



Two Rivers Public Health Department

People, Programs, and Opportunities

Where We Are | Two Rivers



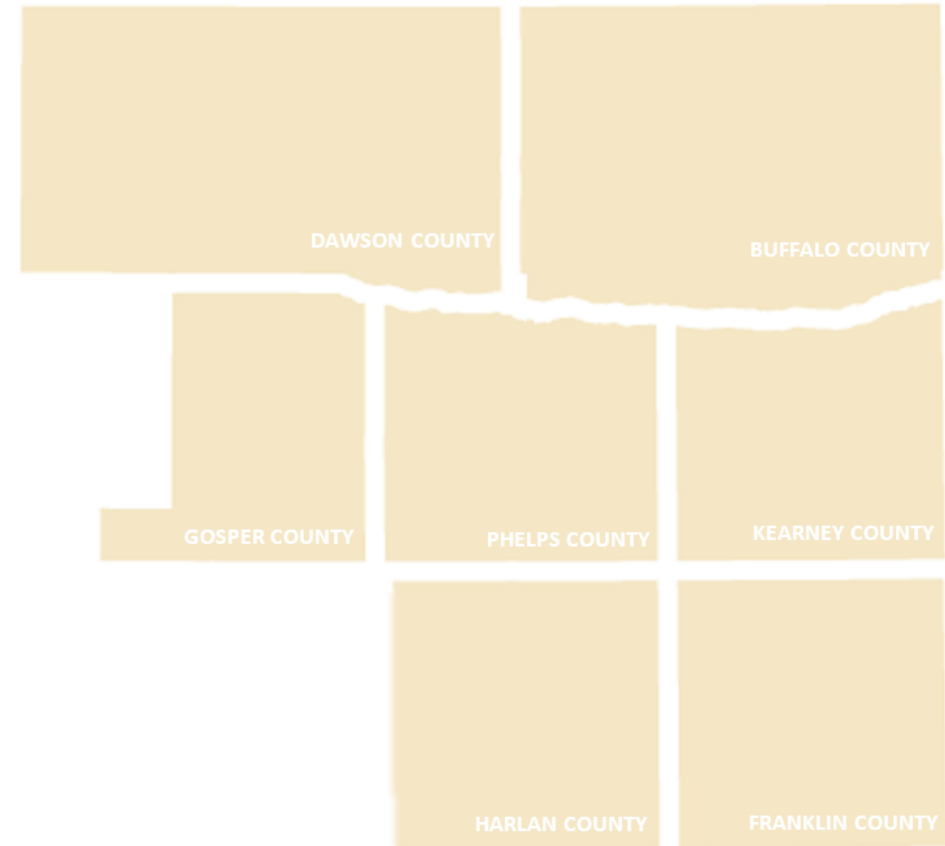
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- 7 Counties (~4,624 square miles)
- Population: 97,040
 - Buffalo: 48,863
 - Dawson: 23,886
 - Phelps: 9,296
 - Kearney: 6,585
 - Harlan: 3,452
 - Franklin: 2,985
 - Gosper: 1,973



Our Mission

Two Rivers Public Health Department engages collaborative partners, community leaders, and the public to promote healthy lifestyles, provide preventative education, assure environmental quality, and create more healthy and safe communities for all who live within the district.



Our Vision

Two Rivers Public Health Department envisions a health district where all are able to safely and actively live, learn, work, and play in their communities. Two Rivers Public Health Department facilitates collaborative, partnerships, and unique approaches that educate, empower, and engage local community partners, health providers, political decision-makers, community leadership, and the public.



