

Brookings County Commissioners Report

Office of Public Health Nursing Services

January-December 2025

Maternal and Child Health Program:

Public Health Nurse (PHN) collaborates with Medicaid, local clinics, and the WIC program to enroll pregnant women in the Pregnancy Case Management Program. Once enrolled, participants receive monthly visits that include prenatal education, emotional support, and monitoring of weight and blood pressure. During these visits, we also screen mothers about their plans for the baby. If a safe sleep space is not available, we provide a portable cribette, as well as safe sleep materials to ensure education and to support infant safety.

Immunization Activities:

PHN continues to provide vaccines for childhood and adolescent aged children. In addition, we provide vaccines for children who are uninsured or covered by Medicaid. Our annual immunization audit process began, which is from September to November. During this time, we worked with Brookings County schools to collect immunization records for kindergarteners, 6th graders, and students new to South Dakota. Schools assist by reminding parents of state immunization requirements. This data is compiled to monitor immunization rates across counties and school districts.

On October 1st, we received our annual flu vaccine supply. We also partnered with SDSU to host a one-day flu clinic for State Employees and their dependents, vaccinating 532 individuals. Flu shots remain available by appointment at our office for State Employees, their families, and the general public.

School Health Activities:

This year we have two schools under contract for Public Health Nursing Services; they are Sioux Valley and Deubrook. At this time, the PHN has completed most of the contracted school health hours for the 2025–2026 school year. In September, we conducted vision, hearing, and oral health screenings, including fluoride treatments for students with a parental consent. The PHN will return in winter/spring 2026 to provide growth and development education to 5th grade students.

Public Health Preparedness and Emergency Response:

The Office of Public Health Nursing Services continues to support the Brookings Point of Dispensing (POD) and attends monthly preparedness meetings as the schedule allows.

Personnel:

Melanie Kindt, Brookings County Clerical, provides valuable support at 16 hours per week. In June, the PHN attended an immunization conference, followed by a Maternal Child Health conference in July. In August, the PHN completed a four-session virtual training focused on breastfeeding.

Statistical Report:

See attachment

Respectfully submitted,

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2025 BROOKINGS COUNTY STATS

Pregnancy Care Program	JAN	FEB	MAR	1st QUARTER
Referrals Received	24	12	17	53
Referrals Accepted	13	5	8	26
Pregnancy Care Appointments	15	14	11	40

Pregnancy Care Program	APR	MAY	JUNE	2nd QUARTER
Referrals Received	14	14	7	35
Referrals Accepted	5	5	1	11
Pregnancy Care Appointments	15	14	11	40

Pregnancy Care Program	JUL	AUG	SEPT	3rd QUARTER
Referrals Received	12	13	10	35
Referrals Accepted	3	5	5	13
Pregnancy Care Appointments	9	6	5	20

Pregnancy Care Program	OCT	NOV	DEC	4th QUARTER
Referrals Received	13	4	12	29
Referrals Accepted	3	1	5	9
Pregnancy Care Appointments	6	6	5	17

IMMUNIZATIONS	JAN	FEB	MAR	1st QUARTER
VFC DOSES	20	10	25	55
NON-VFC DOSES	4	0	2	6
IMMUNIZATIONS	APR	MAY	JUNE	2nd QUARTER
VFC DOSES	7	7	6	20
NON-VFC DOSES	0	0	0	0
IMMUNIZATIONS	JUL	AUG	SEPT	3rd QUARTER
VFC DOSES	25	35	53	113
NON-VFC DOSES	1	9	4	14
IMMUNIZATIONS	OCT	NOV	DEC	4th QUARTER
VFC DOSES	48	30	29	107
NON-VFC DOSES	549	12	0	561

Cribs for Kids					
	1st QTR	2nd QTR	3rd QTR	4th QTR	TOTAL
Pack-N-Plays	8	11	6	5	30

Depression Screenings					
	1st QTR	2nd QTR	3rd QTR	4th QTR	TOTAL
PHQ-9	4	1	2	1	8
Referrals	0	1	0	1	2

Fluoride Varnish					
	1st QTR	2nd QTR	3rd QTR	4th QTR	TOTAL
# of Children	0	0	11	0	11

School Services					
	1st QTR	2nd QTR	3rd QTR	4th QTR	TOTAL
School Hours	25.42	0	40.5	4.5	70.42

*The Vaccines For Children (VFC) program is a federally funded program that provides vaccines at no cost to children who might not otherwise be vaccinated because of inability to pay. NON-VFC doses were billed to private insurance.