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ANNUAL REPORT 2022

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On behalf of the Washington County Board of Health, and Washington County Public Health employees, I thank you for taking interest in the important work that is being done to promote and protect health in Washington County. It is my pleasure to share this Annual Report with you all.

On a personal note, I would like to thank you all for your support in my first several months as Washington County Public Health Administrator. We can never say with certainty what a major life change will look like, nor how it will be received, but I can say with confidence that I made the right choice in selecting Washington County Public Health. The outpouring of warm welcomes and support that I have received has shown me time and time again how wonderful this community is. I am honored to serve you all in my role as Administrator.

In the past year, many of us have learned to adjust to a life with COVID-19 – which included everchanging information on guidance for staying home when we were sick, community transmission, and vaccine availability. One thing that has not changed in FY22 is the dedication of WCPH staff to assist the community in their efforts of maintaining the best levels of health and determining a new “normal” that we have all sought after for over 2 years now.

FY22 saw the continuation of many of our longest-running programs, such as home health services, maternal and child health services, and immunizations; as well as the creation and introduction of new programs such as STABIL and Fresh Conversations. Through all of the work that has been accomplished by WCPH employees and volunteers over the past year, our mission has remained unchanged: to protect, nurture, and advance the health of our communities.

We thank you for your support of our mission and look forward to continuing to serve Washington County in FY23.

Yours in Health,
Emily Tokheim, MPH, Administrator



Washington County Public Health Staff 2021-2022

		Years of Service
Administrator	Danielle Pettit-Majewski, MPH (July)	9
	Emily Tokheim, MPH (Nov–June)	1
Clinical Nurse Manager	Karri Fisher, RN, MSN	12
Fiscal Administrator	Peggy Wood, BA	16
Public Health Nurse	Sara Hammes, RN	1
Home Health Nurses	Virginia Miller, LPN	9
	Jenifer Roberts, RN, BSN	3
	Diane Waldschmidt, RN, BSN	10
	Megan Waterhouse, RN, BSN	7
Home Health Aides	Jackie Brown, CNA	3
	Bonnie Lins, CNA	7
	Irene McDowell, CNA	9
Administrative Support Staff	Susie Beatty – Billing specialist	30
	Maxine Hervey – Program assistant	10
	Jessica Janecek – Billing specialist	9
Social Worker	Jen Weidman, BSW (July)	20
	Sarah Smith, LBSW (Sept–June)	1
Dental Assistant	Lori Hobscheidt, RDA	24
I-Smile™ Coordinator	Martha Hernandez-Lopez, RDH	5
1st Five Coordinator	Roberta Sloat, LBSW	22

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Staff News



In September, 2021, Susie Beatty celebrated her 30 year anniversary with Washington County Public Health. Thank you Susie for your dedication and service!

PUBLIC HEALTH SERVICES

Community Outreach

Washington County Public Health continues to strive to be as forward-facing and available to the public as we can possibly be. In order to achieve this goal, we are always looking for community events and programs to become involved in. In March 2022, WCPH sponsored a health fair at the Mid-Prairie Color Run. We had an excellent turnout, and involved participants from around the County to share their work and resources with attendees. WCPH staff representing 1st Five, Hawk-I, I-Smile, and our immunization program, attended the fair. WCPH staff also attended the annual KidzFest hosted by Washington County Hospitals and Clinics in May 2022. To learn more about community outreach, see the Maternal and Child Health section of this Annual Report.

Additionally, Washington County Public Health changed our business hours this year. Effective February 2, we began closing our office over the lunch hour from 12 – 1 PM daily. While we appreciate every opportunity to serve the public, we also recognized that our staff had faced a challenging two years of working in public health through a pandemic, and we chose to make this change in order to allow them to reset, refresh, and recharge in order to serve our community effectively.



Fresh Conversations is a healthy living program for adults 60 and older established by the Iowa Department of Public Health. This program has been in Washington County since February 2022, with WCPH staff leading the program since April. We currently host the program monthly at the United Presbyterian Home in Washington, and are looking forward to continuing to grow the program in the coming year.



