

Harford County Health Department

Annual Report

Fiscal Year 2012

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Healthy people in a healthy environment.



Message from the Health Officer

I am pleased to share the Harford County Health Department Annual Report for fiscal year 2012. Building upon our efforts and collaborations from previous years, we have embraced some significant population-based initiatives in addition to our traditional public health programs.

In order to improve the health of all Marylanders, the Maryland Department of Health and Mental Hygiene (DHMH) launched the State Health Improvement Process (SHIP) to prioritize Maryland's health concerns. SHIP provides a baseline framework from which our Local Health Improvement Process was developed with input from more than 50 coalition members. Obesity, tobacco use, and behavioral health, including mental health and substance abuse prevention, were identified as the leading health priorities in the County. Workgroups were formed to develop a framework to implement multi-faceted action plans to address these health issues. Concurrently, the County Council passed a resolution which established an Obesity Task Force, chaired by the Health Officer, to study and make recommendations concerning programs and policies related to educating citizens about healthier living, access to healthy foods, and increased opportunities for walkable communities and recreational activities. An interim report was presented in May 2012, and the final report in October 2012. Funding from the CDC Community Transformation Grant and the Maryland Community Health Resources Commission provided resources to implement strategies to enhance the community level wellness initiatives with our community partners. Details about these exciting initiatives, along with information about our programs, are included in this annual report.

The shift in our public health approach is supported by our newly formed Health Policy Unit which has become an integral part of the public health environment. Data will become an increasingly significant element in our public health decisions as we benchmark our progress not only with health departments in Maryland, but throughout the country. Recognizing the value of a broader perspective, in fiscal year 2012, the Harford County Health Department submitted its Statement of Intent to apply for Public Health Accreditation. Looking ahead, there are other considerations such as the inevitable impacts of health reform. Can our traditional clinical services be competitive with the private sector yet meet the critical safety net needs of our community? Can we shift from grant funded to a business model delivery of services and receive adequate reimbursements? These are some of the public health challenges in the upcoming years. Your feedback and comments are welcomed.

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Harford County Health Officer



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Community Collaborations

The **State Health Improvement Process (SHIP)** was launched in September 2011 by Maryland's Department of Health and Mental Hygiene (DHMH) in order to improve the health of all Marylanders. The goal of the SHIP is to focus on health priorities and provide a framework for accountability, local action, and public engagement to create and measure progress in Maryland's health. Defined by 6 vision areas and 39 health objectives, which represent what it means for Marylanders to be healthy, SHIP provides a baseline framework from which Maryland can move forward. Harford County is comparable to or better than the State average on 28 of the 39 objectives, but ranks worse than Maryland in 11 objectives. More information about Harford County's rankings can be found at <http://dhmh.maryland.gov/ship>.

The **Local Health Improvement Process (LHIP)** in Harford County was created when DHMH charged each county with developing its own planning process through the use of a Local Health Improvement Coalition (LHIC). In December 2011, Harford County convened the LHIC with over 50 members, representing diverse affiliations and interests, all committed to improving the health of Harford County residents. The Coalition reviewed the results of 39 health objectives in order to determine local priorities. After reviewing the public health indicators for the County, the LHIC identified three significant public health issues: obesity, tobacco use, and behavioral health, including mental health and substance abuse prevention. Workgroups were established for each of these priority areas. Each group was populated with LHIC members and additional community members that could offer valuable subject-related expertise.



An **Obesity Task Force** was established by Harford County Council Resolution 28-11 in October, 2011. This occurred concurrently with the launching of the State and Local Health Improvement Processes throughout Maryland. The Task Force was directed by the County Council to make recommendations on programs and policies necessary "for creating a healthier Harford County; to educate Harford County citizens regarding healthier living, food choices, and exercise; to provide for accessibility to healthy and affordable foods; and to identify ways to develop and implement more opportunities for walkable communities and recreational activities throughout the County."

