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Quarterly Update

People, Programs, and Opportunities

August/September/October 2026



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Our Vision & Mission

A healthy community for all!

Vision

TRPHD 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



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.

A little TRPHD history

2004
Two Rivers Public Health Department founded

2005
First statewide Board of Health Established

Office space in Holdrege established

2006
Ice storm in late December affects entire district

2007
TRPHD's staff grew to 6

2008
TRPHD acquired PPE to prepare for a pandemic

2009
H1N1 pandemic

2010
H1N1 Mobile Flu Vaccine clinics conducted

2011
TRPHD conducted a disaster drill at Kearney Recycling

2012
LifeSmiles Dental Program starts

2013
TRPHD wins NACCHO Model of Practice Award for LifeSmiles dental program

2014
TRPHD's team expanded

2015
Jeremy Eschliman became Health Director

2016
TRPHD started preparation for PHAB accreditation

2017
TRPHD focused on Chronic Disease programming through 1422 grant

2018
TRPHD completed a joint community health assessment and strategic planning process

2019
Flooding affected the district in March and July

2020
COVID-19 pandemic began

TRPHD moves to Kearney

2021
Large scale vaccine clinics conducted throughout the district

2022
Strategic plan adopted

2023
OD2A program awarded NACCHO Promising Practice Award

2024
Centennial Plaza building purchased

2025
Swimming pool inspections begin

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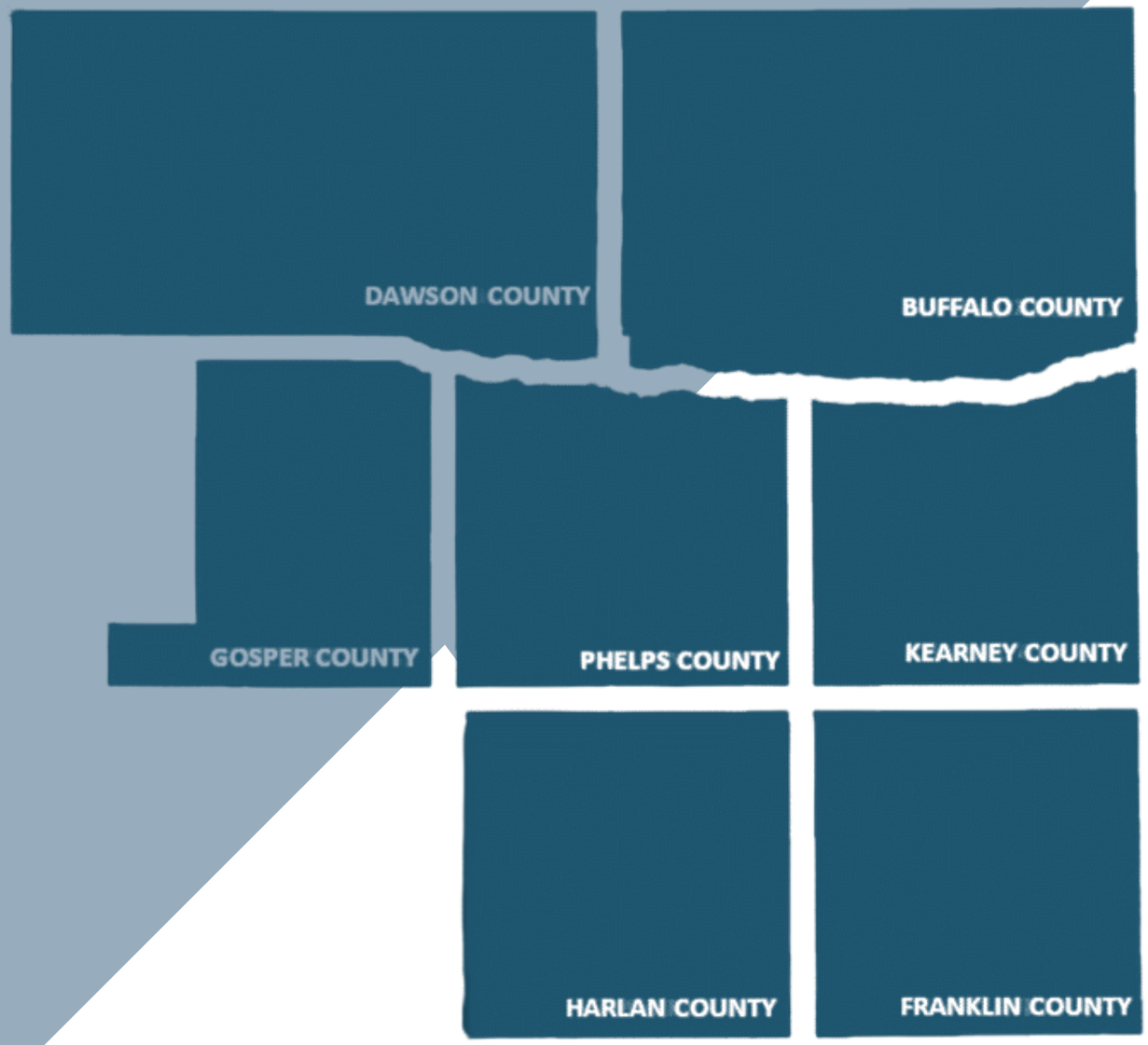
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We Serve

