

# Plan for Goal 1

**Goal 1 Summary: Address the two core public health services not offered by the Noble County Health Department.**

## Chronic Disease and Injury Prevention

### ○ Tobacco Cessation and Prevention

- Participate in the Drug-Free Noble County (DFNC) coalition and discuss partnership opportunities
- Provide preventative education on billboards and boost social media educational posts
- Obtain certification(s) to offer a Maternal Tobacco Cessation Program at the NCHD in 2025 (i.e., Baby and Me Tobacco-Free Program)
- Discuss partnership opportunities with community agencies to provide tobacco and vaping cessation and prevention education (e.g., Purdue Extension Office, St. Martin's Healthcare, Noble County Schools)

### ○ Trauma and Injury Prevention

- Identify leading causes of accidental death and injury in Noble County
- Certify a minimum of 3 NCHD staff in Child Passenger Safety (CPS)
- Market free car seat checks at the NCHD and have at least one CPS-certified staff on-site during work hours to provide free car seat checks
- Provide trauma and injury prevention supplies to the schools (e.g., Stop the Bleed kits, solar eclipse protective glasses)
- Identify additional certifications/trainings to address trauma and injury prevention services/education
- Discuss funding possibilities of suicide mitigation software in local schools (i.e., Gaggle)
- Fund Summer Cycle event helmets- free bike helmet fitting and education on bike and road safety
- Discuss partnership opportunities with community agencies (e.g., Cole Center Family YMCA, Parkview Center for Healthy Living, County Fire Department, County Police Department)

# Plan for Goal 1 Cont.

## ○ **Screening and Referrals**

- Create a patient screener to assess the clinical, mental, and social service needs of each clinic client
- Utilize a patient screener to assess the clinical, mental, and social service needs at each appointment and provide appropriate referrals
- Partner with the IDOH and other community organizations to offer chronic disease screening (e.g., BP, HA1C, fasting glucose, cholesterol)
- Establish warm billboard and social media marketing to express NCHD's support to the community
- Discuss partnership opportunities with community agencies to provide screening and referral services for clinic clients (e.g., Parkview Health, Bowen Center, St. Martin's Healthcare, Cole Center Family YMCA)
- Identify ways to improve accessibility and delivery of Parkview Check-Up Days

## **Environmental Public Health**

### ○ **Vector Control**

- Identify contracting options for vector control in Noble County
- Temporarily contract vector control based on community needs
- Place educational flyers in Noble County organizations and on social media
- Conduct educational activities at community events (i.e., Kids City)
- Distribute preventative supplies at community events and at health department (e.g., tick remover tools, bug spray, mosquito tablets)
- Track mosquito tablet utilization areas
- Assess the need to hire another environmental public health staff to conduct vector control and all other environmental inspections

### ○ **Pool Inspections**

- Identify contracting options for a pool inspector to inspect the two YMCA pools, Shepard Swim School pool, Best Western Hotel pool, and the splash pads in Ligonier and Albion
- Temporarily contract pool inspections in Noble County

# Plan for Goal 2

*Goal 2 Summary: Improve one core public health service being moderately addressed by the Noble County Health Department.*

## Access and Linkage to Clinical Care

### ○ **Health Screenings**

- Identify health screening area needs at NCHD
- Contact organizations regarding required screening questions for their referrals
- Implement health screening tools at NCHD

### ○ **Health Service Referrals**

- NCHD clinic staff will not state “We do not do that here” when contacted by an individual with a health service question but will connect them to an organization best suited to answer their questions
- Establish referral partnerships with Noble County organizations (e.g., Bowen Center, Healthier Moms and Babies, Brightpoint)
- Create a list of referrals and resources for clinic clients
- Create a plan to keep referrals/resource contents up-to-date

### ○ **Programming**

- Provide health programming and services in the preferred language of the client
- Contract with or hire individuals who can provide translation services (e.g., Spanish, Arabic, Dutch, German)