The Task Force formed three subcommittees to more fully address the underlying causes of obesity in Harford County: Community Engagement, Access to Healthy Foods, and Built Environment. The

subcommittees expanded participation in their deliberations by inviting representatives from diverse organizations who could contribute knowledge and experience in addressing social and environmental issues. An interim Obesity Task Force Report was presented to Harford County Council in May 2012 with a final report presented in October 2012.

Healthy Harford, a non-profit organization established in 1993 by leaders from Upper Chesapeake Health, Harford County Health Department, and Harford County Government, is a community coalition dedicated to improved health outcomes. Recognizing that good health extends well beyond the confines of somatic care, Healthy Harford seeks to bring both traditional and non-traditional segments of the community together to remove barriers and limitations to achieving a healthier lifestyle – creating a community where the healthy choice is the easy choice. Healthy Harford maintains a website (<http://www.healthyharford.org>) where county residents can access general wellness information, local community activities, and public health updates, and a Facebook page (<http://www.facebook.com/HealthyHarford>) which provides a more personal interactive venue for health news and trends, local happenings, and events.



For fiscal year 2012, Healthy Harford areas of focus were on the Local Health Improvement Process and its work on tobacco cessation and the Obesity Task Force, including its subcommittees. Additionally, support was provided for the County Bike and Pedestrian Master Plan, increasing bike parking at schools and county locations, school wellness programs, Family Fit 4 Life, and staff and community education through partnerships with the Sheriff's Office, Office of Sustainability and the Office of Recycling. Healthy Harford participates in numerous community and school educational events including Upper Chesapeake Health's annual "Health-tacular" and National Walk to School Day.



Two Grant Awards will help support the implementation of the LHIP workgroup strategies: (1) the Community Transformation Grant (CTG), a federal Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) program through DHMH, and (2) Maryland Community Health Resources Commission (MCHRC) grant.

Maryland DHMH was awarded CTG funds and, in turn, is funding the Harford County Health Department to promote CTG activities. The CTG provides funding for community-level efforts to promote healthy lifestyles among population groups experiencing the greatest burden of chronic disease in order to improve health,

reduce health disparities, and control health care spending. In Harford County, the CTG will support implementation of strategies formulated by the Obesity Task Force and Tobacco Workgroup, as well as other strategies with key community partners. For example, the CTG is supporting the school wellness collaborations with three Harford County Public Schools (William Paca/Old Post Road Elementary, Havre de Grace Elementary, Edgewood Elementary) that have a high minority/low socio-economic population.

The Harford County Health Department was awarded MCHRC base funding to support the healthy eating and active living priority of the LHIP. This will be used to create a Healthy Harford marketing plan to promote messages of healthy eating and active living. Additionally, the Health Department was awarded bonus funding to address the behavioral health priority identified through the LHIP. This funding will be used to provide behavioral health integration trainings and pilot a text message program aimed at improving appointment adherence and medication compliance.

Community engagement activities are a significant part of the Health Department's community outreach efforts. Staff participates in a number of resource fairs throughout the year to share public health and resource information. In addition, the Health Department offers support to local partners by participating in community events such as the Sexual Abuse Resource Center's (SARC) "Walk a Mile in Her Shoes" and the Department of Community Services' Bike to Work Day.



FY 2012 At A Glance

- Processed **5,830** birth certificates and **331** death certificates.
- Admitted **861** clients into outpatient addiction treatment services.
- Provided **36** Teen Diversion clients with psychiatric rehabilitation services.
- Tested **1,381** people for HIV.
- Served **1,500** children through School-Based Health Centers.
- Enrolled **64** new case management clients in Healthcare for the Homeless services.
- Educated **7,033** persons about targeted cancers.
- Performed **377** comprehensive evaluations for aged and functionally disabled adults.
- Navigated **2,056** clients through the HealthChoice health care system.
- Administered **12,917** doses of flu vaccine.
- Scheduled **4,245** client visits at the Family Planning Clinic.
- Vaccinated **2,510** dogs, cats, and ferrets against rabies.
- Conducted **1,792** inspections of licensed food service facilities.
- Educated **8,078** Harford County K-12 private and public school students, parents, and teachers on tobacco awareness.
- Served **4,695** clients at the Dental Clinic.
- Processed **1,899** new applications for Maryland's Children's Health Program.
- Scheduled **63,430** one-way rides for ambulatory clients.
- Provided services to **5,926** participants of the WIC program on a monthly basis.
- Approved **1,857** building permits.
- Completed **129** immunization outreach activities.
- Served **839** children through the Infants and Toddlers program.
- Coordinated and case managed **370** colorectal, breast, and cervical cancer prevention screening procedures.
- Provided **215** persons with tobacco cessation classes.