7 Counties

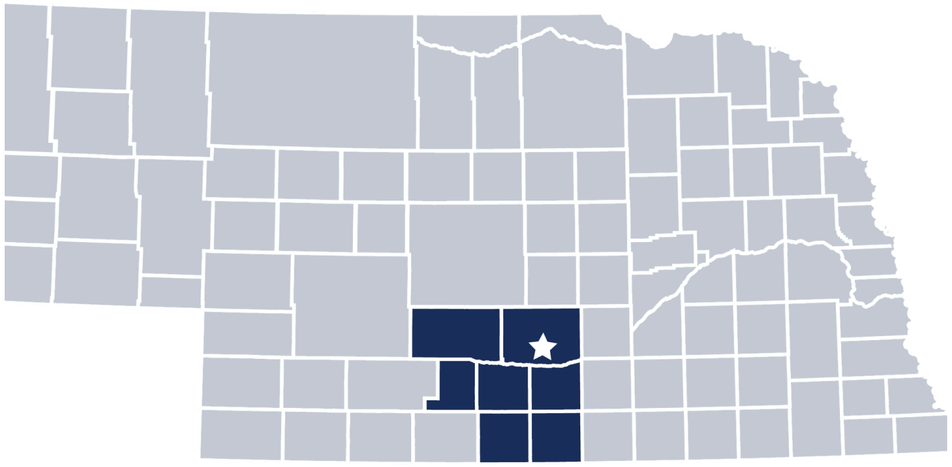
- Population: 97,706
  - Buffalo: 50,084
  - Dawson: 24,111
  - Phelps: 8,968
  - Kearney: 6,688
  - Harlan: 3,073
  - Franklin: 2,889
  - Gosper: 1,893

4,626 Square Miles



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Leadership





Jeremy Eschliman,
Health Director



Katie Mulligan, COO



Jesse Valenti,
Finance Section
Manager



Jacki Haley, RN,
Clinical Section
Manager



Aravind Menon,
Epidemiologist



Haleigh Eschliman,
Community Health
Manager



Ashley Green,
Environmental
Health Supervisor

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Healthy Families Nebraska™
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Hooray for our first graduate!

Healthy Families graduated their first family this last quarter! This shows the hard work and discipline that parents have put into meeting their child's needs.



21
Referrals

40
Families

219
Visits

4
FSS

Welcome Kathy!

*based on last quarter data

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STI Testing at TRPHD

Keep an eye out for.....

- HIV screening
- Syphilis screening
- Pregnancy Testing
- Gonorrhea Testing
- Chlamydia Testing



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2026 TRPHD Disease trends

Sexually Trasmitted infections	Gastric illnesses	Animal Exposures
#1 Chlamydia #2 Gonorrhea #3 Syphilis #4 HIV/AIDS	#1 Campylobacterosis #2 Norovirus Outbreak #3 E. Coli #4 Salmonella	#1 Bats #2 Cats #3 Squirrel



