along with **141** babies who were delivered at a healthy weight. The team conducted **170** educational enrichment sessions, orientations and trainings, and provided **1,010** individuals with free Lyft rides.

Through the Infant and Child Rescue CPR and Choking training with the American Red Cross, **97** participants received **Infant CPR rescue training** and materials to be equipped with the skills and tools required to perform infant rescue CPR and choking.



### Safe Sleep

The Safe Sleep Program offers support and education through strong community partnerships to families in the city of Detroit, and is committed to reducing infant sleep deaths by providing the safest practices for babies to sleep.

In 2022, the Safe Sleep program educated **876 Detroit residents** and distributed **1,006 "Pack-n-Play" cribs**. The team trained **208** daycare staff, **20** EMS workers, and more than **70** FQHC staff on safe sleep initiatives.

### 961-Baby Resource Line

961-BABY connects residents to services and resources within the Detroit Health Department and community to help individuals and families remain healthy and well. In 2022, the program handled **5,902** incoming calls, placed **4,198** outgoing calls and provided Detroiters with **5,030** community resource referrals and support.

## Fatherhood Program

The Fatherhood Program offers support to fathers and the care of their children within Detroit neighborhoods with education, engagement and support in collaboration with other Detroit Health Department Programs. In 2022, the Fatherhood Program reached **937 fathers and men**. The Fatherhood Program team participated in **15 community outreach activities** and hosted **13 Father's Forums**. The team designed materials for distribution to external agencies to promote an environment inclusive to fathers. Participants assembled framed posters, which were displayed within the iDecide Detroit program to showcase male figures.



## Women, Infants, and Children (WIC)

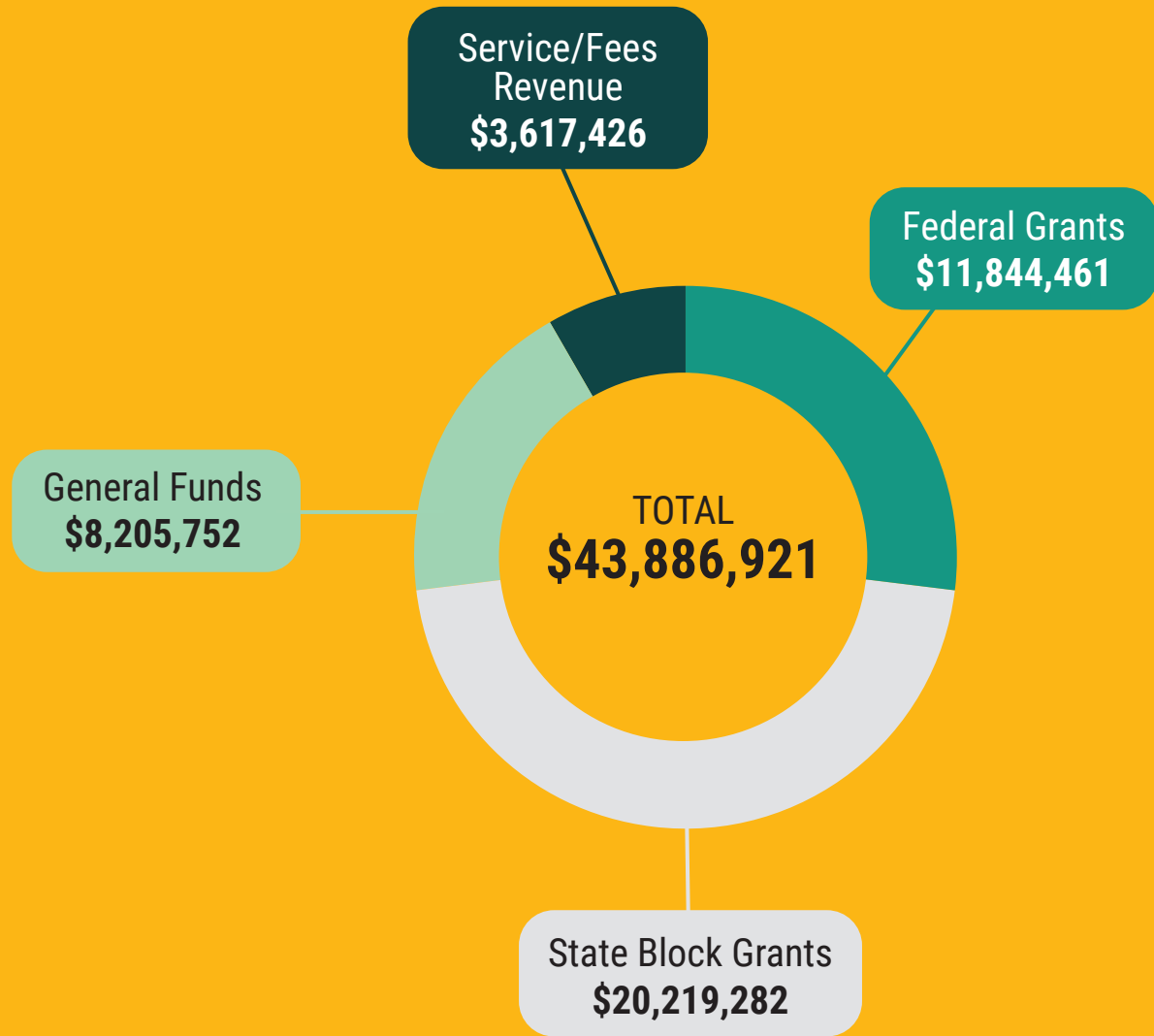
Women, Infants, and Children (WIC) is a special supplemental nutrition program that provides nutrition education, counseling, nutritious foods, breastfeeding assistance, and healthcare referrals. In 2022, a total of **23,182 families** enrolled in the program to receive monthly services, and **173 pregnant and breastfeeding mothers** attended the Breastfeeding Mommies Café, a monthly support group for pregnant and breastfeeding mothers. Over the past year, the breastfeeding program surpassed the state of Michigan's initiation rates and the team **processed 257,526 cases**.



Daddies Café, a bi-annual interactive workshop, provided support to **49 new fathers** in 2022. Through an initiative called Project FRESH, WIC provided **617 eligible families** with \$25 coupon booklets to purchase locally grown, fresh fruits and vegetables from farmers markets.

# Funding Sources

The Detroit Health Department pursues funding to support specific initiatives identified as health priorities. Funding targets are determined by costs associated with initiatives that serve to support the health and well-being of Detroiters.





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