

**DURHAM COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF
PUBLIC HEALTH**

ANNUAL REPORT

2024



**FISCAL YEAR
2023-2024**

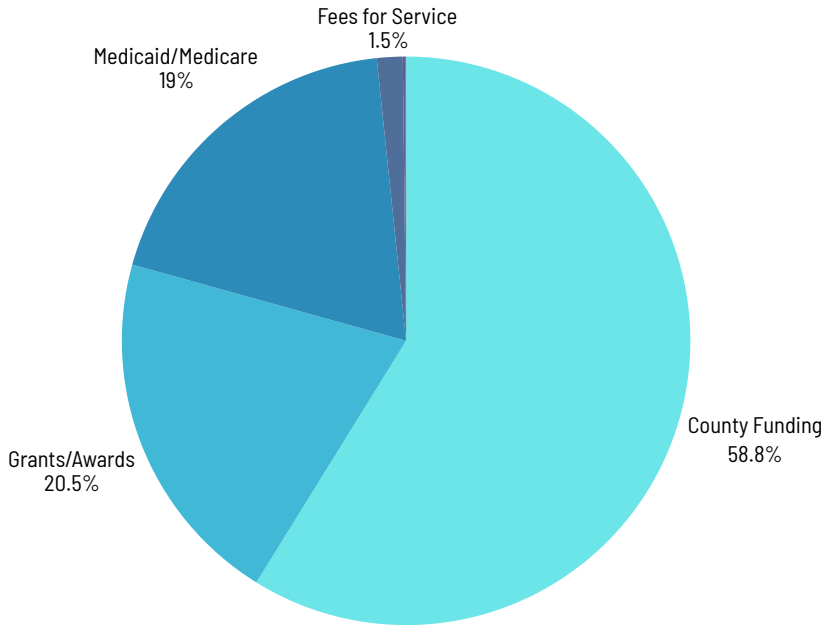
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Financials

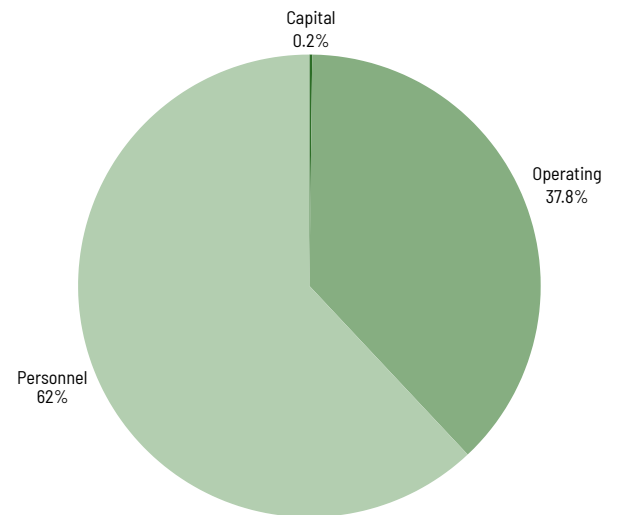
Funding Sources



Funding Source	Amount
County Funding	\$20,456,650
Grants/Awards	\$7,124,910
Medicaid/Medicare	\$6,616,714
Fees for Service	\$509,371
Private Insurance	\$50,639
Donations & Other	\$14,269
Intergovernmental	(\$10)
Grand Total	\$34,772,561

Expenses

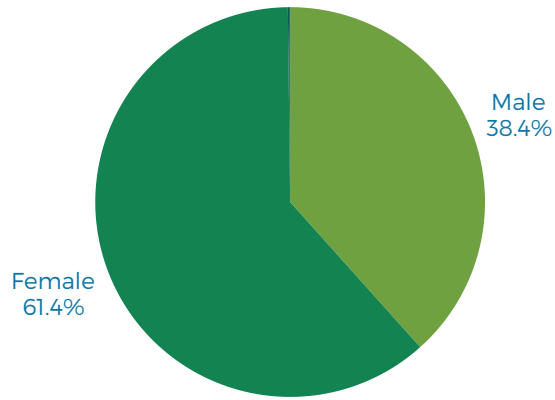
Expense Type	Amount
Personnel	\$21,557,788
Operating	\$13,146,856
Capital	\$67,916
Grand Total	\$34,772,561