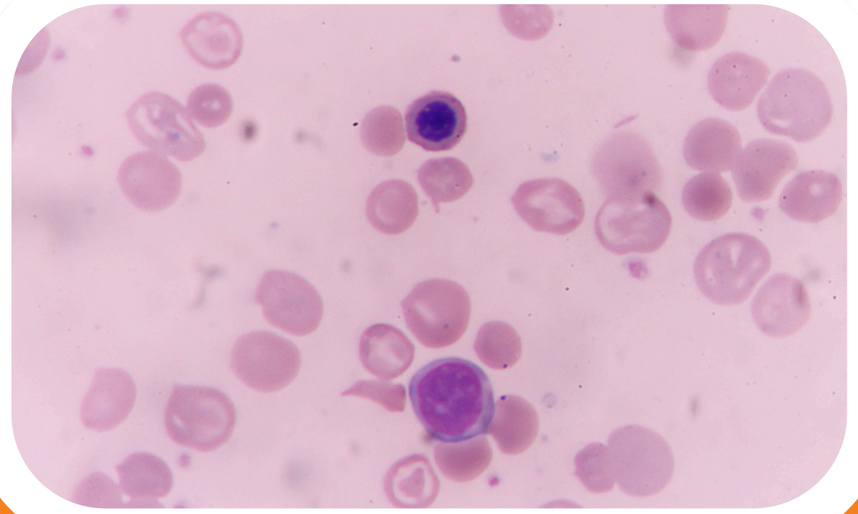
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Cyclosporasis “Cyclospora”

- Parasite that causes intestinal illness from contaminated food or water.
- Infected individuals may have symptoms or no symptoms.
- Not spread person to person.
- No exclusion from daycare, food service, or healthcare work.

Local Impact

- Historically have 0-3 cases a year
- 7 cases reported in July 2026





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Environmental Health



Cooper Lowe (EHS) presenting on the water cycle during well week 2026.

Cooper Lowe (EHS) checking pool equipment and chemical measurements during an inspection.



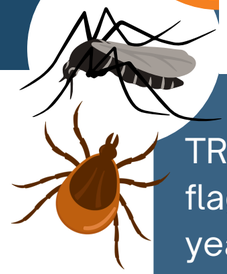


Libby Fischbach (EHS) presenting on radon awareness and testing.

Ashley Green (EH Supervisor) conducting temperature and pH assessments for legionella in a private home.



Vector Trapping and Study



TRPHD has completed annual tick flagging this year. Sites for this year include Fort Kearny, Harlan County Reservoir, and Blue Hole WMA. Regular mosquito trapping will continue through the season in Buffalo and Dawson County.

Pool Inspections



TRPHD is wrapping up its inaugural year of conducting local permitting and inspections for 78 local public pools.

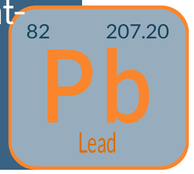
TRPHD has conducted 164 inspections, averaging 2.1 inspections per pool.

We have now entered the new permitting year and have received all applications + payments but two.

Nuisance/Disease Investigations



The TRPHD's EH program addresses nuisance complaints like mold, pests, and sewage backups by measuring, recording observations, and reporting to complainants. The team also aids in disease investigations for environment-related illnesses, such as lead poisoning and legionella.



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Opioid
Data to Action (OD2A)

As part of our opioid programming, TRPHD provides the following services:

- Drug takeback events
- Distribution of Narcan
- Educational events

Over 5000 prescription and OTC meds collected in Gosper Co. in Feb 2026.

Narcan and pill lockbottles distributed at 6 community events.

Gosper County drug takeback event on February 16th, 2026. Drug takeback events keep harmful drugs from ending up in the wrong hands and prevents drugs from entering our environment, where they can contaminate our water and food.





Ramona Heintges (EHS) attending a community event and distributing Narcan, pill lockbottles, and drink covers.

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Public Health Emergency Preparedness (PHEP)

TRPHD plays a unique role in emergency preparedness. Our team conducts internal training and drills for emergencies, exercises prepareness plans with community stakeholders, and assists in personal prepareness efforts through education. In most emergencies, TRPHD is not the main responder, but a secondary support response through assistance in recovery and rebuilding efforts. Here are some ways we assist in emergencies:

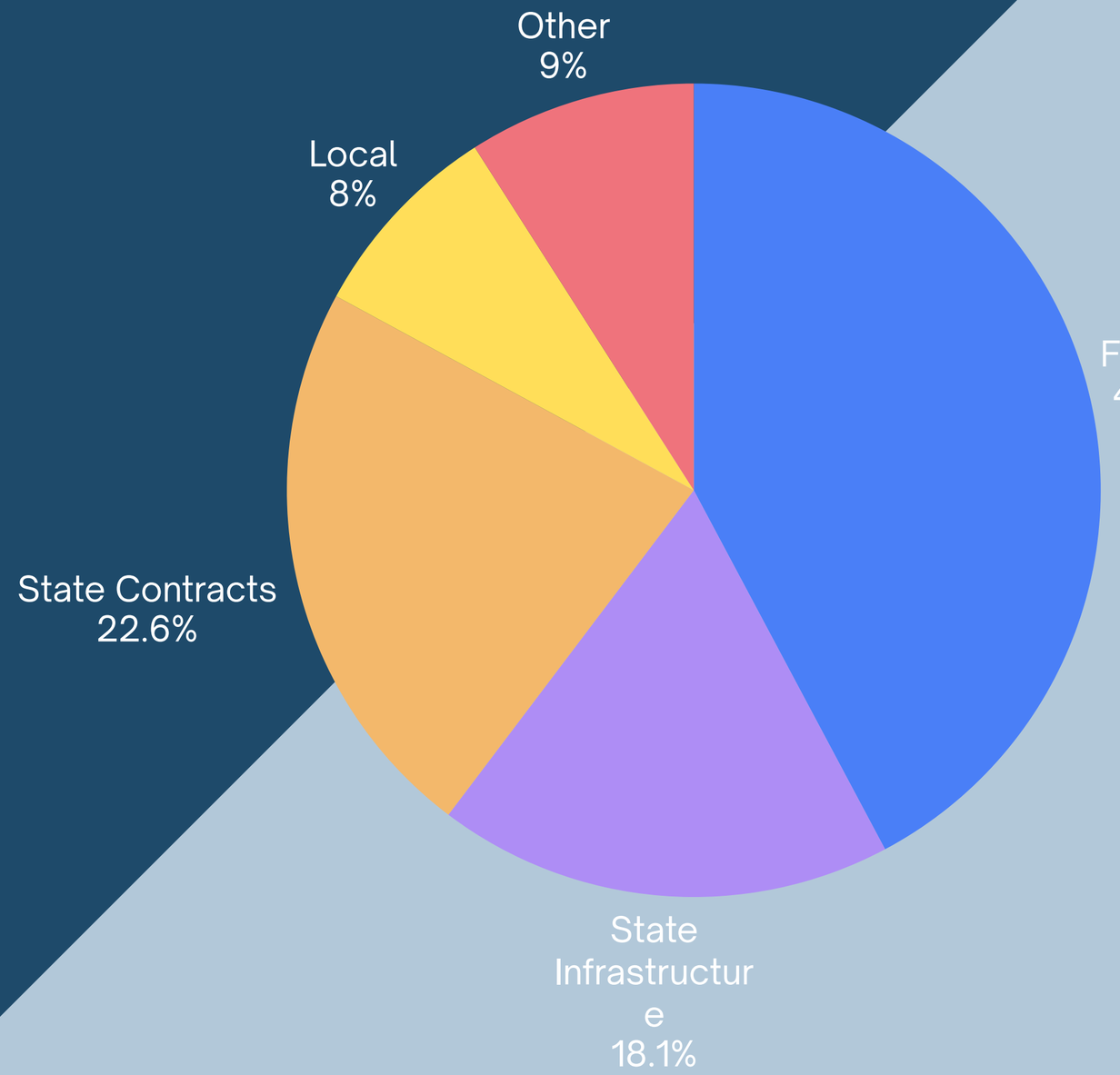
- **Assistance to Other Organizations**
- **Post-Exposure Prophylaxis (eg. tetanus)**
- **Resource Guides and Connection**
- **Environmental Assessments**



TRPHD is conducting a Wildfire Rapid Needs Assessment for the areas of the district affected by the fire. This will involve going to affected homes, understanding the impacts, and the needs for future recovery.

Over 200 homes near the Cottonwood and Bertrand fires were selected for random surveys and water quality sampling. Results will be shared with homeowners and local emergency preparedness stakeholders, including fire, EMS, emergency management, and local public health.

Financial Statement - Fiscal Year 2025/2026



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Majority of the revenue are grant/contract based

Federal Revenue involves programs:

- Ryan White (HIV) grant
- Maternal, Infant, and Early Childhood Home Visiting (MIECH-V)
- Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF)
- Public Health Emergency Preparedness (PHEP)

