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Mid-Michigan District Health Department celebrates Public Health Week

Stanton~ 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 will spend the week celebrating public health's accomplishments and 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 in Clinton County, Gratiot County and Montcalm County received MMDHD services in 2008, but 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 Montcalm County MMDHD....

- Provided Women, Infant and Children (WIC) services to 2,104 clients?
- Served over 1,036 Family Planning clients?
- Conducted 3,596 hearing screenings and over 5,555 vision screenings for elementary students?
- Provided quality dental services to over 2,475 Montcalm area Medicaid patients, 81% of which are children via the Stanton Dental Clinic?
- Applied fluoride varnish to 952 Head Start and Early Head Start students?
- Provided 132 dental sealants to children in second and sixth grades?
- Provided 272 dental screenings to children in second and sixth grades?
- Screened hundreds of women for breast cancer?
- Administered over 1,455 immunizations?
- Performed 427 food service inspections?
- Inspected 36 child and adult facilities?
- Made 40 sewage-related evaluations and issued over 216 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 Montcalm 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 really do offer a wide variety of services and 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 or call 989-831-5237.

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