Public Health Purpose

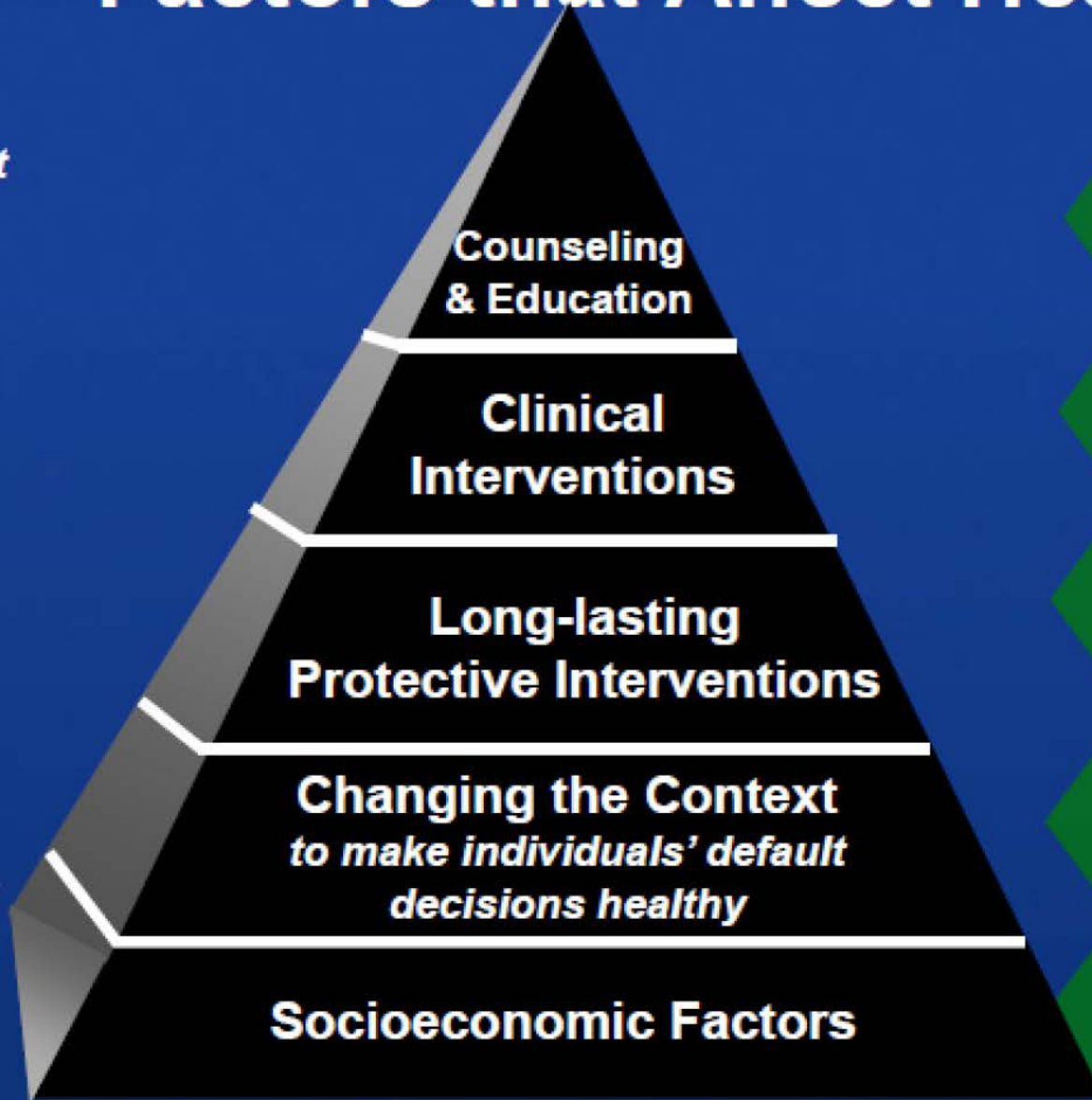
- Prevent epidemics and spread of disease
- Protect against environmental hazards
- Prevent injuries
- Promote and encourage health behaviors
- Respond to disasters and assist communities in recovery
- Assure the quality and accessibility of services



