

Community Health Update – September 2025

Activities:


- **Clinical Services:** DCHD held its first vaccine clinic at Lansing Point in July with ColoVAX and administered 48 standard child and adult vaccines to 21 individuals. In August, a local food bank in Castle Rock hosted a health fair with DCHD where a variety of health screenings, immunizations, and resources were provided to food bank recipients in the county. Partner agencies in attendance included the Colorado Alliance for Health Equity and Practice (CAHEP), ColoVAX, and the Public Health Institute at Denver Health.
- **Behavioral Health:** DCHD's two certified Mental Health First Aid (MHFA) instructors provided MHFA training to the 23rd Judicial District's Probation Department on August 19th. This 8-hour course is the first of three training events scheduled with Probation, to ensure that all officers have the necessary tools to address emerging and urgent mental health challenges with probation clients. The Department also plans to roll out the training to AdventHealth, Douglas County Sheriff's Office, and other local agencies in the next 12 months. This opportunity is provided free of charge to partner agencies and was afforded through ARPA funding that was received by the Douglas County Mental Health Division.
- **Maternal Child Health:** In August, DCHD's Executive Director, Assistant Director for Community Health, and Maternal Child Health (MCH) Coordinator attended a special event with the Backcountry Wilderness Area's Sunshine & Storytime program. The MCH program recently awarded Sunshine & Storytime a \$5,000 sponsorship through the MCH grant to support the expansion of this free program

to serve more Douglas County residents. You can learn more about this special day and the positive impact of Sunshine & Storytime on page 5 of [HRCA's Fall Newsletter](#) as well as Douglas County's [website](#).

DCHD's Maternal Child Health program hosted a Community Open House on September 4th. The event, open to community members, provided car seat safety checks, immunizations, and oral health screening to families in need, in addition to resources from DCHD and other community partners.

You're Invited!

Community Open House



Thursday, September 4, 2025

📍 Location: Douglas County Health Department
11045 E. Lansing Circle, Englewood, CO 80112

🕒 Time: 4:00 PM – 6:00 PM

📌 The event will take place outdoors in the DCHD parking lot.

Services & Resources Available


- Car Seat Safety Checks provided by South Metro Safety Foundation*
*pre-registration recommended
- Dental Health Screenings for Children provided by DentaQuest
- Developmental Pathways
- Douglas County Early Childhood Council
- Douglas County Health Department
 - Community Health
 - Environmental Health
 - Epidemiology
 - Vital Records
 - WIC
- Douglas County Human Services
- Douglas County Libraries
- Immunizations for Children and Adults provided by the Public Health Institute at Denver Health*
*pre-registration recommended
- YANA

Car Seat Safety Inspections

- First come, first served basis. 20 spots available.
- Please email CH@douglas.co.us to reserve your spot.

Immunizations

- Bring insurance card if you have insurance
- You are welcome if you are uninsured
- Vaccines will be given on a first come, first served basis
- Fill out the form to register for the clinic
- Select location: DCHD



- **Healthy Families Partnership:** The Healthy Families Partnership celebrated its 1-year anniversary in July with the following highlights:



 DOUGLAS COUNTY
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Healthy Families Partnership Update

Summer 2025

 **Healthy Families**
PARTNERSHIP
of Douglas County



Hospital Partners

Since the inception of the Healthy Families Partnership,

3,691 Families

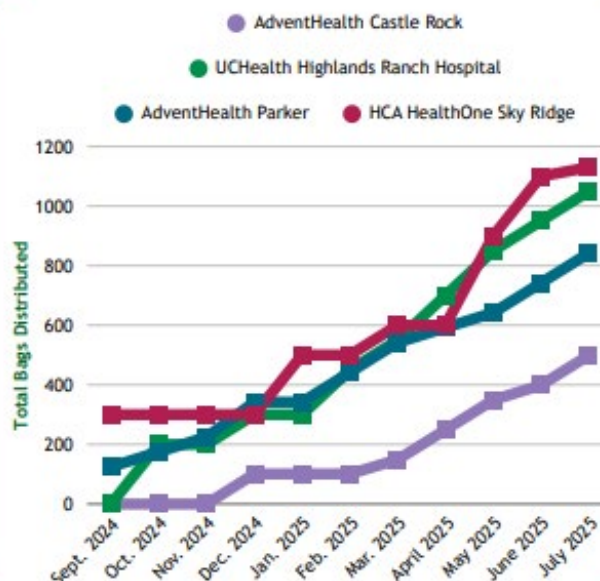
have received sleep sacks and resource booklets.