Health Department Programs

Ensuring Access to Health Services

Maryland Children's Health Program (MCHP) provides full health benefits for children up to age 19 and pregnant women of any age who meet income eligibility guidelines. MCHP enrollees obtain care from a variety of Managed Care Organizations through the Maryland HealthChoice Program. The Medical Assistance for Families program provides the same benefits as MCHP but expands eligibility coverage to those parents and/or adults who care for children, as well as for children ages 19 and 20.

- Processed 1,899 new applications and 2,505 renewal applications, approximately 75% of which were for MCHP and 25% were for Medical Assistance for Families.

Medical Assistance Transportation arranges taxicab, wheelchair van and ambulance transportation for eligible Medical Assistance recipients who are accessing medical care.

- Scheduled approximately 63,430 one-way rides for ambulatory clients.
- Scheduled approximately 5,910 wheelchair and ambulance one-way rides for non-ambulatory clients.

Care Coordination & Outreach Child and Family Unit provides health education, care coordination outreach and overseer services to HealthChoice enrollees. Hearing and vision screenings are provided for 23 state approved non-public schools. Case reviews of fetal, infant, and child fatality are performed, as well as care coordination for children with elevated blood lead levels. Additionally, resource information is provided for high-risk newborns and high-risk postpartum women. Respite care funds are made available to families that have children with special health care needs.

- Distributed respite care funding to 65 families.
- Assisted 2,056 clients with the HealthChoice application process, providing education about HealthChoice, and navigating the managed health care system.

Care Coordination & Outreach Senior and Disability Unit - The Adult Evaluation & Referral Services (AERS) and Medical Assistance & Personal Care Programs provide evaluation and personal care monitoring to Harford County residents. In addition, through the Person Centered Hospital Discharge Program, registered nurses seek out hospitalized individuals 18 years of age and older at risk for long-term institutionalization. Discharge planning and subsequent follow-up in the home setting is available for these individuals.

- Medical Assistance programs provided monthly case monitoring services to an average of 97 individuals.
- AERS provided 377 comprehensive evaluations for aged and functionally disabled adults in need of long-term care and at risk for institutionalization.

Being Prepared for Emergencies

The Public Health Emergency Preparedness and Response Program collaborates closely with other Harford County agencies and health departments in our region to strategically prepare for and respond to natural or man-made emergencies. In concert with all Harford County Health Department employees, staff is available 24 hours a day to respond to public health emergencies.

- The Health Department participated in the successful evacuation of Citizens Care and Rehabilitation Center on September 8, 2011 as a result of Tropical Storm Lee and the ensuing rise of flood waters in Havre de Grace.
- The full-scale Mass Decontamination Plan received FEMA approval in all demonstrated areas during the March 2012 Peach Bottom Exercise.



Preventing and Managing Illnesses

Communicable Disease Surveillance and Control Unit is responsible for communicable disease surveillance and investigation, outbreak response, sexually transmitted infection (STI) testing and control, tuberculosis (TB) control, immunization services, pre and post rabies exposure treatment and referral, perinatal hepatitis B case management, and the Refugee/Migrant Health Worker Program.

- 616 clients were provided immunizations.
- 975 clients were served through STI clinics.

"I was treated with nothing but courtesy and friendliness...I am scheduled to return in May for my second Hepatitis B vaccination and can honestly say that I look forward to it."