Factors that Affect Health

Smallest
Impact

Largest
Impact



Counseling
& Education

Clinical
Interventions

Long-lasting
Protective Interventions

Changing the Context
to make *individuals' default
decisions healthy*

Socioeconomic Factors

Examples

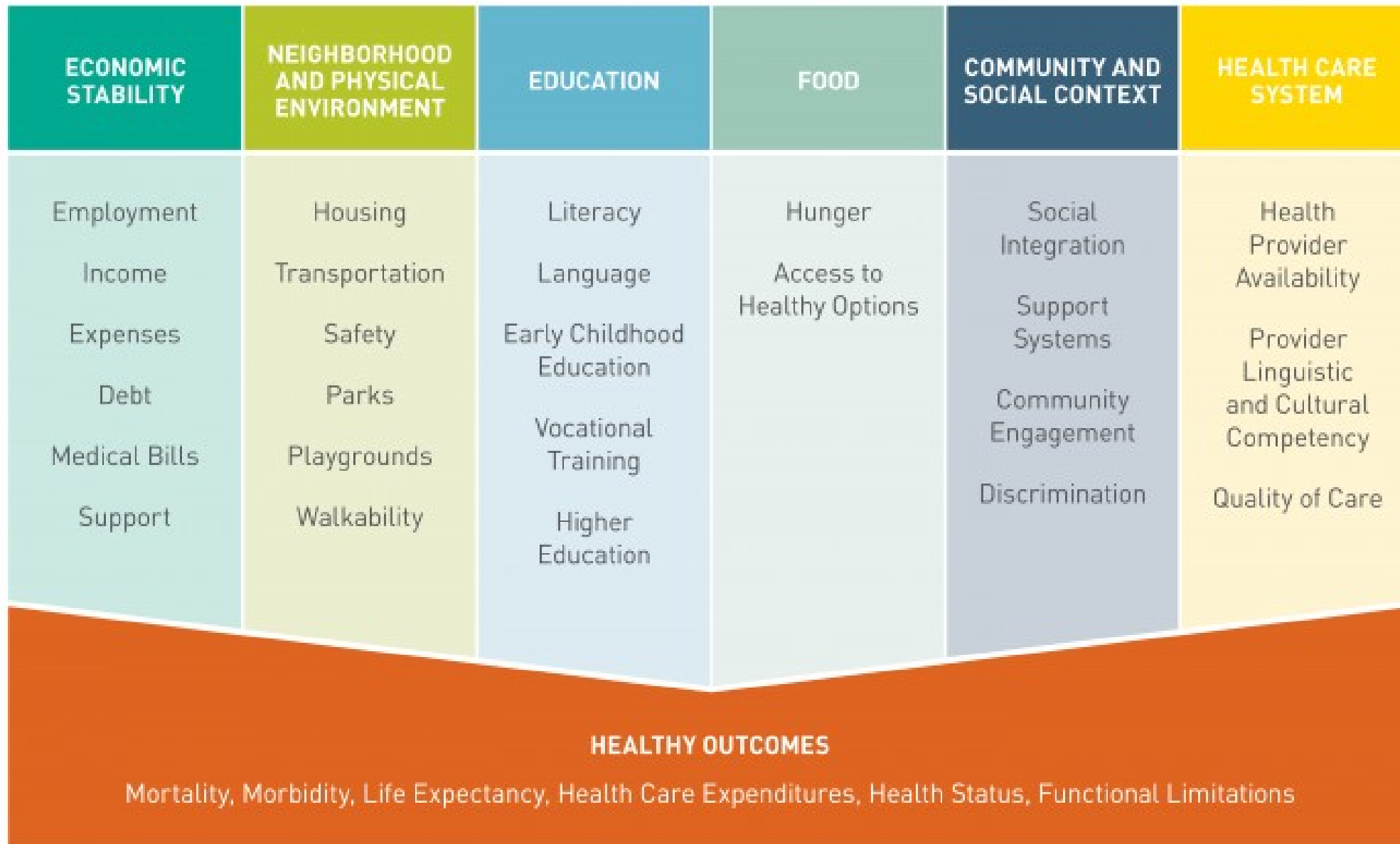
Eat healthy, be
physically active

Rx for high blood
pressure, high
cholesterol, diabetes

Immunizations, brief
intervention, cessation
treatment, colonoscopy

Fluoridation, 0g trans fat,
folic acid fortification,
iodization, smoke-free
laws, tobacco tax

Poverty, education,
housing, inequality



Strategic Plan Goals and Priorities

“The goals and priority areas are intended to highlight and maintain focus on community identified areas of need. Two Rivers is only as strong as its weakest partnership. The strength of Two Rivers has historically been and will continue to be its engaged staff and community partnerships.”

