

## Media Placement Highlights

September 14 – October 12, 2018

### Notable media placements:

#### Daily Herald

“Lake County Health Department gets \$3.4 million in grants for mental health, addiction services”  
– October 11, 2018

<https://www.dailyherald.com/news/20181011/lake-county-health-department-gets-34-million-in-grants-for-mental-health-addiction-services>

- The Lake County Health Department will receive four federal grants totaling \$3.4 million to address the growing need for behavioral health services in Lake County.
- SAMHSA's **Grants for the Benefit of Homeless Individuals** will provide \$2 million over 5 years. Through the grant, LCHD and PADS Lake County will form a team to serve individuals with mental illness and co-occurring substance use disorders who are in vulnerable housing situations.
- SAMHSA's **Mental Health Awareness Training** grant will expand and improve Mental Health First Aid (MHFA) training initiatives. The Health Department will continue its existing Youth Mental Health First Aid program, and through the grant will train 30 individuals per year to become Adult Mental Health First Aid trainers.
- HRSA's **Expanding Access to Quality Substance Use Disorder and Mental Health Services** will expand the Health Department's Medication-Assisted Treatment (MAT) services. LCHD will hire two additional Substance Abuse Counselors and make infrastructure improvements to its primary MAT location.
- U.S. Department of Justice's **Comprehensive Opioid Abuse Site-Based Program** grant will expand Lake County's A Way Out program. LCHD will hire three full time staff – a dedicated program coordinator, an additional Crisis Care Program counselor, and a navigator who will provide support and follow up to participants and their families.

#### Lake County News-Sun

“North Chicago officials lament death of dog tied outside for months: 'Somebody watched this dog waste away’” – October 11, 2018

<http://www.chicagotribune.com/suburbs/lake-county-news-sun/news/ct-Ins-animal-control-reports-st-1012-story.html>

- An American bulldog recently rescued by North Chicago Animal Control after two months of neglect had to be euthanized due to its poor health.
- ‘Officer Renee Wright with Lake County Health Department Animal Control said, in some instances, people who witness pet neglect and abuse just don't know how to step in and help.

- “When in doubt, just call,” Wright said. “It’s better to have us look into it and find that it was a mistake or a misunderstanding, or that with some direction to the owner there is a quick fix to the problem, than have an animal be abused and possibly die due to that abuse,” Wright said.
- Seeing pets left outside unattended for extended lengths of time and in inclement weather is a tell-tale sign of neglect. Other factors to look for are the pets looking skinny or limping and if there's crying, whining or excessively barking. “If there is severe matting, that probably means there isn't proper care,” Wright said. “Matting can cause several health issues that can lead to infections that the animal can die from.”

“The demand is so great': Lake County sees patients flock to revamped dental clinic in Zion” – September 22, 2018

<http://www.chicagotribune.com/suburbs/lake-county-news-sun/news/ct-lns-zion-expanding-dental-services-st-0922-story.html>

- The new Zion Health Center, which opened to the public on June 14, has expanded services available to residents, including dental care, behavioral health, women's health, and a full-time Affordable Care Act Navigator.
- “I was more excited for our patients than I was for us. The demand is so great. It’s nice to be able to accommodate them,” said LCHD’s Rob Spiziri, clinic manager. “Oral issues that go untreated can turn into chronic diseases, and the other way around...” A key component of good health is preventive attention and now the Zion site delivers a full continue of care, Spiziri added.’
- LCHD Patient Mejia Lara is featured in the article. “They treat us good here. I’m so happy I can see a dentist, and now we can come here for everything we need,” Mejia Lara said of her health care and her family’s.’
- LCHD dentist Gerald Dismer is also featured in the article, speaking to the new Panorex x-ray machine and how the new spacious building and new tools are making patient visits a more pleasant experience.

## Patch

“Lake County Launches Outreach Team to Combat Mental Illness” – October 2, 2018

<https://patch.com/illinois/grayslake/lake-co-launches-outreach-team-combat-mental-illness>

- On October 1, LCHD and the Lake County Sheriff's Office launched a new program to support Lake County residents with mental or behavioral health illnesses who interact with its law enforcement division.
- The program is named Crisis Outreach and Support Team (COaST). The team will consist of one deputy sheriff and one licensed mental health counselor.
- Within approximately three days of a law enforcement officer encountering a mental health interaction or an opioid overdose, the COaST deputy will arrange a meeting with the

individual or "cold call" their residence. During that meeting, the deputy will check the well-being of the person and determine if they have sought any treatment or services since the initial event. The deputy will then provide a "warm handoff" to the Health Department counselor, who will conduct a brief assessment, and if necessary, refer the person to appropriate services.

"Marijuana Use Up At Deerfield, Highland Park High Schools: Survey" – September 22, 2018

<https://patch.com/illinois/highlandpark/marijuana-use-deerfield-highland-park-high-schools-survey>

- Rachel Mintle, LCHD community health specialist, presented a summary of survey results of the 2018 Illinois Youth Survey to the Highland Park Township High School District 113 board.
- LCHD's presentation can be viewed [here](#).
- 'Seniors at both schools last spring said they consumed cannabis well above the Lake County average, with 48 percent of 12th graders at DHS and 43 percent at HPHS reporting they used marijuana at least once during the past month, compared to 26 percent countywide'
- 'Mintle said the biggest concerns from the 2018 data were a decrease in students perception of how much their parents disapprove of the use of alcohol and marijuana, the increase in cannabis use across the district and the increase in drinking at Deerfield High School. "We are all actively working together as a community to try to address these concerns," Mintle said. "Something to remember is behavior change takes a lot of time."

**Total Media Placements**

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Press Releases Sent	3
Press Release Placements	9
Other Articles Mentioning/Quoting LCHD/CHC	12