

Branch-Hillsdale-St. Joseph Community Health Agency



“Your Local Health Department”

The mission of the Branch-Hillsdale-St. Joseph Community Health Agency is to provide quality and accessible local health services with fiscal responsibility.

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The Branch-Hillsdale-St. Joseph Community Health Agency is an organization that excels in the community in terms of responsiveness, competence and collaboration.

Our Vision

Letter to the Community

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The Community Health Agency continues to excel in providing public health services to the citizens of Branch, Hillsdale and St. Joseph counties. We take pride in the high quality of our public health protection, communicable disease prevention and health promotion activities. These are a reflection of the dedicated work of the Agency's well-trained and experienced staff, as well as the strong commitment and support from our Board of Health. I am pleased to present the Annual Report highlighting your local health department's accomplishments for the fiscal year 2009/2010.

- Since the summer of 2009, we have coordinated and distributed information and vaccinations for the H1N1 Flu pandemic. To that end, staff vaccinated more than 32,259 high risk individuals who had been targeted by the Centers for Disease Control for immunization. To its credit, the Agency reported the highest rate of immunization status for H1N1 flu among school-age children when compared to the state's other 44 local public health jurisdictions.
- The Agency partnered with the Michigan Department of Community Health (MDCH) in piloting an electronic automation solution called "Easy Link" for the Children's Special Health Care Program. Health Department staff worked with MDCH in implementing user acceptance testing and in training other health departments on the system's ease of use. The Agency was one of two health departments to fully utilize the system during fiscal year 2009/2010. This system streamlines the program's paper work processes by reducing time associated with filing documents, updating files and gaining service approvals.
- The Environmental Health Division staff oversaw the implementation of Michigan's Smoke Free Law (Act 188, PA 2009) as it relates to food service establishments. Effective May 2010, this law requires local health departments to assure food service establishments are 100% smoke-free as part of their food inspection program. Staff have worked diligently with local food establishments to answer questions and provide education on the law's requirements in order to ensure compliance.

On behalf of the staff and management, I would like to express our continued commitment to fulfill our mission and obligation to the communities that we serve.

Sincerely,



Stephen R. Todd, MPA, RS
Health Officer/Administrator

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Administrative Staff

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JOHN ROBERTSON, BAA Health Promotions & Education Director

DONNA COWDEN Chief Financial Officer

MAUREEN PETZKO, BA Director of Operations

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County Health Profiles

Profile 2009

	Branch County	Hillsdale County	St. Joseph County	Michigan
Population 2009	44,737	45,650	61,723	9,969,727
Marriage 2009	249	292	409	53,528
Divorce 2009	173	230	305	32,771
% of Population 65+ Years 2009	14.3	15.2	14.0	13.4

Leading Causes of Death — Age Adjusted Rates per 100,000 2009

	Branch County	Hillsdale County	St. Joseph County	Michigan
Heart Disease	191.2	222.5	250.9	206.5
Cancer	156.4	212.1	168.7	181.9
Chronic Lower Respiratory Diseases	52.9	48.6	48.1	45.1
Stroke	52.3	*	40.7	39.9
Unintentional Injuries	46.3	58.1	50.3	35.4
Diabetes Mellitus	45.4	*	30.5	24.3
Alzheimer's Disease	*	*	*	22.9
Kidney	*	*	*	15.5
Pneumonia & Influenza	*	*	*	13.9
Suicide	*	*	*	11.3

Maternal/Infant Health Indicators 2009

	Branch County	Hillsdale County	St. Joseph County	Michigan
Total Births	535	527	838	117,309
Number of Teen Births (15-19)	60	42	82	11,708
Teen Pregnancy Rate (per 1,000 births)	53.1	35.3	59.3	51.5
% Low Birth Weight	6.0	5.3	7.3	8.4
% Very Low Birth Weight	*	*	1.1	1.7
% Inadequate Prenatal Care—Kessner Index	9.5	8.2	7.6	8.0
Infant Mortality Rates per 1,000 (2007/09)	3.5	6.0	11.0	7.6

Economic Indicators 2009

	Branch County	Hillsdale County	St. Joseph County	Michigan
% Unemployment (Annual Rate)	13.7	16.8	14.2	13.3
Median Family Income (2005-09)	52,395	50,940	51,729	60,635
% Children Receiving Free & Reduced-Lunch (185% of Poverty and Below)	51.2	55.0	57.8	45.8

Public Health is... Prevention, Protection, Promotion...

ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH

On-Site Sewage

Reviews sites proposed for sewage disposal, issuance and/or denial of permits, sewage disposal evaluation, inspection, investigation and enforcement.

	<u>2009</u>	<u>2010</u>
Well/Septic Evaluations	28	23
Construction Permits	331	366
Septic Systems Inspected	309	315
Vacant Land Evaluations	27	26

Private and Public Water Supply

These programs are designed to assure both the proper installation of residential water wells and the monitoring and regulating of Type II water supplies to assure safe useable groundwater.

	<u>2009</u>	<u>2010</u>
Well Construction Permits Issued	440	453
Well Permits Inspected	448	439
New Water Supplies Approved	345	298
Non-community Water Supply	82	35

Food Protection

This program provides a systematic approach to minimize the risk of food-borne illness and to ensure that food meets consumer expectations through application of statewide standards for all establishments where food is prepared and/or served to the public.

	<u>2009</u>	<u>2010</u>
Establishment Inspections	957	995
Plans Reviewed	29	28
Vending Inspections	102	94
Temporary Establishment Inspections	244	248

HEALTH PROMOTION

Health Education

Educational presentations include: Contraception, Sexually Transmitted Diseases, HIV/AIDS, Nutrition Education and other general health information.

	<u>2009</u>	<u>2010</u>
Community Events	36	39
Educational Presentations	41	28

Safe Kids Coalition

Safe Kids Worldwide is the first and only global organization dedicated solely to the prevention of accidental childhood injury - the number one killer of children ages 14 and under.

	<u>2009</u>	<u>2010</u>
Safe Kids Events	18	22
Bike Helmets Distributed	136	225
Car Seats Checked	444	317

Tobacco Reduction Action Coalition (TRAC)

TRAC seeks to improve the health of the people of Branch and Hillsdale Counties by encouraging the elimination or reduction of tobacco use.

	<u>2009</u>	<u>2010</u>
Community Events/Presentations	21	23
Workshop/Quitline Participants	221	274

Healthy Beginnings (Hillsdale County)

Family Success (Branch County)

Healthy Beginnings and Family Success are free programs for families with children 0-5 years old. Provides answers to parenting questions and provides information and ideas about child development. Branch County Family Success program ended in September 2009, due to funding cuts.

<i>Hillsdale County</i>	<u>2009</u>	<u>2010</u>
Parenting Class Participants	541	272
Home Based Services	1,532	518

<i>Branch County</i>	<u>2009</u>	<u>2010</u>
Families Served	61	0
Home Visits	555	0

Healthy Families Nurturing Communities (St. Joseph County)

Healthy Families Nurturing Communities is committed to ensuring that all children are healthy, safe and ready to succeed by age five. Program ended in January, 2010 due to funding cuts.

<i>St. Joseph County</i>	<u>2009</u>	<u>2010</u>
Home Based Services Provided	1,582	164
Families Served	884	118

Children's Special Health Care Services

This county-based program helps pay for specialized medical treatment for children and some adults with chronic, and severe medical conditions.

	<u>2009</u>	<u>2010</u>
Individuals Enrolled	654	660
Assessments	489	728
Referrals for Medical Care	30	40

School Age Hearing and Vision Screenings

Provides periodic hearing and vision screening to children from age three through high school.

	<u>2009</u>	<u>2010</u>
Hearing Screening Performed	7,390	6,316
Vision Screenings Performed	12,210	13,255

through Core Public Health Services

PREVENTION SERVICES

Communicable Disease Prevention & Control

Provides Public Health Code compliance regarding prevention, investigation, and control of defined communicable diseases, including tuberculosis, sexually transmitted diseases (STDs), HIV/AIDS, animal bites and many other infectious diseases.

	2009	2010
Infectious Diseases Reported	20,409	13,150
STD Testing & Contact follow-up	283	328
HIV/AIDS Testing & Contact follow-up	102	114

Immunizations

Services that provide immunizations for vaccine-preventable diseases for children, and adults, including collaboration and assistance with health providers in the Vaccine for Children Program and use of the Michigan Care Improvement Registry. Data include H1N1 Vaccination Campaign.