Successful **T**ransition **A**rriving **B**ack home with **I**nformed **L**ifestyle choices

STABIL offers in-home education and support immediately following a hospital stay for individuals with Diabetes. After discharge, WCPH sets up 3 visits to provide care right in the comfort of patient's home.

The patient's care team includes:

- WCHC Hospitalist & Discharge Team
- WCPH Nurses
- Primary Care Provider
- WCHC Diabetes Educator

STABIL provides individualized diabetes education, planning, & support including:

- Medication review & education
- Blood sugar monitoring
- Nutrition review & education
- Review of community resources

WCPH has received 11 referrals from WCHC:

- 4 patients successfully completed the program
- 3 patients refused services
- 3 patients were unable to be located/contacted
- 1 patient had another hospitalization prior to WCPH contacting

Emergency Preparedness

Washington County Public Health continues to play an active role in emergency preparedness activities in the County and Southeast region of the State. We work with local, regional, and state partners in an effort to increase our ability to respond to public health emergencies that threaten the health and safety of the community.



Ongoing emergency preparedness activities include:

- Annual WCPH staff drills and exercises
- Participation in the Washington County Healthcare Coalition, Local Emergency Planning Committee, and Health Care Coalition for Service Area 5 (Southeast Iowa)
- Iowa Health Alert Network test participation and monthly radio tests
- Review and revision of the agency's Emergency Preparedness Plan
- Assure staff competencies in accordance with the Federal National Incident Management System (NIMS)

Communicable Disease Surveillance

Communicable disease surveillance and follow up is a required function of Local Boards of Health. Under the Board of Health, Washington County Public Health performs this service to the community. Communicable disease cases are reported to local public health departments using the Iowa Disease Surveillance System (IDSS). This system is maintained through communication between public health, private physicians, hospitals, labs, schools, nursing homes, and the Iowa Department of Public Health. Washington County Public Health's responsibility in communicable disease surveillance is to provide prompt investigation of possible outbreaks and implement control measures to contain further spread of the disease. Through early detection, education, and proper interventions, WCPH strives to keep our community healthy.



Washington County Reportable Diseases 2021-2022

Anaplasmosis phagocytophilum	1
Campylobacter	12
Cholera	1
CRE Enterobacter	1
Cryptosporidium	1
E. Coli	6
Hemolytic Uremic Syndrome	1
Lyme	12
Mumps	1
Q Fever	1
Salmonella	1
Total	38

COVID-19

Covid-19 continues to play a big role in our day to day life. While vaccination rates go up and case numbers go down, we know that this virus is likely here to stay. WCPH carries all vaccines that have been approved for children as young as 6 months.

During FY22, Washington County reported 3,426 positive COVID-19 cases. We saw predominately the Delta and Omicron variants, following similar trends as the rest of the State.

During the same time frame, 28 deaths related to COVID-19 were reported in Washington County. All 28 were reported to involve other underlying disease or injury which contributed to the outcome. While we at WCPH understand the strong desire of the community-at-large to resume to “normal” after being in this pandemic since March 2020, our thoughts are with those who have lost loved ones related to COVID in the past year.

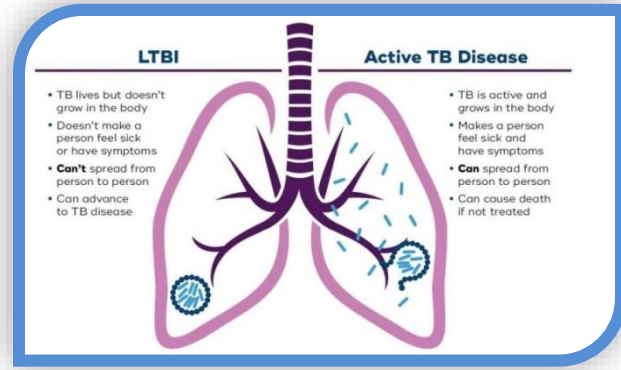


In order to meet the needs of the community through COVID-19 vaccination, WCPH offers monthly walk-in vaccine clinics. Due to higher demand for the COVID-19 vaccine at the beginning of FY22, we offered weekly vaccine clinics through January 2022. After seeing a drastic reduction in COVID vaccine interest, we reduced clinic offerings to once-per-month beginning in February. All along, our nursing staff have continued to monitor and follow best practices, clinical considerations for vaccinations, and stayed up-to-date on the everchanging information surrounding age requirements, booster dose recommendations, and new vaccines as they are approved by the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) and CDC.