Who We Serve

Total: 12,268

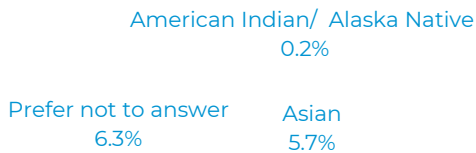
Gender



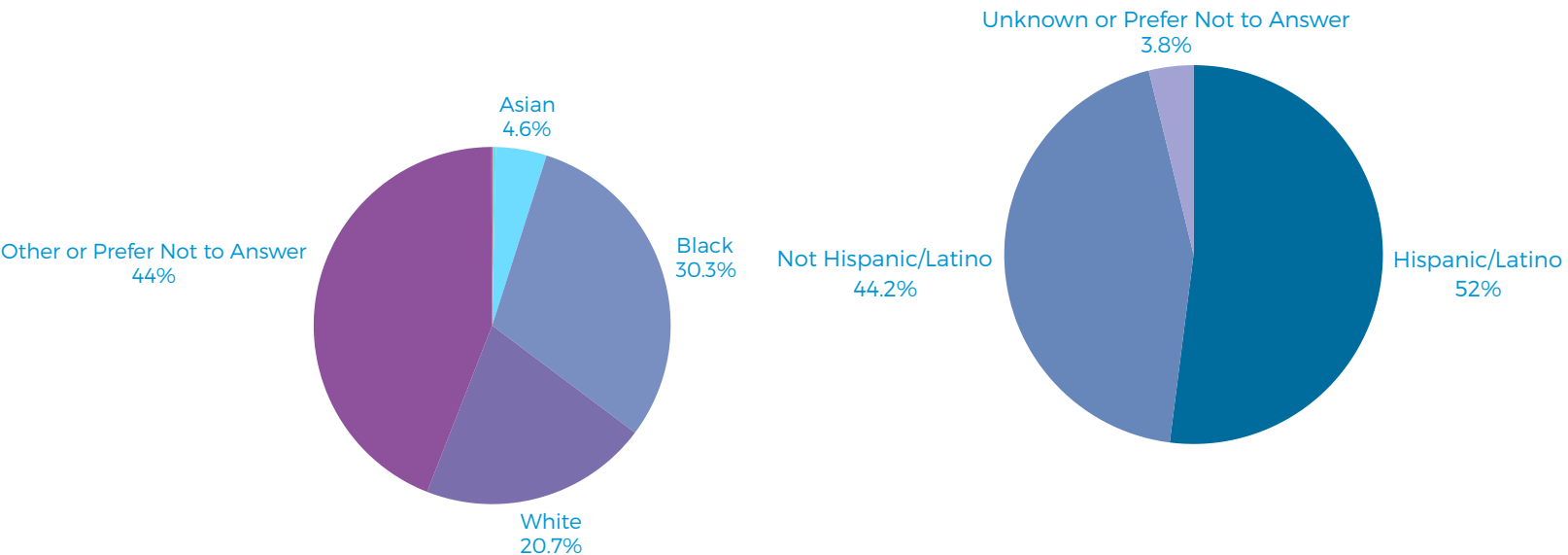
Age

Patient Age	Count of Patient Age	% Patient Total
0 to 4	281	2.24%
5 to 14	1777	14.16%
15 to 24	2890	23.03%
25 to 34	3618	28.83%
35 to 44	2112	16.83%
45 to 54	864	6.89%
55 to 64	393	3.13%
65+	351	2.80%

Race



Ethnicity



Leadership Team

Public Health Director

ROD JENKINS

Deputy Director

KRISTEN PATTERSON, MHA

Deputy Director

LIZ STEVENS, MPH, RN, CPHN, SANE

Health Education Director

LINDSEY BICKERS BOCK, MPH

Nutrition Director

RACHAEL ELLEDGE, MS, RD

Finance Director

MICAH GUINDON, MPA

Medical & Laboratory Director

JEFFREY JENKS, MD, MPH

Population Health Director

MARISSA MORTIBOY, MPH

Allied Health Director

JOSEE PAUL, C(ASCP), MLKS(AMT), LSSBB

Nursing and Community Health Director

MALKIA RAYNER, BSN, RN

Information Technology Director

MARCIA RICHARDSON, MPA, CGCIO

Environmental Health Director

J. CHRISTOPHER SALTER, MD, MPH

Board of Health

Chairman, Dentist Position

ROGER MCDOUGAL, DDS, MS

Vice Chair, Pharmacist Position

GENE RHEA, MHA, PHARM D

Commissioner

NIDA ALLAM

Physician Position

LERON JACKSON

Optometrist Position

DARRYL GLOVER, OD

Veterinarian Position

JAMES M. MILLER, DVM

Nurse Position

VICTORIA ORTO, DNP, RN, NEA-BC

Public Member Position

JOSHUA BROWN, BS

Public Member Position

ANTHONY GREGORIO, MBA

Public Member Position

ROSEMARY JACKSON, MD

ALLIED HEALTH

Our Allied Health division includes our in-house laboratory and pharmacy. Our **laboratory** provides testing for patients in our clinic, at community outreach events, and in coordination with our community partners. Our **pharmacy** provides medications prescribed to patients within our clinics and offers free sterile syringes and naloxone kits (Narcan) as part of our ongoing efforts to promote sexual health and to help combat the opioid epidemic. Naloxone kits are available for free pickup by individuals or for distribution by community organizations. The pharmacy also leads our Safe Syringe Program, through which Durham residents may visit our pharmacy to confidentially receive free syringe kits and to safely dispose of used needles. Participants may also receive free HIV and Hepatitis C testing as well as mental health and substance use services.