	2009	2010
Children Vaccinated	7,911	30,345
Adults Vaccinated	5,730	14,372
Travel Vaccines Given	197	90
Total Vaccines Given	14,058	44,807

Woman, Infants & Children (WIC)

A nutrition and educational program directed toward increasing healthy outcomes for pregnant and breast-feeding woman, infants and children up to 5 years of age.

	2009	2010
Average Monthly Enrollment	6,194	6,203

AREA AGENCY ON AGING

Branch-St. Joseph Area Agency on Aging (111C)

Our mission is to provide a full range of high quality services, programs and opportunities which promote the independence and dignity of older adults while supporting those who care for them throughout Branch and St. Joseph Counties.

Program and Partnership Highlights:

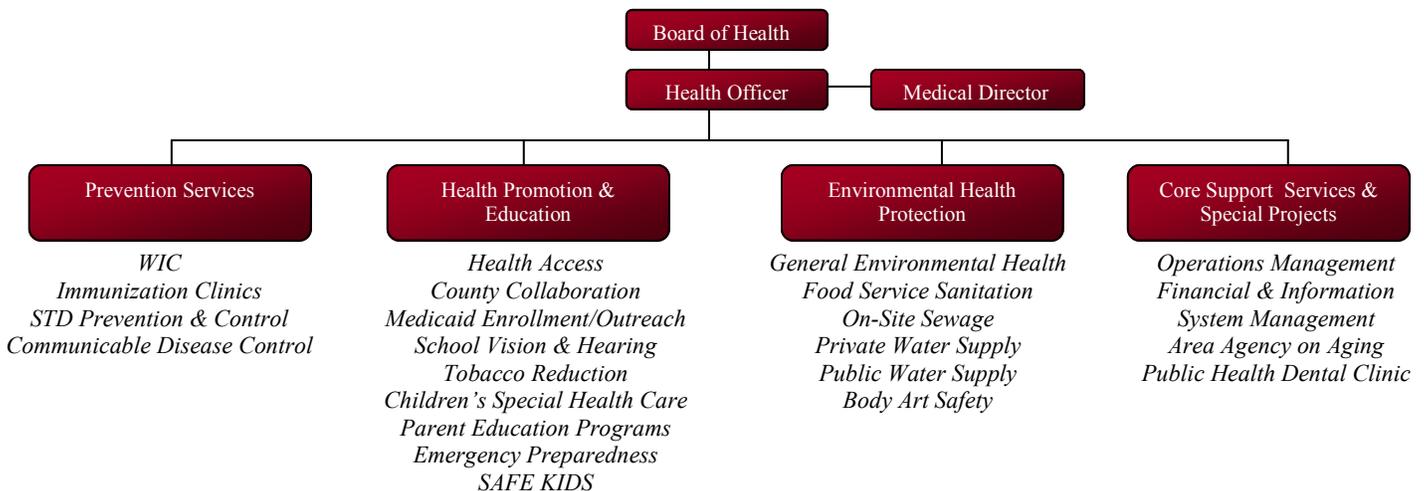
- **Personal Action Toward Health (PATH)** is a Chronic Disease Management Program that helps adults learn to better manage their chronic conditions. Our community partners include: Branch Commission on Aging, St. Joseph Commission on Aging, Pines Behavioral Health Services, Community Mental Health & Substance Abuse Services of St. Joseph County and MSU Extension.
- **Creating Confident Caregivers** utilizes the Savvy Caregiver Program, a university-tested program for family members caring for loved ones with memory loss or showing signs of dementia. The program provides participants with information, skills and attitudes to help them effectively manage stress and increase care-giving skills.
- **Elder Abuse Prevention & Awareness** activities culminated with major training held in fall 2010 for St. Joseph County law enforcement officers. Investigative strategies and community collaboration were emphasized at the trainings.