WCPH will continue to be a resource as community members seek to become vaccinated against COVID-19, and we invite anyone with questions or concerns on their vaccination needs/status to contact us or their primary health care provider.

Latent TB Infection Program

Early detection of tuberculosis (TB) infection in conjunction with public education is crucial in reducing the risk of an active TB infection. By providing timely and effective treatment, WCPH plays a role in ensuring that most people diagnosed with a Latent TB infection do not progress into Active TB. The Center for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) statistics show that 5-10% of infected individuals that do not receive treatment for latent TB infections develop an active TB disease at some point in their lives. In order to decrease that risk, people with a positive TB skin test who also have risk factors (such as diseases that weaken the immune system), are given antibiotics to treat the latent infection. Washington County Public Health works with the Iowa Department of Public Health's TB Control Program and in partnership with the client's physician by providing ongoing case management during the course of treatment. Medications are sent to WCPH for distribution and monthly appointments are scheduled. At the time of this appointment medication is distributed, a nursing assessment completed and adverse reactions noted and reported. WCPH had a total of 10 Latent TB patients.



Immunization

The state sponsored Vaccines for Children Program (VFC) allows Washington County Public Health to provide immunizations free of charge for children who meet certain guidelines which includes: children enrolled in Medicaid, uninsured, underinsured, American Indian or Alaskan Native, and 0-18 years of age. In addition, the immunization program provides seasonal influenza vaccines during scheduled clinics and within the community to businesses, schools districts, and at community events.



WCPH continues to work hard to improve vaccination compliance by offering 4 daytime clinics and 2 evening clinics monthly in attempt to be available for all schedules. Our staff also work hard at preventing no-show appointments and cancellations by setting up appointment reminders via text, sending post cards, contacting families of children that

are behind on their immunizations, and encouraging medical providers to use the Immunization Registry Information System (statewide database). The immunization program is vital to the overall health of the community.

Total Doses Administered by Vaccine Type Comparison

	2020-21	2021-22		2020-21	2021-22
DTap	70	87	Hep B, adult	10	9
Tdap	84	73	Hep A, adult	2	0
Tdap (Adult)	2	23	Hep A, child	160	167
DTap-Hep B-IPV	208	117	HPV	128	108
DTap-IPV	58	65	Varicella	82	105
Td (total doses)	2	2	PCV13	252	231
IPV (Polio)	27	29	Seasonal Influenza,adult	565	612
MMR	77	95	Seasonal Influenza,child	424	170
MMRV	62	73	Meningitis (MCV4)	142	145
Hib	213	101	Meningitis B	81	70
Hep B, Child	9	35	Rotavirus	91	76
			Total	2,749	2,393

School and Child Care Immunization Audit Data

School and child care immunization audits are conducted yearly per Iowa Code to ensure required vaccines have been received in an effort to prevent diseases from spreading that can cause serious health problems among children. Our department is responsible for all children enrolled in Washington county School District and for all children attending a licensed daycare or after school program.

School Audits	2020-21	2021-22
Number of schools audited	13	13
Records reviewed	4,221	4,150
Medical exemptions	15	18
Religious exemptions	200	251
Non-valid records	58	301
Provisional certificates	131	9
Child Care Audits	2020-21	2021-22
Number of schools audited	17	17
Records reviewed	698	738
Medical exemptions	0	0
Religious exemptions	4	8
Non-valid records	19	48
Provisional certificates	25	8

Home Health Services

Skilled Nursing

The State of Iowa continues to have a growing percentage of adults over the age of 85 years who are making the choice to remain in their homes and age in place. The staff at Washington County Public Health continues to provide skilled nursing services to qualified individuals and their families as a Medicare certified home health agency. With a rehabilitative and restorative focus, many of our seniors are able to continue to live in their homes comfortably and safely until they are ready to make the transition to a different level of care. Home health continues to provide services which include care and teaching for chronic disease management, complicated wound care and intravenous medication administration. The total number of skilled nursing visits for 2021-2022 was 2,108.