LABORATORY



29,675

total tests performed
in-house

3,225

total syphilis tests
performed

18,841

total STI tests
performed

16,684

prescriptions filled
with 100% accuracy

1,620

naloxone kits
provided

145 lbs

old medications
disposed

PHARMACY

17,694

used needles returned

178

total SSP participants

768

syringes dispensed

58

sharps containers dispensed

216

fentanyl strips provided



DENTAL



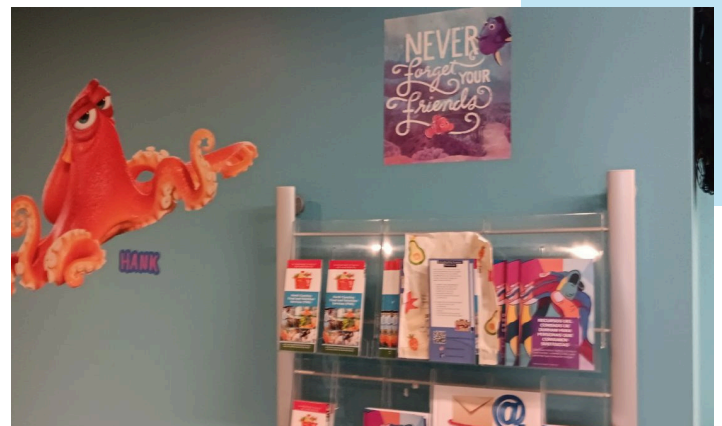
Jim: can you tell me their names, from left to right?

CLINIC REDECORATING

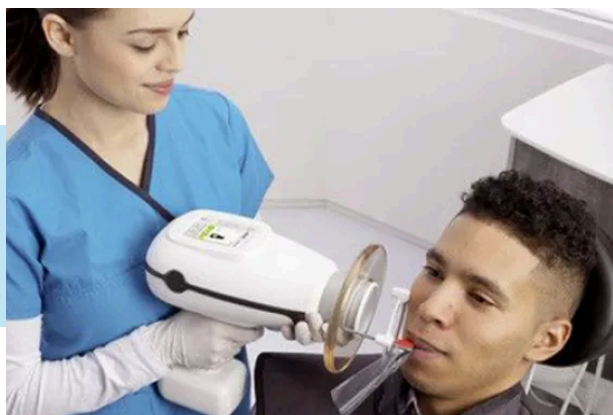
In the fall of 2023, the Dental Division painted and decorated its lobby and clinic, transforming it to a Nemo and Friends theme. In addition, the Foundation for Hospital Arts (Woodstock Georgia) donated a six-panel multi-canvas painting with an ocean scene which complemented the new décor.

COMMUNITY OUTREACH

The Dental Division screened over 9,000 children in Durham's Elementary Schools and Head Start programs. The clinic provided treatment for an additional 3,800 appointments. The team also participated in community events, such as National Night Out, the Women's Health Awareness Conference, and Durham Parks and Recreation Back to School event. The Division offered free care during its Give Kids a Smile day in February. Additionally, the team partnered with Durham Dental Studios so uninsured families could bring their child for specialty treatment not provided in our clinic.



A display within the dental clinic, newly decorated in fall 2023



A Nomad X-ray unit being used on a patient

NOMAD X-RAY UNITS

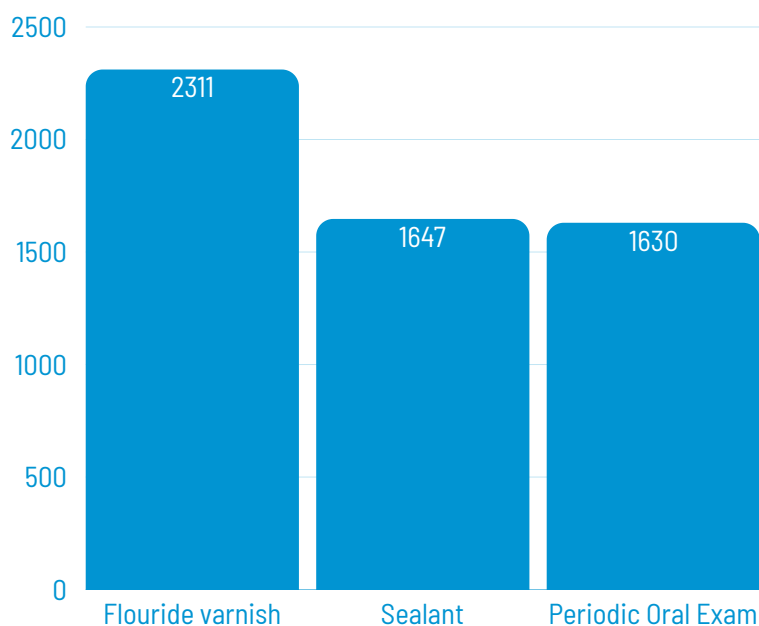
A technical innovation occurred towards the end of the fiscal year when the clinic received two Nomad X-ray units. Nomads are hand-held units that produce clear, high-quality X-ray images that can help dentists provide better diagnoses for their patients. Nomad units can reduce radiation exposure for patients and staff. Another key feature is that the units are portable and can be used anywhere in the dental clinic.



