2023 ESCAMBIA COUNTY ALABAMA **HEALTH DEPARTMENT**

Provides caring, quality services that affect every person in Escambia County—not just those who walk through health department doors.



The Bureau of **Clinical Laboratories** provides quality laboratory results

for the following programs: maternity, family planning, child health, STD, tuberculosis control, diabetes, HIV/AIDS, newborn screening and environmental services.



Alabama's Children's Health **Insurance Program**

increases access to care for eligible, uninsured children ages birth through 18, and served 1,599 **Escambia County** children in the month of October 2023.



Provided 784 immunizations

including childhood and adult vaccines. Provided Alabama Certificates of Immunization required for school entry.



Licensed public health social workers provide

case management/ care coordination for newborn screening disorders, elevated lead levels, home health and other

services.



Conducted 283 site visits to issue new

or repair permits to regulate and permit onsite sewage disposal systems and oversee treatment and disposal of septage and other permitted wastes.



Prevents the occurrence and spread of rabies

within the human and animal population of Escambia County by investigating reports of 70 exposures to animal bites.



Provided confidential

testing, treatment, counseling, partner referral, and epidemiologic investigations for most sexually transmitted diseases in 785 support nurse visits.



Offered tuberculosis

testing, medication, physician services, epidemiologic investigations, hospitalization, and laboratory services for those with known or suspected TB disease and their contacts.



Offers a tobacco **Quitline free to** Alabama residents.

Free call, free coaching, and free nicotine patches (if medically eligible and in coaching) to help tobacco users quit. Call 1-800-QUIT NOW or go to Quitnowalabama.com



Provided breast and cervical cancer screening

to 22 uninsured and underinsured women age 40-64.



Newborn screening

detects genetic or metabolic conditions, thereby reducing morbidity, premature death, intellectual and other developmental disability through early detection and follow-up.



Regulates the

possession, use and disposal of radioactive materials and equipment, and administers a radon and naturally occurring radioactive materials program.



Responds to storms, floods, disease outbreaks, nuclear power plant accidents, and

other emergencies. Employees provide training, coordination, and response to disasters and partner with local first responders for health, medical, and social services.



Assists rural and medically underserved areas

by working with health care providers and organizations to prepare grants and provide workforce development.



Protects patients/ residents of health care facilities from

abuse and neglect. Works to ensure facilities comply with state and federal standards. Requires corrective action when surveys find facilities are noncompliant. Assures that emergency medical services meet or exceed established standards.

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Provided 1,906 home care visits that include skilled nursing, physical therapy, medical social work and personal care services through Medicare-certified home health agencies.



Issued 3,858
certified copies of
vital records
on a while-you-wait
basis regardless of
where in the state the
event occurred.



Conducted 462 inspections of restaurants, schools, and other food service and lodging establishments including child care centers to ensure standards in environmental health are maintained.



Confidential and professional family planning services were provided to Escambia County residents in 1,212 visits. A wide range of services is available regardless of income to prevent unintended pregnancies through education and contraceptive services.



WIC provides nutrition assessment, education, and nutritious foods at no cost to a monthly average of 1,163 limited-income pregnant, breastfeeding, and postpartum women, infants, and children up to age 5 at nutritional risk in Escambia County.





The Alabama Department of Public Health (ADPH) works closely with your community to protect the public's health through emergency preparedness activities, health care coalitions, training, and response.

The mission of the ADPH is to promote, protect, and improve the health of individuals and communities in Alabama, and has served Escambia County since 1923. Our purpose is to provide caring, high quality, and professional services for the improvement and protection of the public's health through disease prevention and the assurance of public health services to resident and transient populations of the state regardless of social circumstances or the ability to pay.

All services from the ADPH are provided to eligible persons without regard to race, color, creed, national origin, political beliefs, handicaps, or sex. Payment for services varies. No one will be denied services if unable to pay.

The Escambia County Health Department has two locations in Escambia County.

Both locations are open Monday through Friday, 8:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.

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