-- Woodbridge Clinic Client

Division of Addiction Services (DAS) provides outpatient substance abuse treatment for adolescents and adults. DAS is certified for multiple levels of care including early intervention, standard outpatient, and intensive outpatient services. Major services include, but are not limited to, comprehensive assessments, individual and group counseling, group counseling sessions for special populations, parent support groups, a family education/support group for anyone in the County, and urinalysis screening. DAS also provides services through contracts for the adult population. These include residential treatment, methadone and suboxone maintenance and detoxification services. A psychiatrist from Sheppard Pratt Health Systems is on-site 25 hours per week. In response to client needs, DAS increased the number of evening group session and evening counseling hours. Also, DAS is working with local and state partners in preparation for the integration of behavioral health services.

The HOPE (Healthy Options Provide Empowerment) Project, targets dually-diagnosed (addiction and mental health) inmates and links them to substance abuse, mental health, medical and case management services with the goal of reducing recidivism. The Adult Drug Court Program provides substance abuse education and treatment services for nonviolent substance abuse offenders.

- 861 clients admitted into outpatient services; 127 of those patients were adolescents.
- 407 dually diagnosed patients and those using suboxone treatments were treated by the psychiatrist.

Other accomplishments include:

- Conducted a resource forum, along with the Alcohol and Drug Abuse Administration (ADAA), at the Bel Air State Police Barracks to inform the county about Access to Recovery services and to recruit potential providers.
- Participated in Harford County's Local Health Improvement Process (LHIP) Behavioral Health Workgroup. This group met with Emergency Room staff from Upper Chesapeake Health and Harford Memorial in June 2012 to explore ways to reduce Emergency Department visits for behavioral health concerns.

HIV/AIDS Services Unit provides free, anonymous and/or confidential HIV antibody testing and educational counseling. Case management is a comprehensive service provided by nurses and social workers to help HIV positive patients identify available resources and entitlements. In addition, medical services are available to HIV/AIDS clients via a partnership with the Johns Hopkins Hospital Moore Clinic. This multidisciplinary team approach affords the patient intensive, wrap-around medical management at a local level.

- Performed HIV testing on 1,381 persons.

- Provided 5,212 case management encounters to approximately 140 HIV/AIDS clients, including 17 new clients and 4 clients who re-entered care, many of whom presented challenges with dual and multiple diagnoses.

Health Care for the Homeless is a collaboration between the Harford County Health Department and Upper Chesapeake HealthLink Primary Care Clinic that provides intensive case management and medical services to individuals who lack a secure place to live. Staff determines the availability of entitlements and benefits, and coordinates medical care, shelter, and referrals for mental health and substance abuse treatment for homeless clients, individuals recently released from incarceration, and those who reside in transitional housing.

- Enrolled 64 new Case Management clients.
- Documented approximately 381 total Case Management encounters.

The Public Health Education Unit provides health education and informational services intended to keep community partners and the public abreast of significant public health issues and activities. This unit also provides free tobacco cessation classes and counseling to all interested Harford County residents.

- Provided tobacco use cessation classes and related cessations services to 215 clients.
- Provided tobacco awareness education to 8,078 Harford County K-12 private and public schools students, parents, and teachers; 363 pre-k students, parents, and teachers; and 388 college students.
- Prepared and disseminated 25 news releases to public information representatives and the media.

Public Health Matters is a program on Harford Cable Network (HCN) that addresses public health issues that matter the most to citizens of Harford County. The program is hosted by the Health Officer, features authoritative guests, and covers timely, current issues related to health and the local community. Four new programs were produced during fiscal year 2012 including segments on Addictions, Injury Prevention, and two on Stroke.



The Cancer Prevention Services Unit provides education on targeted cancers, screenings for breast, cervical, and colorectal cancers, and links clients to treatment. Services provided to clients include client case management, navigation, and coordination of care.

- Educated 7,033 persons about targeted cancers.