DENTAL

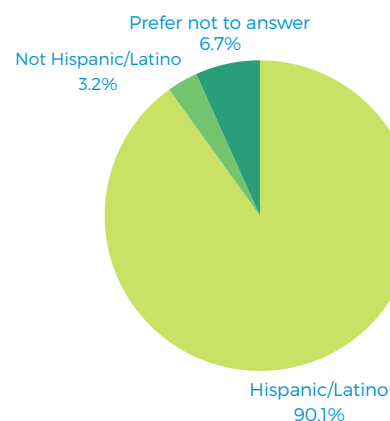
Our dental clinic serves children from their first tooth through their twenty-first birthday, as well as pregnant people of all ages. Services provided to children by our dental clinic help establish healthy dental habits and prevent or treat dental problems, setting up children for a lifetime of good oral hygiene and supporting the health of pregnant people and their babies.

Top Procedures

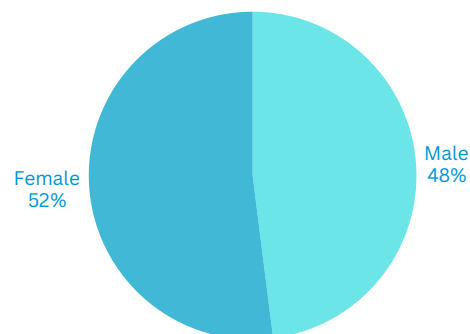


Average age of patient: 12
Total encounters: 4,912

Ethnicity



Race





ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH

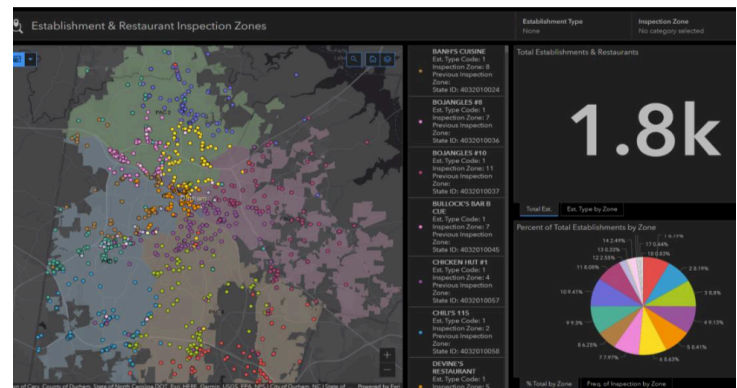
GENERAL INSPECTIONS



An inspector performs a food temperature check during an inspection.

The General Inspections section often referred to as Food, Lodging, & Institutions, is responsible for plan review, permits and/or inspections of facilities regulated in State rules. Food services inspections include: restaurants, caterers, commissaries, food stands, school lunchrooms, mobile food vendors, hot dog vendors, meat markets and special events selling food to the public. Other establishments under regulation include: day cares, hospitals, rest/nursing homes, schools, local confinement facilities, and residential care homes, hotels, motels, bed and breakfast homes/inns, and tattoo artists. In addition to other routine activities, inspections also include removal and disposal of unsafe foods, issuing cease orders to illegal food vendors, and education of operators and their staff members. This fiscal year, the General Inspections section completed **3,398** inspections, **1,050** site visits, and **19** lead investigations.

Also this year, our Geoportal establishment management tool used to develop inspection territories and establishment assignments was enhanced by incorporating new features like power outage mapping. This allows staff to identify areas, and all permitted establishments within areas, that have been impacted by loss of power. The enhancement includes the ability to generate a running list of impacted establishments including addresses and contact information. Staff can monitor situations closely and make determinations regarding temperature abused foods that may need evaluation and or disposal. Enhancements also included the ability to drop points on specific locations that correlate with broken water mains, allowing staff to quickly determine which establishments have likely been impacted by loss of water and appropriately suspend operational permits until water service is restored.



General Inspections Geoportal establishment management tool

ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH

PREPAREDNESS

The purpose of the Local Public Health Preparedness & Response (LPHP&R) Program, also referred to as the Preparedness Program, is to strengthen and enhance the capability of the community to prepare for, respond to and recover from health related threats. This fiscal year, LPHP&R program received a “low-risk” rating from North Carolina’s Public Health Preparedness and Response Division. The division’s assessment measured how well Durham’s program complied with NC DHHS and CDC requirements. **The low-risk rating is the highest-level rating a program can achieve.**



LPHP&R Coordinator Corey Morris collaborating with Emergency Management

Another high-level achievement for FY24 was collaborating with DCo Emergency Management to create an integrated preparedness plan. The plan is a roadmap to address whole-community priorities and facilitate an effective response to all hazards faced by Durham County residents.