Service	Total	Units
Operations	\$77,449	
Nutrition	\$299,059	192,371
In-Home	\$164,269	42,403
Community Access	\$73,009	22,607
Legal	\$162,127	17,437
	\$9,000	326

Populations Served

Non-Minority	5,330	Native American	10
Rural	5,754	Hispanic	9
Under Poverty-level	793	Asian/Pacific	2
Minority Poverty	151	Multiracial	248
African American	155		

Organizational Chart



Office Directory

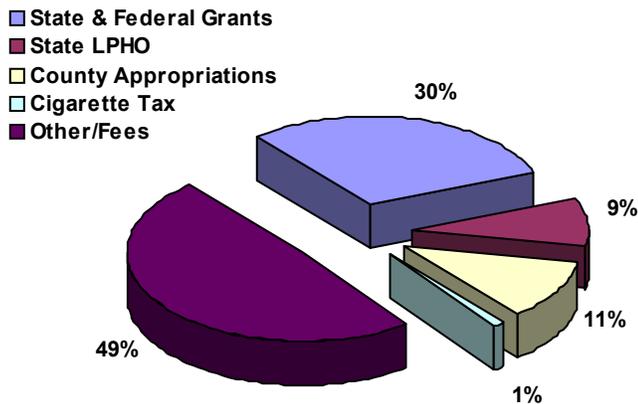
Coldwater (517) 279-9561
570 N Marshall Road
Coldwater, MI 49036

Hillsdale (517) 437-7395
20 Care Drive
Hillsdale, MI 49242

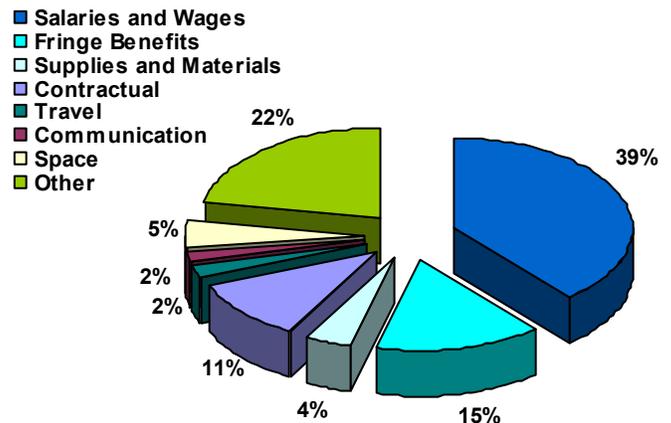
Three Rivers (269) 279-2161
1110 Hill Street
Three Rivers, MI 49093

Fiscal Year 2009/10 Total Budget \$7,141,861.00

Total Revenues 2009/10



Total Expenditures 2009/10



What's new on the web...www.bhsj.org

[Publications & Reports](#)

Increases community awareness of health issues through press releases or the creation of special reports on selected health topics.

[Health Data and Statistics](#)

County specific data on communicable diseases, motor vehicle data, birth data, hospitalization data and more.

[Downloads](#)

All forms are Adobe Acrobat files and therefore require [Adobe Acrobat Reader](#) to view/print them.

[Current Clinic & Program Calendars](#)

Current calendars that show dates and times of clinic services and Parent Education programs.

[Communicable Disease Data](#)

Up-to-date tracking of the most common communicable diseases. Including: chicken pox, flu, head lice, hepatitis and tuberculosis.

[Employment Opportunities](#)

Available job opportunities within the Branch-Hillsdale- St. Joseph Community Health Agency and other Public Health positions in Michigan.

[Branch County Substance Abuse Task Force](#)

The task force provides up-to-date education services to Branch County to help ensure "Branch County is a meth watch county".

The purpose of this task force is to prevent methamphetamine manufacture, sale and use.

[County Health Plan](#)

Residents of Branch, Hillsdale, and St. Joseph counties eligible for the Adult Benefits Waiver (ABW) program are enrolled in the Branch-Hillsdale-St. Joseph Health Plan A. This is NOT insurance but provides health benefits to low income, uninsured residents.

[Prescription Discount Program](#)

Residents who do not have prescription coverage may be eligible for the Branch-Hillsdale-St. Joseph Prescription Program. This program is a way for people without prescription coverage to purchase prescription drugs at lower prices at their pharmacy.

[Dental Clinics](#)

Designed to serve Medicaid patients, including those with MICHild and Healthy Kids Dental, or patients that are uninsured and financially qualify for the Michigan Community Dental Plan. Clients who are on WIC or Food Stamps are automatically qualified.