- Provided prevention messages on colorectal, breast, and cervical cancer through more than five million media “exposures” to persons residing in Harford County via advertising, news releases, flyers, and direct mailings.
- Coordinated and case managed 370 colorectal, breast, and cervical cancer prevention screening procedures.
- Provided one client with cancer case management and treatment services through the Maryland Cancer Fund, and coordinated breast and cervical cancer diagnostic and treatment services for an additional 17 women under the Expanded Breast and Cervical Cancer (BCC) program.

Keeping Children Healthy

School-Based FluMist and Injectable Vaccination Program is planned and implemented by the Communicable Disease Unit. Harford County ranks highest among all 24 Maryland jurisdictions in childhood influenza vaccination rates, due in large part to the local health department/local school system partnership events. Harford County Health Department also has one of the highest employee flu immunization rates of all Maryland health departments.

- 10,133 doses of FluMist were administered to elementary students during school hours.
- 578 members of local government and partner organizations received the flu vaccine as well as 260 employees and family members of the health department.

Teen Diversion is a psychiatric rehabilitation day-program operating in partnership with Harford County Public Schools.



Adolescents, ages 13 through 18, typically participate in a twelve or more week treatment program which is focused on diverting them from a more restrictive therapeutic

or educational placement and reintegrating them back into the community. Services are tailored to the individual needs of the adolescent and their family. Some services include therapy (individual, family, and socialization/recreational), psychiatric rehabilitation and evaluations, medication management, counseling, conflict resolution and communication groups, and vocational readiness training. The program also provides crisis intervention with 24-hour support and an optional AfterCare program.

*“Thank you, Thank you, Thank you!
So wonderful to know there is a
program out there to help. Sometimes
parents feel so alone”*

-- Parent of Teen Diversion Client

- Provided services to 36 teens and their families.
- Diverted 78% of teens (7/9) referred to Teen Diversion at risk of re-hospitalization.

- 23 out of 28 students re-entered their home schools or previously assigned educational setting after placement at Teen Diversion.

Reproductive Health and Family Planning Program provides confidential Family Planning and Colposcopy services to underinsured and uninsured women in order to maintain and improve their reproductive health and well-being. The program provides clients the information and means to exercise personal choice in determining the number and spacing of their children. They may receive basic gynecological services, contraceptive education and birth control, testing for sexually transmitted infections (STIs), walk-in pregnancy testing and emergency contraception. Clients with abnormal pap smears are referred to the Colposcopy Clinic.

- Provided services for 3,549 Family Planning clients totaling 4,245 clinic visits.
- Provided 645 pregnancy tests and 308 emergency contraceptives to walk-in clients.



Dental Health Services - The Dental Clinic serves children ages 1 – 20 enrolled in the Maryland Children's Health Program and pregnant women that are part of the Medical Assistance Program. Same-day treatment for dental emergencies involving infection and trauma are provided. Hygiene services include x-rays, cleanings, sealants, fluoride treatment, and nutrition education. Dental services include restorations (fillings), extractions, root canals, and referrals for specialty care.

- Served 4,695 clients at the clinic.
- Provided services for 5,689 patients since the clinic opened in March 2008.

Infants and Toddlers is a multi-agency program providing individualized early intervention services to qualifying Harford County children and their families. Working in collaboration with the Department of Social Services and Harford County Public Schools, the program provides special instruction, speech language therapy, occupational therapy, physical therapy, audiology, and service coordination.

- Received approximately 51 new referrals monthly and served a total of 839 children.

School-Based Health Centers provide health care, mental health care, and preventive services to students in four Title 1 elementary schools who may lack access to health care. Licensed nurse practitioners examine, diagnose, and prescribe medication for problems such as infections, asthma, rashes, and provide comprehensive physical exams. Social workers provide supportive counseling for

children and their families, help address behavior issues, and assist families in accessing community resources.

- 1,500 children were provided medical and mental health services.