ONSITE WATER PROTECTION

The Onsite Water Protection section completed **496** public swimming pool inspections, **245** Well program evaluations and visits, **836** onsite septic site evaluation and visits, and collected **103** well water samples. This year, we were able to procure a new ground penetration radar (GPR) system, used by the Onsite Water Protection staff to locate underground utilities and onsite septic system drain fields. The system provides a safer and more efficient means of detection that otherwise must be performed utilizing a manual steel probe. Use of the system also reduces liability as, unlike a steel probe, the GPR does not damage utility or septic system components. Staff are able to evaluate sites and locate subsurface elements in less time, thus freeing them up to more quickly move on to the next work site.



The ground penetration radar (GPR) system in use

ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH



Educating restaurant staff



Collecting a sample for a lead investigation



Participating in career exploration day for Durham Public Schools students

OTHER ACCOMPLISHMENTS

458

General Inspections
Applications

520

Onsite Water Protection
Applications

386

Public Swimming
Pool Applications

384

Environmental Health-
Related Complaints

Wrote the Public Health Emergency Preparedness section of the 2023 Community Health Assessment, and assisted with the Extreme Heat, Severe Storms and Precipitation, and COVID-19 Community Resilience sections.

Served as Vice-Chair for newly formed North Carolina Public Health Association Emergency Preparedness and Response Section

Participated in Acceler8, a career exploration day for all eighth-grade DPS students hosted by Durham Public Schools

The Public Swimming Pools program has grown to more than 350 pools of all types. This includes 6 sensory deprivation tanks located within 2 Durham spas.

HEALTH EDUCATION

The Health Education and Community Transformation Division provides a variety of learning opportunities that encourage voluntary adoption of behaviors and supports policies and changes to the environment that promote health and prevent disease and disability.



COMMUNITY LINKAGES TO CARE FOR OVERDOSE PREVENTION & RESPONSE

The Community Linkages to Care (CLC) program aims to connect Durham County residents to treatment and support for substance use or addiction. Support includes harm reduction, housing, food, and jobs. The goal is to reduce overdose hospital visits and deaths in Durham County. Although the program focuses on people who are at risk for an opioid overdose, CLC services are for anyone in Durham struggling with any kind of substance use.

- **172 new participants** enrolled.
- **33 participants enrolled** in the follow-up program for continued peer support, and **22** of those enrollees started outpatient treatment for substance use disorder.
- CLC Peer Support Specialists made a total of **1,416 contacts** with all program participants combined and provided **627 free Uber** rides to participants who needed transportation to treatment and other services.
- Of all the enrollees who completed a survey after 3 months in the program, **82% were not using any form of opioids**, **57% were not using any substances** (including alcohol), and **73% were receiving medication-assisted treatment**.
- The percentage of participants who had **housing increased from 63% to 91% after 3 months**.
- **3,500 English copies** and **1,500 Spanish copies** of the “Durham County Resources for Individuals Who Use Substances” guide were distributed to Durham community members.
- **660 naloxone kits** were purchased and distributed to CLC partners and used to stock two vending machines that offer free naloxone to community members.
- **6 educational sessions** on SUD, overdose, and harm reduction were conducted, including **4 onsite sessions** for senior residents at Durham Housing Agency buildings and **2 virtual sessions** for others.
- **80 participants** attended educational sessions on SUD, overdose, and harm reduction.

HEALTH EDUCATION

Naloxone Vending Machines



Our team installed vending machines providing free naloxone in the Durham County Detention Center and the Health and Human Services Building.

COMMUNITY EVENTS AND RESOURCES

- **59** webinars, reaching **477** participants
- **18** pregnancy prevention classes, reaching **98** participants
- **6** breastfeeding education trainings, reaching **226** healthcare workers
- **14** breastfeeding education and support workshops, reaching **357** community members
- **26** gun safety events, reaching **461** participants
- **3** cohorts of Firearm Safety Team training, creating **16** teams throughout North Carolina

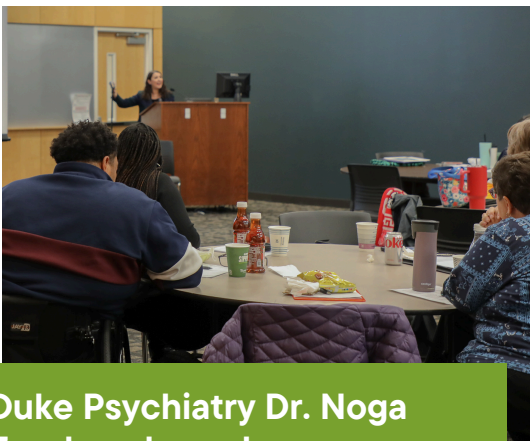
- **15** hands-only CPR events, training **234** participants
- **6** faith-based events, reaching **50** participants
- **10** Men's Health Walks, reaching **234** participants
- Distributed **918** gun locks
- Provided **65** breast pumps to expectant mothers
- Distributed **143,500** condoms
- Conducted **2,117** HIV tests throughout the community & in jail settings

Gun Lock Giveaway



On September 3, we partnered with the Durham County District Attorney's Office to distribute more than 200 free gun locks.

