

Leadership

Lake County Health Department and Community Health Center

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A Message From Our Leadership

We are pleased to present the Lake County Health Department's 2025 Annual Report, reflecting a year marked by unprecedented challenges and an unwavering commitment to the health and well-being of our community.

This year the agency welcomed new leadership with the appointment of Executive Director Christopher Hoff, who brings a wealth of knowledge, experience, and passion for public health. Under his leadership, the Health Department continued to strengthen its mission-driven work while embracing new opportunities for growth and innovation.

This report highlights our strengthened community partnerships, innovative approaches to disease monitoring and investigation, and continued efforts to expand access to high-quality public health and clinical services. The dedication, professionalism, and resilience of our staff have made Lake County a healthier place to live, work, and play.

In 2025, the Health Department was recognized as being in the top 20% of health centers across the country with special recognition for the improved health outcomes we help our clients reach; celebrated 30 years of providing primary care, dental, and behavioral health services through our federally qualified health center; responded to the highest number of callers to our crisis behavioral health hotlines, and; responded to infectious disease cases to prevent further spread in the community including a case of infectious tuberculosis at a high school. While this represents only a snapshot of the work accomplished throughout the year, it underscores the broad impact and essential role of Health Department services in our community.

As we look ahead to 2026 and beyond, the Lake County Health Department remains steadfast in its commitment to serving our community. Thank you for your continued trust and support.



Christopher Hoff, MPH
Executive Director
Lake County Health Department



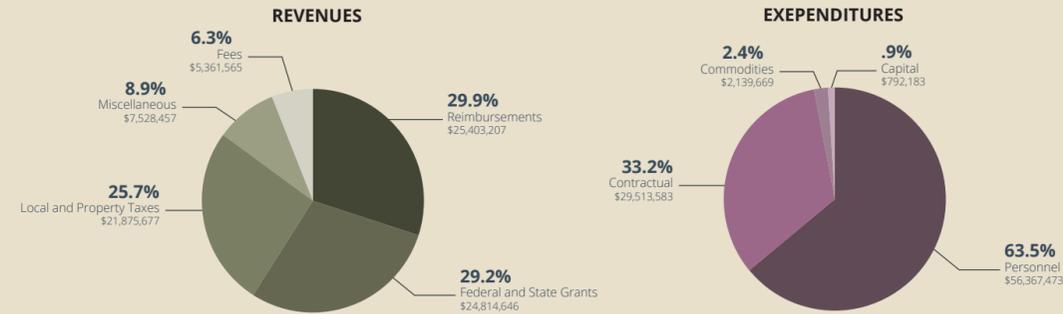
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2025 Financial Report

Lake County Health Department and Community Health Center FY2025 Preliminary Unaudited Statement of Revenues and Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balance.



REVENUES	YEAR TO DATE	BUDGETED
Local Property Taxes	\$ 21,875,677	\$ 22,000,000
Federal and State Grants	\$ 24,814,646	\$ 26,979,183
Fees	\$ 5,361,565	\$ 5,255,555
Reimbursements	\$ 25,403,207	\$ 32,254,788
Miscellaneous	\$ 7,528,457	\$ 7,737,425
TOTAL REVENUES	\$ 84,983,522	\$ 94,226,951

EXPENDITURES	YEAR TO DATE	BUDGETED
Personnel	\$ 56,367,473	\$ 56,706,942
Commodities	\$ 2,139,669	\$ 2,745,661
Contractual	\$ 29,513,583	\$ 32,421,224
Capital	\$ 792,183	\$ 1,253,509
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	\$ 88,812,908	\$ 93,127,336

FUND BALANCE	
Beginning of FY2025	\$ 30,162,206
Health Department Capital Allocation	\$ (3,846,809)
Revenues Over Expenditures	\$ (3,829,356)
END OF FY2025	\$ 22,486,041

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Here for Lake County, Here for You

At the Lake County Health Department and Community Health Center, we provide our residents with convenient access to the services they need to lead healthy and productive lives.

Our mission is promoting the health and well-being of all who live, work, and play in Lake County. To accomplish this mission, we work closely with community partners to address the social, economic, and environmental causes of health inequity. If we can improve health for all Lake County residents, our vision will become a reality: Healthy Choices. Healthier People. Healthiest Communities.