Women Infants and Children (WIC) is a federally funded program serving pregnant women, new mothers, infants and children under age five in Harford and Cecil Counties. The program provides healthy supplemental foods, personalized nutrition assessment and counseling, health screenings on infants and children, and breastfeeding support through the Breastfeeding Peer Counselor Program. WIC participants receive monthly food checks for healthy foods and receive special Farmers' Market checks each summer for fresh fruits and vegetables.



- Provided services to an average monthly caseload of 5,926; including on average 635 pregnant women, 521 post-partum women, 320 breastfeeding women, 2,942 children, and 1,557 infants.
- 38% of post-partum women enrolled in the program are breastfeeding.

Maintaining a Safe and Healthy Environment

The Consumer Protection Unit conducts inspections of food service facilities, reviews plans for new and remodeled food service facilities, investigates foodborne and zoonotic diseases and nuisance complaints, enforces regulations regarding rabies and vector control, and performs inspections of camps, non-public schools, adoption/foster care homes, and public pools.

"...I want to thank you so very much for making this low cost rabies shot available to so many that face hard times with their pet expenses."

--Rabies Clinic Client

- Regulated 890 permanent licensed food facilities, including 737 retail establishments, 70 schools and 83 non-profit facilities.
- Conducted 1,792 inspections of licensed food service facilities.
- Conducted 253 public pool inspections and issued 95 permits.
- Conducted 180 complaint investigations related to insect and vector control.



- Vaccinated 2,510 dogs, cats, and ferrets against rabies at nine scheduled clinics which is the highest number of animal vaccinations for the past ten years.

Other accomplishments include:

- The Division of Food Control issued temporary food licenses and inspected 57 vendors for the BBQ Bash and the Seafood Festival. These two events occurred on the same weekend and drew national attention. Also, the

Division of Food Control submitted to the FDA its intention to participate in the Voluntary National Retail Food Regulatory Program Standards. The staff continues to work on the self-assessment which will be submitted in April 2013.

The Resource Protection Unit is responsible for building permit review, septic systems, well permits, soil percolation tests, and water quality sampling. In addition, this Unit issues burning permits, inspects daycare facilities and responds to a variety of air pollution and solid waste complaints.

- Approved 1,857 building permits.
- Performed 372 percolation tests/soil evaluations.
- Conducted 390 nuisance complaint investigations related to solid waste, air, and sewage.
- Issued 264 well permits.

Other accomplishments include:

- Worked with community members of Grafton Ridge, Saddle View, Watervale Farms, Deer Hollow, and Martin Meadows to determine the source of lead found in the drinking water. It was determined that brass fittings in the plumbing were the likely source.
- Worked with the Department of Planning and Zoning to implement Senate Bill 236. The Bill limits the numbers of lots that can be developed on septic systems.

Spotlight on Accomplishments in Fiscal Year 2012

World Breastfeeding Week is celebrated locally every August through a collaboration between the Harford/Cecil County WIC Program and the Upper Chesapeake Medical Center. World Breastfeeding Week is celebrated in more than 170 countries to encourage breastfeeding and improve the health of babies around the world. It commemorates the



Innocenti Declaration made by WHO and UNICEF policy-makers in August 1990, to protect, promote and support breastfeeding. The Breastfeeding Celebration allowed programs to come together to recognize and honor over 100 breastfeeding moms in Harford County.

An **invitation was extended** to the Health Officer to speak at the University of Maryland's Summit on Childhood Obesity in November 2011. This was due in large part to Harford County's recent efforts in addressing obesity through its work with Healthy Harford. This summit was held in order to unite stakeholders, including but not limited to, educators, healthcare specialists, and policy makers from across the state of Maryland, to address this growing issue.



The **Dental Clinic Expanded** to twice its original size (from three to five dental chairs) this year. This was made possible by its popularity and demand in the community. The expansion was funded by collections received for services, as well as a \$30,000 award from the Office of Oral Health at DHMH. Additionally, the Clinic has added endodontic services (root canals) and oral surgery which has reduced the number of referrals to other facilities.