ADVERSE CHILDHOOD EXPERIENCES & RESILIENCE



Duke Psychiatry Dr. Noga Zerubavel speaks on healthcare provider wellbeing

In November 2023, we co-hosted the first Trauma-Informed Care Healthcare Provider Symposium at Durham Technical Community College, in partnership with Southern Regional AHEC, Durham Technical Community College, and Duke Health providers. The full-day event was attended by over 50 medical professionals in nursing, behavioral health, public health, and allied health. All attendees said they learned one new thing that they would incorporate into their daily work, and over 80% of participants indicated would like another full-day continuing education event in the future.

Other highlights from this year included presenting on "Building a Trauma-Informed Public Health Organization" at the North Carolina Public Health Association Fall Educational Conference; the Durham Adverse Childhood Experiences and Resilience Taskforce launching a Community Resiliency Model (CRM) Learning Cohort in collaboration with the Partnership for a Healthy Durham; and training more 400 people from eight sectors in adverse childhood experiences, CRM, and trauma-informed care.

HEALTH EDUCATION

Bull City Strong



Bull City Strong is a community-based partnership to improve health literacy, particularly among Black, Hispanic, and other historically marginalized populations in Durham County. The project grew out of an Office of Minority Health grant to further an equitable community response to COVID-19.

SAY SOMETHING STRONG



Antonio Alanis, Angel Dozier, Marla Dobbs Hawkins, Tai Caldwell, Jaeson Smith

We launched the second round of the **"Say Something Strong"** initiative, which amplified stories of community health and resilience in Durham during the COVID-19 pandemic. We awarded Durham local artists, journalists, and influencers grants of **\$5,000** or **\$15,000** to support creative projects that reflect or work to resolve health equity issues related to COVID-19. This effort resulted in the creation of bilingual podcasts, a community-painted quilt, community events endorsing mental health, and impactful storytelling initiatives, empowering local storytellers and organizations to **highlight the strength and unity of our community during these challenging times.**

COMMUNITY HEALTH PROMOTERS



Sharon Muñoz and Edeia Lynch

We conducted **five community health promoter training cohorts**. Each training spanned a five-week period, consisting of **10 virtual sessions each**, with some cohorts conducted exclusively in Spanish. During this initiative, we trained **96 community leaders** and reached **51,570 Durham residents** with health information in both English and Spanish, including **11,981 people** with COVID-19-specific information. Through pre-and post-test assessments, we observed up to a **30% increase in health literacy** among participants, demonstrating the effectiveness of our training efforts in enhancing community knowledge and engagement.

COMMUNITY OUTREACH



Edeia Lynch and community partners

We successfully hosted our first Bull City Strong community vaccination event on November 4, 2023. The event met all objectives, vaccinating **115 community members** against flu and COVID-19, including **54 individuals from Black or Latinx communities**. This effort was made possible through a strong partnership with Trinity United Methodist Church, demonstrating our commitment to improving health equity and access to essential healthcare services in Durham.

NURSING



CHILD HEALTH

Our Child Health program consists of our School Health nurses, serving students in Durham Public Schools (DPS); Triple P, providing support to parents; and Care Management for At Risk Children, which specializes in early childhood care management for families of kids age 5 or under who have special healthcare needs or have been exposed to toxic stress. Read below for some of this year's program highlights!

School Health Program Highlights



School health nurses at a community event

- Worked with more than 50 community pediatric providers to improve our mutual services for DPS students
- Partnered with Diaper Bank to host a diaper drive Diaper drive in June 2024
- Partnered with Project Sight to host events at 8 schools, providing glasses to 243 students
- Attended the December 2023 NC School Nurse Conference for practice updates, networking, & learning opportunities.

21

school nurses

11,623

Encounters with students
by school nurses

118

Educational classes
provided to students

Triple P Program Highlights

The Durham County Positive Parenting Program (Triple P) is a community-based prevention program that manages a ten-county service area of community and local government partnerships. Triple P builds on families' needs and preferences to develop best-practice parenting messages that increase awareness of Triple P in communities, share knowledge about parenting strategies that support behavior changes, change family attitudes, and reinforce community parenting norms. Outcomes aim to build healthy parent and child relationships to help mitigate the impact of toxic stressors, including poverty, violence, and racism.

CMARC Program Highlights

Care Management for At-Risk Children (CMARC) is a care management program offered at no charge for children from birth to age five who have special health care needs, have experienced hospitalization in the Infant Neonatal Intensive Care Unit, are dealing with adverse childhood events (i.e., history of abuse/neglect, exposure to substance abuse, and more), or have been referred by their doctor and/or health plan. The program aims to improve care by linking special needs children to services that will meet their needs and coordinates services between health care providers, community programs, and support and family support programs. Participation in CMARC services is voluntary. In July 2026, NC Medicaid will remove contracting specifications that require Prepaid Health Plans (PHP) to offer exclusive contracts to Local Health Departments (LHD) that provide CMARC services.

NURSING

WOMEN'S HEALTH

FAMILY PLANNING

Our Family Planning clinic focuses on birth control options and reproductive health for services. This program offers services at little or no cost to people who are eligible.