Contracted Therapy

Washington County Public Health continues to partner with three area therapy companies to provide our patients with physical, occupational and speech therapies in their homes. The provision of these services is integral in improving the conditions of the residents of our county and allowing them to remain in their homes. These contracted therapists collaborate with the registered nurses at Washington County Public Health to develop an individualized plan of care that meets the needs of the patient. In the past fiscal year there were 304 physical therapy visits and 26 occupational therapy visits.

Home Health Aide/Homemaker

This program provides personal care and light housekeeping tasks to the residents of Washington County enabling them to remain safely in their homes. Services include: showers, bed baths, skin care, assistance with physician prescribed home exercise programs, dressing/undressing, and laundry. Home Health Aides completed 3,856 visits for 56 patients over the past fiscal year; Homemakers completed 1,883 visits for 61 patients over the past fiscal year.

The physical condition of our clients often improves over time and many of them now live independently in their own homes after discharge from our services.

Maternal Child and Adolescent Health

Women Infant and Children (WIC) Program

WIC (Women Infants, & Children) is a supplemental nutrition program for babies, children under the age of 5, pregnant women, breastfeeding women, and women who have had a baby in the last 6 months. WIC helps families by providing healthy foods, nutrition education, and referrals to other health care agencies. Income guidelines must be met for eligibility for the program. This program utilizes an EBT system which is an efficient method for families to utilize their benefits. WIC services are available four days per month in Washington, Iowa with services provided by Johnson County Public Health.



In July 2021 WIC services started meeting with families face to face again, as they were providing all counseling for WIC services telephonically prior to that. As COVID cases increased in the winter, in January and February 2022 WIC provided counseling telephonically but returned to in person clinics in March.

Washington County Public Health provides a social worker for vision screenings, referral to The Family Connection, resource and referral and a dental hygienist for oral screenings and referral, and developmental screenings at all WIC clinics in Washington County. MCAH staff continues to look at new and innovative ways how important enhanced services can be provided within the community.

Child Health

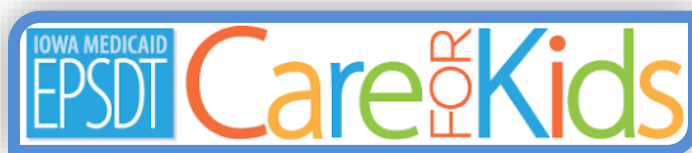
The goals of the child health program are to:

- Promote the health of infants and children by ensuring access to quality preventive health service, especially for low-income families or families with limited access to health services.
- Reduce infant mortality and the incidence of preventable diseases and disabling conditions.
- Increase the number of children fully immunized against disease
- Promote the development of community-based systems of medical and oral health care for infants, children, youth and their families.

Screening services for children through age 21 years are available in conjunction with the WIC program. Children may receive a developmental screening, vision screening, dental screening, lead screening and social assessment. Medical and dental homes are found for children needing services. Assistance is also provided in making sure that all children have access to health insurance.

Early Periodic Screening Diagnostic and Treatment

EPSDT is the Early Periodic, Screening, Diagnosis and Treatment program for children who are enrolled in Medicaid. The focus of this program is to assure that eligible children ages birth through 20 years receive preventive health care services, including oral health care. In Iowa, the EPSDT program is called Care for Kids. EPSDT Care for Kids services are free to children enrolled in Medicaid.



The acronym EPSDT stands for:

Early Children should receive quality health care beginning at birth and continuing throughout childhood and adolescence including the identification, diagnosis and treatment of medical conditions as early as possible.

Periodic Children should receive well child check-ups at regular intervals throughout childhood according to standards set by the American Academy of Pediatrics. Health care may be provided between regularly scheduled check-ups.

Screening Children should be screened for health and developmental problems. Services shall include health history, developmental assessment, physical exam, immunizations, lab tests, health education, dental exam, and vision and hearing screenings.

Diagnosis Children should receive further evaluation of health or developmental problems identified during check-ups that may require treatment.

Treatment Children should receive treatment for health or developmental problems identified during check-ups.

Washington County Public Health has a social worker available to assist with referrals, follow-up or setting up of appointments.