The **Division of Addiction Services (DAS)** hosted a breakfast meeting with local doctors and pharmacists in January 2012 to inform them of the high prescription drug and suboxone misuse in Harford County. Also during this month, the DAS helped form and became a member of the local Prescription Drug Task Force. This group consists of professionals from the addictions field as well as other related professions. Members of the group brainstorm and implement ideas on how to deal with Harford County's prescription drug problem.

A **Statement of Intent** for National Public Health Accreditation was submitted by the Health Department in January 2012. The goal of the accreditation program is to protect and improve the health of the public by advancing the quality and performance of all public health departments. The development of a Community Health Assessment (CHA), Community Health Improvement Plan (CHIP), and Strategic Plan were undertaken by the staff to meet the accreditation standards.



Tobacco Quit Classes were offered by the Health Department to all Harford County Government employees. This was done in preparation for the County's tobacco-free policy implemented January 1, 2012. The policy established a tobacco-free requirement for all properties owned and operated by the County.

A **Comprehensive Women's Health Care Program** was launched by the Harford County Health Department in January 2012. This occurred in conjunction with a grant from the Maryland Community Health Resources Commission (MCHRC). Women in need of subsidized clinical family planning care may now also receive a comprehensive set of services including: Medicaid screening/eligibility, WIC nutrition services referrals, dental referrals, substance abuse/mental health referrals, smoking cessation services, domestic violence screening/resource referrals, weight management referrals, hypertension screening, and primary care physician referrals.

The **Cities Readiness Initiative Plan** was reviewed by the CDC Strategic National Stockpile program using their extensive Technical Assistance Review process in May 2012. The resulting score of 100 points placed Harford County in the top 3-5% of all jurisdictions in the United States with regard to emergency planning readiness.

The **HCHD investigated and responded** to significant bat colonization in two Aberdeen apartment complexes. This involved coordination with DHMH, community meetings, contacting current residents (and those who occupied apartments up to six months prior), assessing for exposure, and providing post exposure prophylaxis to some individuals. The HCHD response was presented at the DHMH Zoonotic Conference in June 2012. Bats are known to carry rabies and pose a risk to human exposure to the virus.



Locations & Directory of Services



WOODBRIIDGE STATION

**1321 Woodbridge Station Way
Edgewood, Maryland 21040
410-612-1779**

Services: Cancer Prevention, Communicable Disease, Family Planning and Colposcopy Services, Immunization, Public Health Education, Sexually Transmitted Diseases (STD), Tobacco Cessation and Women, Infants, & Children (WIC)

DENTAL CLINIC

**2204 Hanson Road
Edgewood Plaza Shopping Center
Edgewood, Maryland 21040
443-922-7670 • Fax: 443-922-7673**

Services: Dental Care for Children and Pregnant Women on the MCHP Program

HEALTH SERVICES

**1 North Main Street
Bel Air, Maryland 21014
410-638-3060 • Fax: 410-638-4927**

Services: HIV Case Management and Homeless Service Coordination

ABERDEEN COMMUNITY CENTER

**34 North Philadelphia Boulevard
Aberdeen, Maryland 21001
410-273-5626 • 410-273-5656 (WIC)**

Services: Administrative Care Coordination and Child & Family Services, Adult Evaluation Review Services, Medical Assistance Personal Care, Hospital Discharge Program, Senior and Disability Services and WIC

THOMAS HAYS BUILDING

**120 South Hays Street
Bel Air, Maryland 21014
410-838-1500**

Services: Administrative Services, Addiction Services, Emergency Preparedness, Environmental Health, Maryland Children's Health Program (MCHP), MA Transportation and Vital Records

CENTER FOR EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITY

**Teen Diversion
253 Paradise Road
Aberdeen, Maryland 21001
410-273-5681 • Fax: 410-273-5556**

Services: Group, Family and Individual Therapy, Medication and Case Management and Day Treatment for Adolescents, Psychiatric Rehabilitation