



New Haven Health Department Highlights from the 2009 Annual Report

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Each year, the New Haven Health Department (NHHD)—the premiere public health agency in the region—advocates for and protects the health of New Haven residents.

The year 2009 was no exception! Here are some of the highlights of 2009:

- The NHHD received over \$11 million in grant awards from State and Federal governments and generated nearly \$1 million in revenue for the City.
- The NHHD became one of 3 pilot sites in the State to participate in the Health Equity Alliance, an initiative funded through the Kellogg Foundation and the Connecticut Association of Directors of Health to address the social determinants of health.
- The NHHD served hundreds of families and children with asthma through the “Triggers Be Gone” and “Putting on Airs” programs of the New Haven’s Asthma Initiative.
- The NHHD’s consumer protection division conducted over 900 inspections to ensure the quality of meters and scales used by residents throughout the City.
- The NHHD ensured the quality of restaurant and other food establishments by conducting over 1,278 inspections at the 1,058 food service establishments operating within the City of New Haven.
- The NHHD successfully distributed H1N1 Vaccination drives during the height of the H1N1 Flu Pandemic, with nearly 600 vaccines provided.
- The Health Education Division continued to educate the community on how to reduce premature death and disability from heart disease, diabetes, stroke, and unintentional injury among New Haven residents.
- Dozens of home safety assessments were performed in homes where children six years of age or younger lived. Hundreds of safety supplies, such as cabinet locks, electrical outlet plugs and carbon monoxide alarms were provided.
- The NHHD performed weekly water quality checks at the City’s Lighthouse Point Park Beach to ensure resident protection from sewage and other water contaminants.
- The NHHD provided services to over 1500 pregnant or postpartum women and children, including bilingual/bicultural services.
- The Nurturing Families Network (NFN) Program served 36 families and conducted forty-five group sessions were conducted with prenatal teenage girls.
- The NHHD continued to operate the Syringe Exchange Program. The SEP was the first-ever of its kind in the State of Connecticut.
- During 2009, the NHHD’s public health nurses who reside in NHPS schools served 398 students, administered 531 immunizations and provided physical examinations for 337 students in the Health Department Clinic.

See the full Report at: <http://www.cityofnewhaven.com/health>

A Little About the New Haven Health Department:

The Mission of the New Haven Health Department is to advocate for and ensure the health and wellbeing of all New Haven Residents. Comprised of 7 divisions, a host of programs and an operating budget of over \$14 million, the New Haven Health Department continues to be at the forefront of public health in New Haven. For more information, contact 203-946-6999.