Healthy and Well Kids in Iowa (Hawki)



Hawki (Healthy and Well Kids in Iowa) is Iowa's effort to make affordable health insurance coverage available to children in working families with incomes too high to qualify for Medicaid, but too low to afford private family coverage. If a family's income meets certain guidelines, and the family does not qualify for Medicaid, the uninsured children may be eligible for coverage under a plan sponsored by United Healthcare or AmeriGroup. The amount a family pays for the insurance is based on their income. Some families pay nothing. Other families may have to pay between \$0 and \$40 a month for Hawki coverage.

Hawki will provide coverage for children and teens under the age of 19. Hawki does not provide insurance for other family members.

All children deserve to start life with healthy bodies and healthy minds. To do this, children need access to health and mental services that can provide them with preventive care and treatment for illness. Washington County Public Health provides assistance to families in answering questions about the program and providing assistance in the application process. Our agency serves as an advocate for families to ensure their children receive necessary coverage.

1st Five Healthy Mental Development Initiative

Early identification of developmental delays followed by appropriate intervention has been proven to be extremely beneficial in helping children achieve their optimal potential. The 1st Five Healthy Mental Development Initiative was created as a result of this research with an aim to identify all children, ages 0-5, with a possible delay. 1st Five partners with local medical providers to promote the use of developmental screening tools that have been designed to help with early identification and have been recommended by the American Academy of Pediatrics. 1st Five provides training for medical providers and clinic staff regarding the proper use of developmental screening tools during well-child visits. Children who are identified as having a possible delay are then referred to 1st Five for care coordination services.



Referrals into the 1st Five program increased during fiscal year 2022 as children returned to regular well child visits and Covid-19 cases decreased. The majority of these referrals were for children with possible developmental delay, while referrals for children with

social-emotional issues continued to slowly climb. Training for new providers and staff was offered at all clinics in both Henry and Washington Counties. Seven of the thirteen clinics in these counties made referrals to 1st Five during the 2022 fiscal year. Our goal is to have more clinics participate in the initiative by referring identified children during the 2023 fiscal year.

Lead Monitoring

Washington County Public Health offers capillary lead testing for children receiving WIC services and for those entering kindergarten that have no prior recorded level. Mandatory lead testing helps protect children from lead poisoning which often has no symptoms but can have long term effects on their brain. We obtain capillary (finger stick) samples and those results are provided to the family. During their visit a Registered Nurse discusses the long-term effects of elevated lead levels, possible causes, ways to prevent them, and case management if arrangements are needed for follow-up care and re-testing.



Lead levels that are within normal limits are $<3.5\text{mcg/dl}$. The baseline for further intervention are lead levels $>10\text{mcg/dl}$ and at this level they require a referral for a venous level confirmation from the Washington County Hospital Lab. Children that have 2 consecutive levels $>15\text{mcg/dl}$ will be referred for medical evaluation, a nutrition consultation, and for an assessment or environmental investigation by the Iowa Department of Public Health (IDPH), to identify hazards and remediation as needed. Levels $>20\text{mcg/dl}$ only require one level to begin above interventions.

In 2021-2022, lead levels were obtained on 23 children. In addition, two children were referred due to elevated lead levels to receive education per their primary caregivers.

Vision Screening

Vision disability is the single most prevalent disabling condition among children. Our agency has been able to incorporate vision screenings into our Child Health programming.



The Welch Allyn Spot Vision Screener is an acceptable child vision screening method approved by the Iowa Department of Public Health to meet the child vision screening requirements pursuant to Iowa code for kindergarten and 3rd graders. This screener can be used on all patients regardless of age, eye color, disability, or other limiting factors. WCPH was able to provide 166 vision screens to children ages 0-5 years of age at WIC clinics.

While vision charts are subjective, the Sure Spot Vision Screener provides reliable, objective, automatic screenings so we are able to reliably refer patients on for necessary follow up care. The Sure Spot Vision Screener ensures children get appropriate and timely referral to an optometrist if necessary. Failing to detect and treat vision disorders has been shown to negatively impact child development, academic achievement, self-esteem, social-emotional behavior and juvenile delinquency. Providing the screening during the provision of other services improves accessibility for low-income children.