—Jeremy Eschliman, Health Director

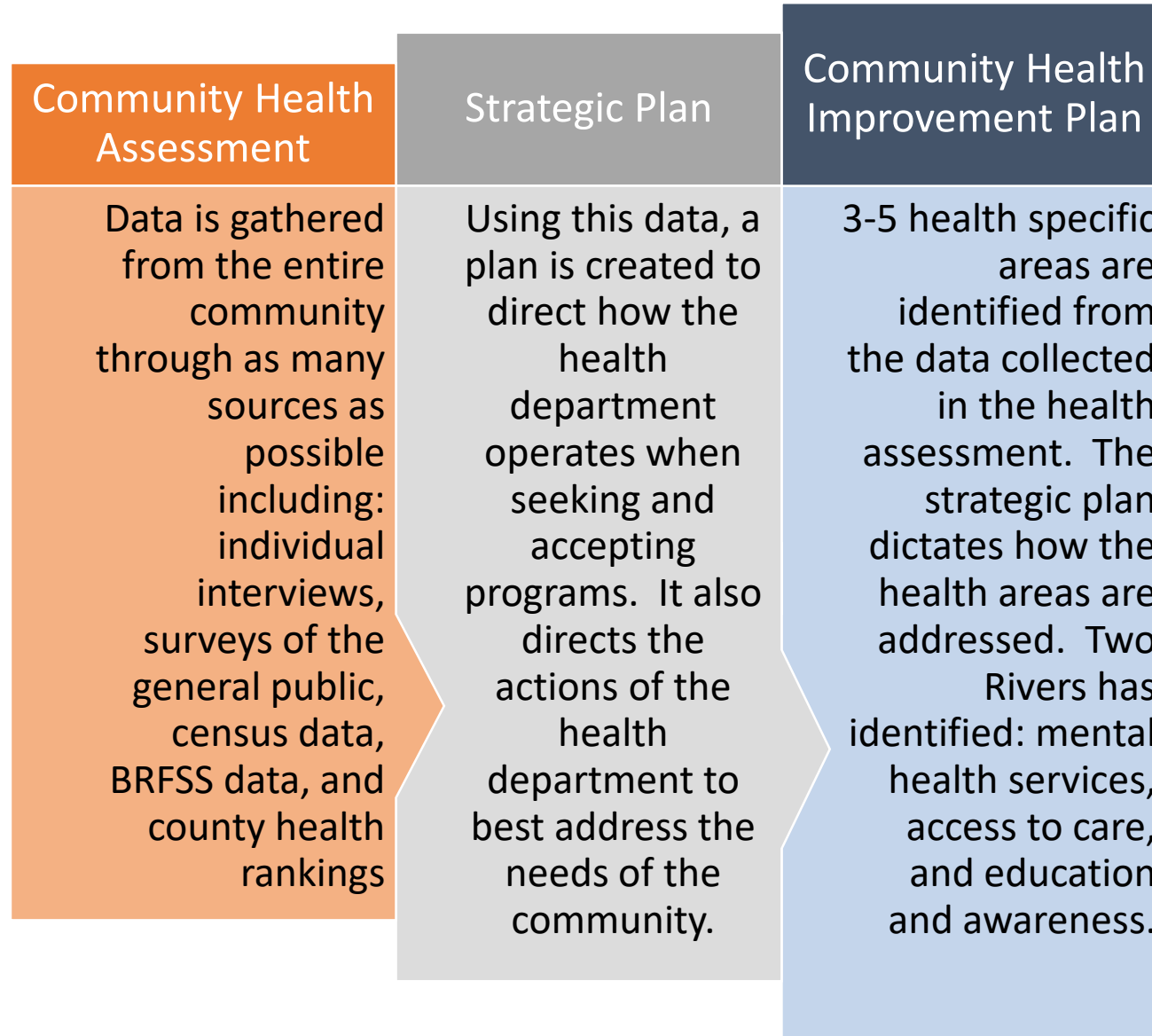


Community Health Assessment

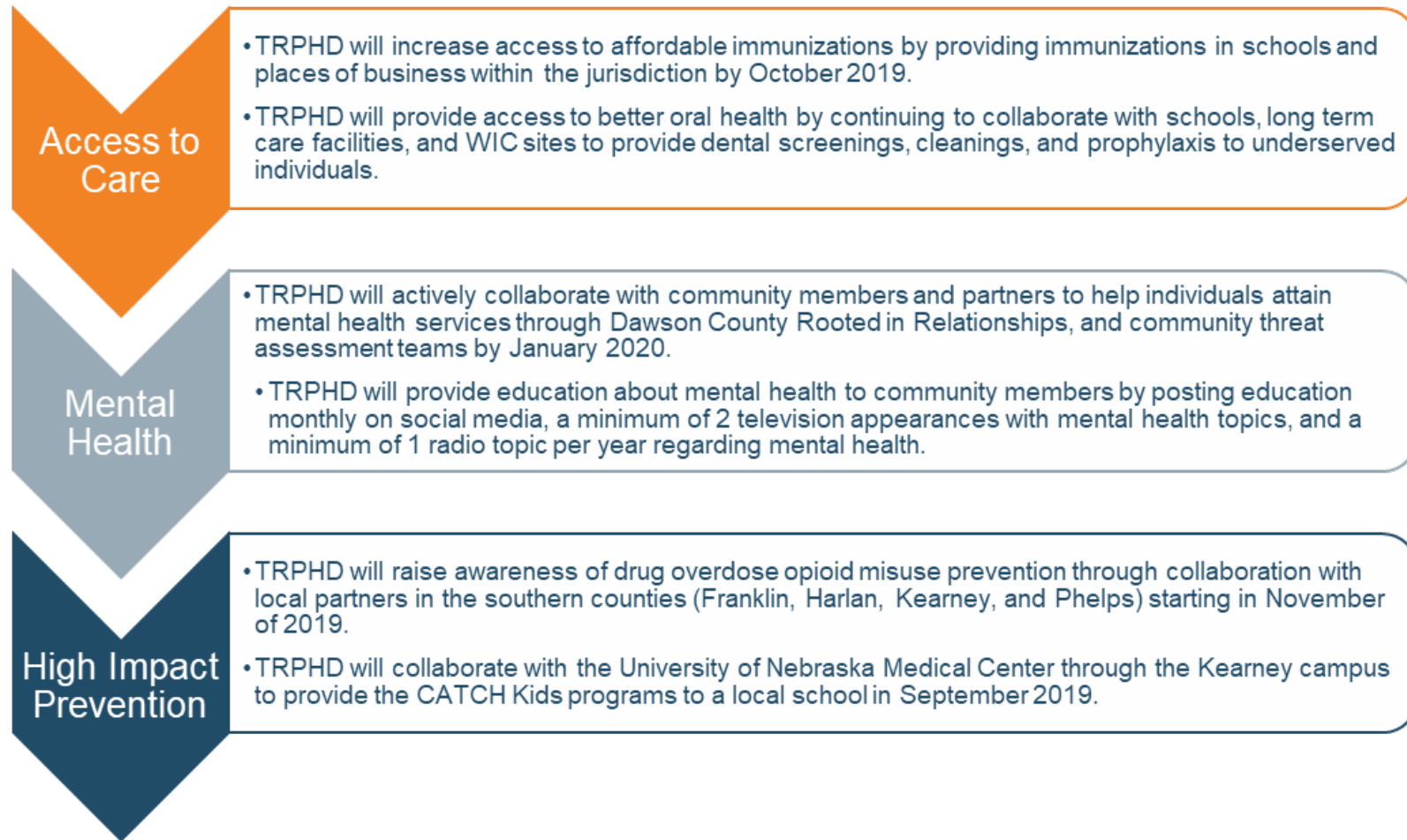


- During 2017 and 2018, a community health assessment was completed with the help of many community partners.
- Through this data collection, and input from you, our community we can create a plan to move forward

Community Health Improvement Plan



Community Health Improvement Plan Goals



Community Health Assessment-2020

KEY DATES

- **January 22 (Lexington)**
 - Beginning the process
 - Visioning | Community themes
- **February 19 (Holdrege)**
 - Gathering the data
 - District health system assessment
 - Forces of change
- **March 18 (Kearney)**
 - Community health status
 - Identification of priorities
- **April 15 (Lexington)**
 - Develop goals and strategies
 - Create action groups

What We Do | Two Rivers

Disease Surveillance
West Nile Virus

Chronic Disease Prevention
Tri-Cities Medical Response System

Emergency Response

Lifesmiles Dental Program

Collaboratives
Lead Exposure

Emergency Response