2,727
visits

BREAST AND CERVICAL CANCER PREVENTION PROGRAM

This program provides free breast and cervical cancer screenings to low-income and uninsured or underinsured women who have not been screened in the last year.

43
Patients served

MATERNAL HEALTH

This program offers prenatal and post-partum services at little or no cost to people who are eligible.

2,687
Patients served

CARE MANAGEMENT FOR HIGH-RISK PREGNANCIES

The Care Management for High-Risk Pregnancies Program (CMHRP) coordinates with patients with high-risk pregnancies and their prenatal care providers to ensure the best care during and after pregnancy and improve birth outcomes.

11,164
Contacts with patients

COMMUNICABLE DISEASE



Our Immunization Team

The communicable disease (CD) program includes testing, treatment, and immunizations for a variety of communicable diseases. Clinic service areas include sexually transmitted infections (STI), tuberculosis (TB), COVID-19, and routine immunizations. This fiscal year, our clinic was able to reintroduce TB skin testing to the public, helping prevent the spread of TB in the community. Our CD staff was also honored with having two of our providers, Candy Stancil and Emily Ryan, selected and recognized in their creation of the STI engage poster submitted on Trichomoniasis and Retesting in Durham County. Stancil and Ryan were recognized in Washington DC for this presentations. The CD program continues to bridge the efforts with our outside partners to ensure that the community is healthy.

Clinic Visits

2,988
Tuberculosis

11,849
Sexually Transmitted Infections

2,226
Refugee Health



NUTRITION

THE NUTRITION CLINIC

The Nutrition Clinic provides nutrition education to help individuals make informed, healthy choices. Our personalized approach allows individuals to achieve their lifestyle and wellness goals by focusing on incorporating their favorite foods and adding in healthy options, rather than resorting to restrictive measures that can leave them feeling frustrated and deprived. We believe that a variety of foods leads to optimal nutritional status.

In the 2023-2024 fiscal year, the clinic provided nutrition services to **2,175 individuals**, including individual counseling sessions, diabetes self-management education, and nutrition education for groups. **96%** of these clients who received nutrition services **reported positive outcomes** during their follow-up visits



Nutrition Clinic Staff. Back Row: Jennifer Morwick, Lina Allegretto, and Anita Singh. Front Row: Patrice Carr, Rebecca Posada, Nikya Baxter

FORMERLY INCARCERATED TRANSITION PROGRAM (FIT)

The Formerly Incarcerated Transition (FIT) program provides formerly incarcerated residents access to primary health care and Medication-Assisted Treatment via a partnership with UNC and Lincoln Community Health Center. Through these partnerships, we were able to support **104 clients last year**, 37 of whom were new referrals and were connected to primary care and assisted in connecting to other re-entry services and support. Of the active cases, **27 resulted in clients successfully transitioning** home, being able to maintain their health care needs and navigate other services independently. This program provides case management services to clients that have open cases ranging from six months to three years depending on the need level. Remaining cases are supported by the trained Community Health Workers with the hopes of them closing successfully and recidivism being minimized by the support and services in place. Support provided consisted of health care navigation, assistance in applying for housing, connecting to job resources and securing employment, applying for long-term health coverage to sustain their health needs and many more.

NUTRITION

DURHAM'S INNOVATIVE NUTRITION EDUCATION (DINE)



Elementary school nutritionist providing nutrition and gardening education

Durham's Innovative Nutrition Education (DINE) is a community-based nutrition education program. Registered dietitians provide nutrition lessons, cooking classes, and workshops at locations throughout Durham, including schools, childcare centers, summer camps, community centers, and other sites. DINE also provides technical assistance to Durham farmers' markets, helping support the Double Bucks program, which offers a dollar-for-dollar match to families enrolled in SNAP, WIC, and those receiving housing vouchers who shop at the markets. This year, DINE expanded its support for Double Bucks to the new North Durham Farmers' Market and East Durham Market. DINE staff also presented to the County Commissioners and Durham Public Schools (DPS) Board of Education about the potential impact of providing free school meals to all students with the Community Eligibility Provision (CEP). After this presentation, DPS applied for CEP and now both breakfast and lunch are free for all DPS students. Finally, DINE partnered with the DCoDPH maternal health and dental clinics to provide water bottles and tips on how to drink more water, important for healthy teeth, healthy pregnancies, and healthy bodies.

- DINE in Schools reached 8,518 students with nutrition education. End-of-year surveys were sent to parents and caregivers of DPS students who received the nutrition class series. Of those who completed the surveys, 84% indicated that their student was more willing to eat healthy foods after having DINE classes.
- 1,089 Durham adult community members participated in DINE in community nutrition education events.
- DINE in Early Care and Education provided nutrition education sessions to 566 Durham community members and facilitated 28 policy, systems and environmental changes aimed at improving the nutrition and physical activity environments in 12 early child and education programs and one homeless shelter that serves families.
- 360 customers shopped at four Durham Farmers' Markets with unique EBT cards and received Double Bucks. Additional customers used the program with cash match and farmers' market nutrition program vouchers. These customers made 1,863 transactions and received \$122,103 in tokens to purchase nutritious, locally grown food. 84.5% of customers who completed a survey stated they eat more fruits and vegetables than they would without the program.