Fluoride Varnish

Fluoride varnish has proven to be highly effective in strengthening and re-mineralized areas of tooth enamel just as it begins to show signs of tooth decay. Due to the sticky form of the varnish and the small amount used, fluoride varnish can be used on very young children. Fluoride varnish is used as an important preventive service for clients who are at higher risk for tooth decay, especially in kids.

The fluoride varnish program at WCPH served a total of 13 preschools in Washington and Henry counties. All participating students received education, dental screening, fluoride varnish, referral and care coordination as needed by the dental hygienist.

All participating preschools received a total of three rounds of fluoride varnish. This was a successful year for fluoride varnish in both counties for participation rates; 90% of consents were returned with 84% being "YES"! A total of 608 students participated in the fluoride program.

I-Smile™ @ School

I-Smile™ @ School is the Iowa Department of Public Health's preventive school-based dental program that focuses on improving the oral health of Iowa's students.

The I-Smile™ @ School program uses Iowa licensed dental hygienists, Registered Dental Assistant and dentists to provide the following services:

- Dental Exam/Screening
- Fluoride varnish
- Dental sealants
- Oral health education
- Referrals to dentists
- Care coordination



Dental sealants and fluoride varnish save time, money and the discomfort often associated with tooth decay. This is especially important for the health of Iowa children because tooth decay is the most common chronic childhood disease. By providing onsite preventive services, the I-Smile™ @ School program promotes academic success and well-being for all students, regardless of their risk or ability to otherwise receive preventive dental care.

The I-Smile™ @ School program provides education and sealants to schools that meets the Iowa Department of Public Health's (IDPH) qualifications by having at least 40% of their student population eligible for the free and reduced lunch program. I-Smile @ School is required to provide dental sealants to all 2nd and 3rd grades or minimally dental education is done. The following schools that qualified in Washington and Henry Counties are: Washington Lincoln Upper Elementary, Stewart Elementary, WACO Elementary, Winfield Elementary, Harlan Elementary, Mt. Pleasant Lincoln Elementary, Van Allen, Salem Elementary and New London Elementary. A total of 302 students participated and 482 sealants were placed between both Washington and Henry Counties. Everyone who participated received dental education as well as toothbrushes. Washington Lincoln Upper Elementary had a total of 86 percent participation rate being the highest and Mt. Pleasant Harlan, Salem, Lincoln Elementary and Van Allen had the lowest at 28%. The I-Smile Coordinator will continue to work closely with school nurses to improve participation rates, especially in Henry County.

All participating students received a dental screening by the Dental Hygienist. In past years, a volunteer dentist completed dental exams prior to the dental hygienist applying sealants, however, since the pandemic, the Washington I-Smile @ School program realized it is much more efficient for the dental hygienist to complete all I-Smile @ School services in one visit instead of having the child come back a 2nd time. This has also help improve clinic scheduling and save on the amount of Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) used for each student.

This year was a bonus service year. IDPH required all I-Smile @ School programs to completed a survey for 3rd graders of certain selected schools to, "Help learn more about the oral health of children and plan for future programs". The selected schools were Mid-Prairie West Elementary, WACO Elementary, Washington Lincoln Upper Elementary, and Highland Elementary. All 3rd graders in participating schools received a toothbrush as required by IDPH.

I-Smile™

The I-Smile™ Dental Home Initiative is a program that helps Iowa's children connect with a dental home and services. A major focus has been on improving the dental support system for families. The role of the I-Smile™ Coordinator was developed for this task. There are 23 regional I-Smile™ Coordinators who are licensed dental hygienists. They serve as the point-of-contact for public health agencies, families, health care providers, school districts, and dental offices.



The outcome of the I-Smile™ Dental Home Initiative is to achieve an integrated system that provides early identification of the risks of dental disease, prevention, improved care coordination, and stronger parental involvement. Ultimately, at-risk children who are currently excluded from the dental care system will be reached and will have a dental home.