We are grateful to our partners for helping us achieve our goals. We especially thank our Board of Health, Governing Council and the Lake County Board for their direction and leadership.



2025 Annual Report



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Our Vision

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2025 A Year in Review



We Are Here for You

In September, the Lake County Health Department and Community Health Center celebrated 30 years of serving the community as a Federally Qualified Health Center (FQHC). Staff, community partners, elected officials, and others came together to recognize this milestone and honor the organization's mission-driven work as both an FQHC and the largest human service provider in Lake County. This year, the Health Department was recognized by the Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) as a Silver Quality Leader and earned recognition for meeting or exceeding national quality benchmarks in Heart Health, Diabetes, Preventive Health, and Advancing Health IT.



Supporting infectious disease investigations at



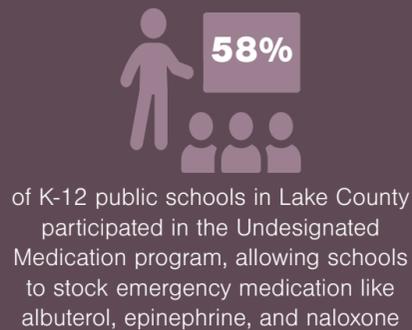
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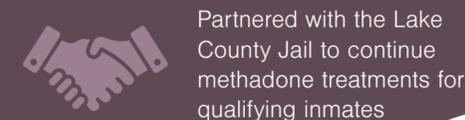
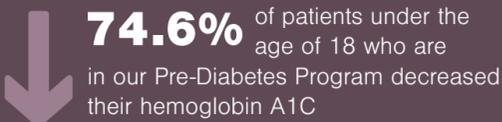
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Medical Reserve Corps volunteers

Emergency Preparedness

Our Emergency Management program conducted an exercise testing our ability to distribute supplies in a timely fashion in case of an emergency. The program collected food for veterans and collaborated with over 50 partners. Donations from 40 sites exceeded 4,500 pounds of food and household goods for Lake County veterans and proved delivery systems were effective.

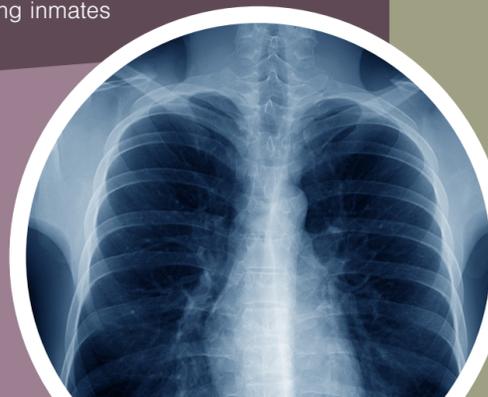


BEHAVIORAL HEALTH



TB Testing in Lake County

In March 2025, a case of pulmonary tuberculosis (TB) was reported to the Lake County Health Department (LCHD). The individual had been at a Lake County high school while infectious. The Health Department promptly investigated the case and organized testing for individuals who may have been exposed. Through close collaboration with school officials and a tailored response strategy, the Health Department surpassed CDC benchmarks by successfully testing 92% of identified contacts. This achievement was driven by flexibility, persistent and respectful outreach, and transparent communication with community members.

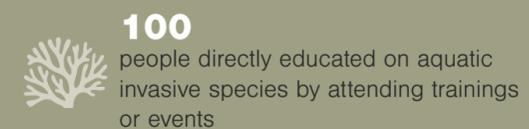
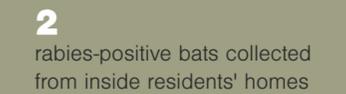
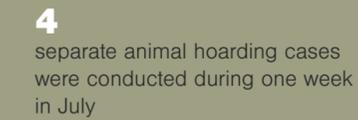


Environmental Health in the Community

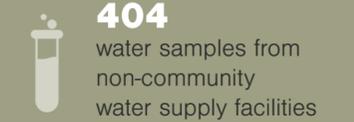
Ecological Services is committed to ensuring safe waters for community members to swim and recreate, monitoring the status of vector-borne diseases within mosquito and tick populations, and serving as a trusted technical resource on ecological concerns. In 2025, this included a focus on community outreach, offering workshops, webinars, and citizen-science opportunities that engage and educate residents.



ANIMAL CARE AND CONTROL



WELL AND SEPTIC EVALUATIONS



FOOD SAFETY

