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## **Mid-Michigan District Health Department celebrates Public Health Week**

Ithaca~ The Mid-Michigan District Health Department (MMDHD), with branch offices in Ithaca, Stanton and St. Johns, is joining Michigan in celebrating Public Health Week April 6-12.

This year's theme, "Building the Foundation for a Healthy America," focuses on the critical role public health must play as we focus our efforts on improving our nation's health.

MMDHD would like to take the opportunity to highlight some of the services provided to the residents in the three county district.

Over 47,000 individuals and families received MMDHD services in 2008, but the truth is that many in the area still aren't familiar with the health department or what it has to offer.

Did you know that in 2008 in Gratiot County MMDHD....

- Provided Women, Infant and Children (WIC) services to 1,469 clients?
- Served 796 Family Planning clients?
- Conducted 2,546 hearing screenings and 4,617 vision screenings for elementary students?
- Provided quality dental services to over 214 Gratiot and County Medicaid patients via the Community-Based Dental Clinic?
- Screened hundreds of women for breast and cervical cancer?
- Administered 1,720 immunizations?
- Performed 279 food service inspections?
- Inspected 19 child and adult facilities?
- Made 27 sewage-related evaluations and issued 54 sewage disposal permits?

Did you know that MMDHD provides medical advocacy and financial assistance for children with qualifying medical conditions? Were you aware that MMDHD manages the Mid-Michigan Health Plan, a locally organized system of care for uninsured adults? MMDHD also offers lead testing, radon test kits, investigates nuisance complaints, and so much more.

"At times we feel your local health department is one of Gratiot County's best-kept secrets, and yet we have proudly served our three counties for forty-two years," said Kimberly Singh, Health Officer for MMDHD. "We offer a wide variety of services and help to assure the health and well-being of every resident, all day, every day."

For more information about MMDHD and its services, please visit [www.mmdhd.org](http://www.mmdhd.org) or call 989-875-3681.

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