Annually I-Smile™ staff partner and participate in many community events throughout the year. In fiscal year 2022 WCPH staff events included:

Washington Movies on Main - sponsoring the movie Moana, Washington and Henry County free dental screenings, Washington Latino Festival, Washington Hocus Pocus in the Park, Washington County KidzFest, Kalona Color Run Health Fair, Henry County Stride Into Summer Family Walk, Annual St. James Church Posada, and a partnership with United Way to help Washington County families in need of presents for their children by collecting information and connecting families to program and translations in Spanish where needed.



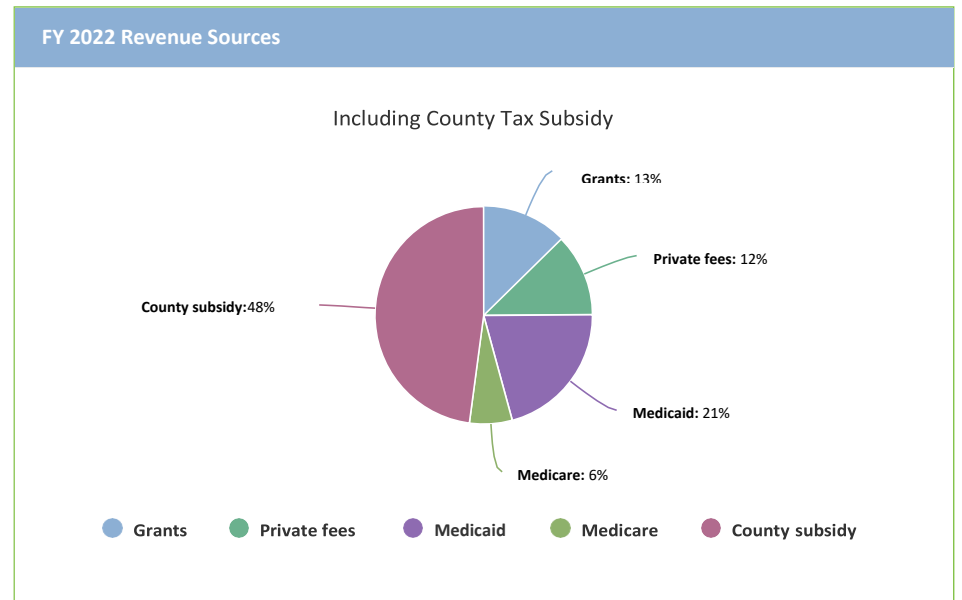
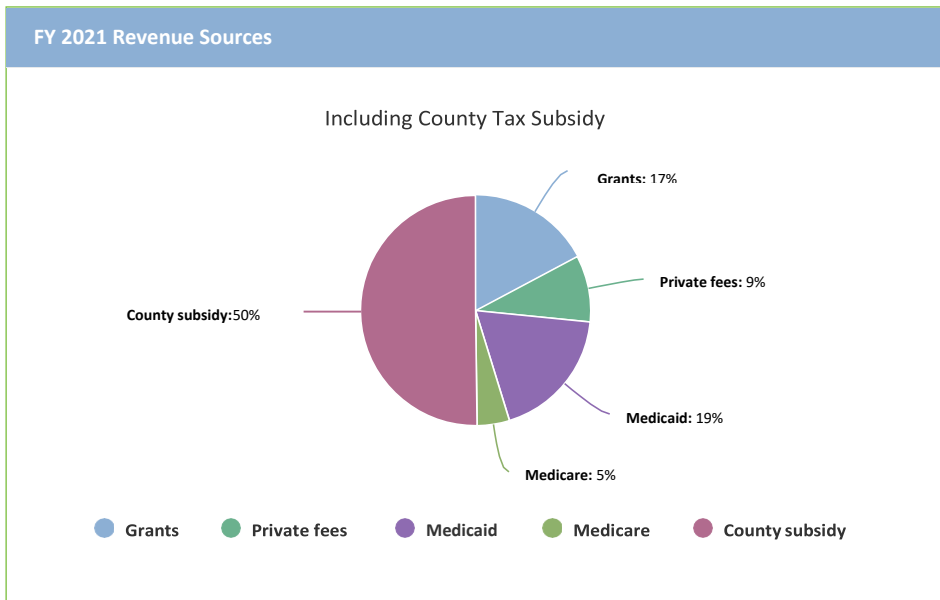
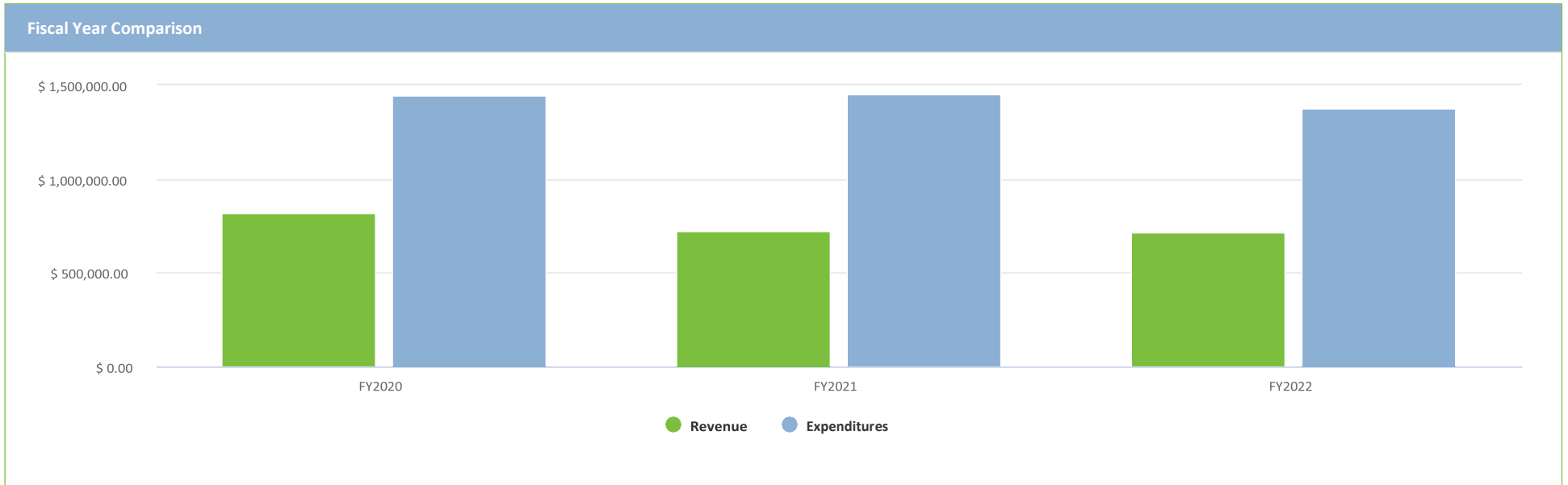
Additional I-Smile™ activities completed this past year were:

- Completion of the Oral Health Needs Assessment to help strategic planning for future programs.
- New information and promotional items delivered to area physician and dental offices.
- Ongoing work with school nurses and staff (new and veteran) to ensure compliance with the school dental screening mandate for Kindergarten and 9th grade students.
- Free dental screening clinics in both Washington and Henry counties to help improve the number of dental screenings. This event is typically held during the Summer to coordinate clinics with Back-to-School immunization and vision clinics. This allows the I-Smile™ Coordinator (ISC) to meet with parents, directly, and help them find a dental home or coordinate a dental appointment prior to the start of school.
- The I-Smile™ Coordinator continues to work closely with the local daycare providers. All daycare providers receive dental updates regularly. The ISC provides toothbrushes, toothpaste, along with brochures about age-appropriate dental education.
- Visits with all medical providers with promotional packets (toothbrush, I-Smile™ brochures, Cavity Free Iowa Initiative information, and I-Smile™ Coordinator's contact information) to be dispensed to families during their visit.
- The Washington County Early Childhood Iowa grant (ECI) that supports the fluoride varnish program had additional funds to allow for I-Smile™ incentives for preschools. All preschools received a gift bag that included multiple dental "goodies" such as books, dental puppets with teeth, Dental playset, and toothbrush holders.

The I-Smile™ Coordinator continues to make new and existing partnerships with community programs such as those listed above. One of the most successful partnerships continues to be with school nurses. The school nurses frequently send referrals to the I-Smile™ Program Coordinator throughout the school year.



Appendix A



Visits