New Flipbook Content

As the Partnership develops, new content is added to the flipbooks, based on what research and conversations tell us parents need. The flipbooks now include:

- Safe Sleep
- How to use a sleep sack
- All Babies Cry
- Car Seat Safety
- Developmental Milestones
- Perinatal Mental Health



Online Presence

Since the start of the Healthy Families Partnership in July 2024, Yourhealthyfamily.org has seen:

5,754

Resources
clicked

Unique
visits

1,807

49s

Average
engagement time

 **HCA**
HealthONE
Sky Ridge
1,300
bags

 **AdventHealth**
Castle Rock
499
bags

 **AdventHealth**
Parker
842
bags

 **UHealth**
1,050
bags

- **Tobacco and Vaping Prevention:** The Community Health Education team recently finalized the FY26 implementation plan for the State Tobacco Education and Prevention Partnership (STEPP) grant. Funding through CDPHE supports the following activities in Douglas and Elbert counties:
 - Cessation Education and Support
 - Quit Kits- Tools and resources to help the quit journey that are distributed to community partners and residents.
 - Development of a Tobacco/Vaping/Nicotine landing page on DCHD website with information and cessation resources.
 - Youth Education and Prevention efforts - Partnerships with the Douglas County Youth Initiative and the Douglas County Healthy Youth Coalition.

In addition to the work through STEPP, one of DCHD's Community Health Educators will be attending a 2-day virtual training to become a facilitator for the Baby & Me Tobacco Free Program (BMTFP). BMTFP is a national program that provides tobacco cessation counseling, biomonitoring devices, and incentives for pregnant and postpartum women who are interested in abstaining from tobacco use. This program comes at no cost to DCHD or participants and will allow for direct referrals through the MCH and WIC programs as well as from external partners.

- **WIC:** DCHD was awarded funding for the WIC program and was fully funded for the partnership with Northeast Colorado Health Department for a second year. With that stated, CDPHE made cuts of \$1 million dollars to WIC programs statewide, including a \$40,000 reduction of funds to Douglas County WIC. DCHD will be closely monitoring the program and looking at other potential revenue streams to help close the funding gap.
- **Community Partner Highlights:**

The Community Health team participated in the following community presentations and events from June 8 – September 6, 2025:

Date	Event	Location
6/10/25	Vaccine Clinic with Public Health Institute at Denver Health at DCHD's Park Meadows Center location	Lone Tree
7/9/25	MCH Listening Session at Lansing Point	Englewood
7/23/25	Vaccine Clinic with ColoVAX at DCHD	Englewood
7/29/25	Douglas County Strive to Thrive	Highlands Ranch
8/2/25	Elbert County Fair with Elbert County Public Health	Kiowa
8/7/25	Immunization Presentation to Highlands Ranch Senior Center	Highlands Ranch
8/7/25	Elbert School District Back to School Night	Elbert
8/9/25	CROPS Health Fair	Castle Rock
8/12/25	WIC at Manna Resource Center	Highlands Ranch
8/13/25	HCA HealthONE Sky Ridge Community Council Meeting	Lone Tree
8/14/25	YANA Strong Mamas Thriving Babies Networking Event	Centennial
8/15/25	YANA Strong Mamas Thriving Babies at AdventHealth Castle Rock	Castle Rock
8/19/25	MHFA training to 23 rd Judicial District Probation Department	Castle Rock
8/27/25	TESSA Ribbon Cutting	Castle Rock
9/4/25	DCHD Community Open House	Englewood
9/6/25	Bumps & Babies at HCA HealthONE Sky Ridge	Lone Tree