TRPHD works to advance preparedness activities by working with communities, hospitals, agencies, and organizations in order to prepare for and recover from a potential disaster.

Tri-Cities Medical Response System (TRIMRS)



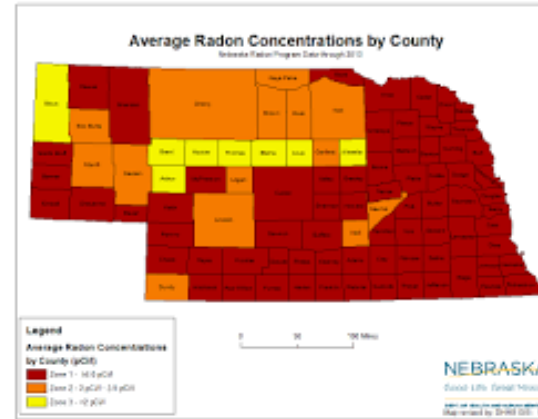
TRPHD serves as the coordinator for the Tri-Cities Medical Response System (TRIMRS), which helps to strengthen emergency response through collaboration with hospitals on community-wide exercises.

Disease Surveillance



TRPHD works with clinical partners and health systems to monitor reportable disease, detect disease clusters and outbreaks, and prevent the spread of disease.

Environmental Health



TRPHD is dedicated to creating healthier homes and environments. One objective in this endeavor is by lowering radon in the homes of our jurisdiction. Radon is a radioactive gas that is the number one cause of lung cancer in non-smokers.

→ ***We selling radon kits for \$10, come talk to us for more details!***

Violence prevention



Targeted violence is preventable. Disrupting the Pathway to Violence is a pilot program addressing barriers to reporting signs of violence using a community based, public health approach.

Rooted in Relationships



TRPHD is the backbone agency supporting Rooted in Relationships (RIR), an initiative that partners with communities to implement evidence-based practices that enhance the social-emotional development of children, birth through age 8.

Immunization



TRPHD provides preventative immunizations (2019-Focus on Influenza) in community based settings including schools and businesses.

LifeSmiles Dental



TRPHD provides preventative dental services in community based settings including schools, Head Starts, and Women Infant & Children clinics. Oral health disease is the #1 unmet chronic disease in children.



Facts about Children's Dental Health



Children with poor oral health have many problems:

- They may not grow & develop as they should
- They might have a hard time concentrating & learning due to pain
- They may miss a lot of school
- They might develop serious problems, such as infections
- They might not smile because of the appearance of their teeth
- They have less of a chance of doing well later in life, compared with children with good oral health
- It is the number 1 chronic disease in children!





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