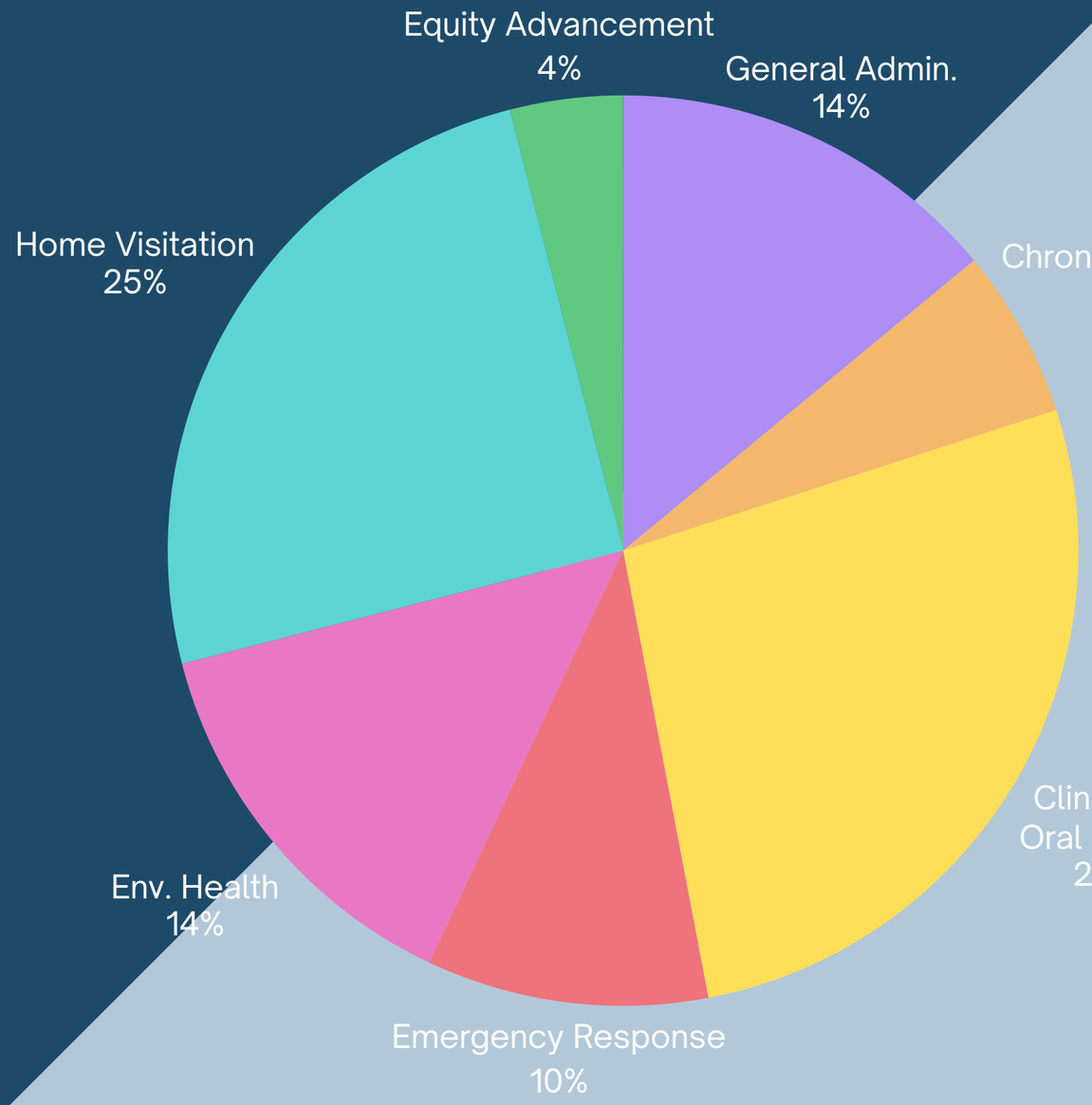
State Revenue involves programs:

- Managed Care Organization and Social Determinants of Health
- Minority Health Initiative
- Obesity Prevention

Local Revenue involves programs:

- Immunization
- Healthy Horizons

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The expenses for 2025/2026 incur from personnel services, supplies, and travel to provide services for the programs we received from the grants/contracts

- Clinical and Oral Health expenses (27%) provide services for our Immunizations, surveillance, STIs and dental programs

- Home Visitation expenses (25%) provide services towards the MIECH-V and TANF programs

- Environmental Health expenses (14%) provide services towards Pool Inspections, Lead Hazard Reductions, and Radon programs

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New Programs



Growing Together from Bump to Baby is a new program in coordination with UNMC to provide perinatal care in a group setting proctored by an APRN.



Our Nuisance 2 Nature program through Nebraska Environmental Trust funding addresses local outdoor nuisance properties by assisting with cleanup & installing pollinator gardens.



Increasing programming related to community health workers and reinvigorating the LifeSmiles Dental program

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