8,518

students reached with nutrition education

1,089

adults participated in community nutrition education events

\$122,108

worth of Double Bucks tokens used to purchase food at farmers' markets

84%

of customers who completed a survey said they eat more fruits and vegetables through Double Bucks than they would without the program

NUTRITION

CHRONIC CARE INITIATIVE (CCI)

The Chronic Care Initiative (CCI) Program supports referrals for citizens who are living with chronic illnesses. Participants are assigned a Community Health Worker (CHW) that can meet with them in the home, at the office, and attend medical appointments with clients as needed. CHW's help clients navigate various services to address all Social Determinants of Health. These staff are also cross-trained to facilitate self-management educational classes for diabetes and chronic disease. This past year, the program received 45 new referrals, 37 of which were determined to need and desire services. Overall, CCI had an average of 133 active clients. In addition to self-management programs and case management, we were able to offer some the yearlong diabetes prevention services and invite them to living-well events to promote healthy living. The two living well events and educational programs held were able to support educating nearly 100 residents and/or employees of Durham County on drinking more water, facts and myths about healthy eating, and managing their diabetes.



Staff from the Nutrition Division provide a Living Healthy Lunch & Learn for a group of construction workers

45

new referrals



133

active clients



100

people educated at
community programs

MINORITY DIABETES PREVENTION PROGRAM (MDPP)

The Minority Diabetes Prevention Program (MDPP) uses the CDC approved curriculum to provide 24 educational training sessions to participants at risk of diabetes/pre-diabetic. Grant funds from the state allow us to offer the program at minimum cost as participants pay a \$5 commitment fee to attend the yearlong program. The program is facilitated by the CHW's who are certified lifestyle coaches. With the additional support of the grant funds, we are able to offer incentives to those that attend ongoing to help them sustain the healthy changes they make, support health equity via connection to transportation resources, and provide cooking and exercise equipment to help participants with the goals of losing weight and minimizing the risk of diabetes. The program for Durham continues to be a CDC Fully Recognized program and we graduated 16 participants in October 2023 and enrolled 21 participants in new cohorts that started October and November 2023 that are on track to graduate in 2024. The graduating class of 2023 yielded results of at least 60% experiencing 5% weight loss and having 150 minutes or more of weekly physical activity helping them decrease their A1C and minimize risk of diabetes.

24

educational training
sessions



16

participants
graduated



60%

of graduates experienced
weight loss

POPULATION HEALTH



Epidemiologist Savannah Carrico and Partnership for a Healthy Durham Coordinator Bria Miller speak to a room of community members at a community listening session.

The Durham County Department of Public Health Population Health Division focuses on community engagement, data, quality improvement, workforce development, strategic planning, accreditation and policy development.

COMMUNITY HEALTH ASSESSMENT

The Durham County Community Health Assessment (CHA) is developed by our Population Health division, Duke Health, and the Partnership for a Healthy Durham every three years. The CHA uses high-quality, reliable data to provide a clear and detailed picture of the health, assets, and needs of Durham County residents to equitably guide decision-making, programs, and policies to improve health outcomes. The process results in the selection of community health priorities. The North Carolina Department of Public Health has certified the Durham County 2023 CHA has met all state accreditation requirements. The full 2023 CHA report and executive summaries in English and Spanish are available at www.healthydurham.org

TOP 5 HEALTH PRIORITIES

Identified by the community through the Community Health Assessment

- 1. Affordable Housing**
- 2. Access to Care and Health Insurance**
- 3. Community Safety and Wellbeing**
- 4. Mental Health**
- 5. Physical Activity, Nutrition, and Food Access**

As part of the Community Health Improvement Plan (CHIP) process, the Partnership held 15 listening sessions in collaboration with El Centro Hispano. The information collected from these listening sessions will inform the development of the CHIPs, which address the top health priorities selected in the 2023 CHA. Community input shared during the sessions will be used in presentations, reports, infographics, and more to uplift community voices and advocate for what Durhamites need to be healthy and promote their wellbeing.



Partnership for a Healthy Durham Coordinator Bria Miller speaks to a community member at a Community Listening Session

POPULATION HEALTH



Partnership for a Healthy Durham

The Partnership for a Healthy Durham is a coalition of local organizations and community members with the goal of collaboratively improving the physical, mental, and social health and well-being of Durham's residents using racial equity principles.

The Partnership has six committees that focus on a Durham County health priorities and communications. There are currently hundreds of active members in the Partnership.

This year, the Partnership hosted its first in-person Quarterly meeting since 2019, before the start of the COVID-19 pandemic, on June 26, 2024. More than 50 community members, partners, and representatives from DCoDPH, Duke Health and the Partnership for a Healthy Durham celebrated 20 years of successes and accomplishments for the Partnership's 20th anniversary.





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