

2016

City of St. Joseph Health Department Annual Report



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The Year in Review from Director Debra Bradley, MSW



Hello, and welcome to the City of St. Joseph Health Department 2016 Annual Report! We continue to serve our area, assuring public safety throughout the entire community by working towards the highest standard of public health for our citizens. This report offers an overview of the accomplishments and services the health department has achieved during the past calendar year. Public health continues to transition into a more community-based approach to service, closely examining the built environment and looking into policy change and program development. We appreciate and want to thank all of our community partners for their support during this process. We look forward to continuing these partnerships towards continued growth in 2017, and beyond.

2016 High-Lights

- Maintaining fiscal responsibility, operating effectively within our \$3,853,873.00 budget.
- Emergency preparedness activities, including training staff how to don and doff Personal Protective Equipment during a bio-safety level 4, communicable disease outbreak.
- Health department staff teach Mental Health First Aid for Public Safety to students enrolled in the Missouri Western State University Law Enforcement Academy. The course is a requirement of the MWSU program.
- Women, Infants and Children (WIC) continues to recognize medical providers and businesses who promote breast-feeding by offering a safe, nurturing environment for mothers who continue to breastfeed once they return to work.
- Community involvement through various health education and outreach programs.
- Clinic Services continued to develop and evolve protocols as new or emergent communicable diseases were discovered nationally.
- Continued to work towards becoming a Bicycle Friendly Community.
- Environmental Public Health Specialists developed and offered food handlers courses. Since August, two basic courses were completed with 24 participants, and three advanced level courses taught in-depth food safety and handling to 19 individuals.
- Health department employees continue to be involved in our community through participation on boards such as Angels Home Health Advisory Board, Family Guidance Center Board, Missouri Animal Control Association (MACA) Board, St. Joseph Safety and Health Council Board, and United Way of Greater St. Joseph Board

2016 Staff Committee Involvement

Arthritis Advisory Committee

Bicycle Friendly Community Coalition

Bike Across MO Local Planning Committee

Buchanan County Community Organizations Active in Disaster

Community Action Partnership Health Advisory Committee

Community Drug Council

Cultural Diversity Committee

Every Mile Matters Coalition

Healthy St. Joseph Steering Committee

Helping Everyone Achieve Long Term Health (HEALTH)

Inter-national Association of Administrative Professionals

Live Well St. Joe Coalition

Local Emergency Planning Committee

Metropolitan Planning Organization Bike/Pedestrian

Midland Empire Equality Coalition

Missouri Breastfeeding Peer Counselor Task Force

Mosaic Life Care Ethics

Missouri Animal Control Association Certification Committee

Missouri Community Prevention Planning Group

Mosaic's Breastfeeding Task Force

Northwest Missouri Coalition for Roadway Safety

Parents As Teachers Advisory Council

Pediatric Behavioral Health in Disasters Statewide Work Group

People Establishing AIDS/HIV/STI/ Hepatitis

Care and Education (PEACE)

RAISE (Ryan White Part C Program)

Client Advisory Committee

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Quality Assurance Committee



2,244,079

Dollars put into the local economy in WIC checks distributed

165,619

Dollars collected in Medicaid fees

11,368

Certified copies of Missouri Birth and Death records issued

3,449

Vaccines administered

1,291

Environmental Health Inspections completed

515

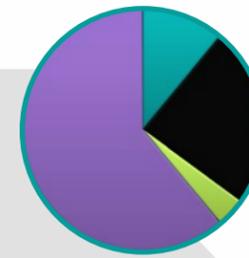
Off-Leash Dog Park memberships sold

112

Average number of participants in each of 3 Kids Bike Tours

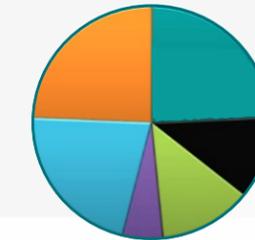


Revenue



- 61% Tax Base
- 24% Contracts, Donations, and Grants
- 11% Fees, Fines, Licenses, and Permits
- 4% Medicaid Fees

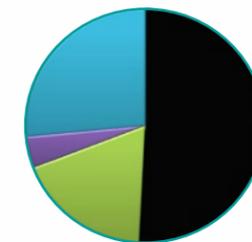
Expenses



Expenses by Division

- Administration 24%
- Clinic 23%
- Animal Control & Rescue 22%
- WIC, Women, Infants & Children 13%
- Community Health 12%
- Environmental Health 6%

Expenses by Category



- 51% Salary
- 26% Outside Services
- 18% Benefits
- 4% Materials and Supplies

A significant amount of the operating budget for the health department is dependent on the acquisition of grants and contracts. Many of our grants are established at the federal level and pass through the state before reaching local health departments.

The City of St. Joseph Health Department receives funding from the following sources:

- **Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS)**
 - o Maternal Child Health Services
 - o Child Care Health Consultation
- **U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA)**
 - o Women, Infants, Children
 - o Summer Food Service Program for Children
- **Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's Preventive Health and Health Services**
 - o Ebola Preparedness and Response Activities
 - o Ebola Virus Disease Monitoring
 - o Healthy Eating, Active Living in Local Communities
 - o Chronic Disease Prevention Program
- **Department of Health and Senior Services/ Health Resources and Services**
 - o Administration HIV Care Formula Grants HIV Case Management
- **Department of Health and Senior Services Centers for Disease Control and Prevention**
 - o HIV Prevention Activities
 - o Lead Poisoning Prevention Health Education Program
 - o Public Health Emergency Preparedness
 - o Tobacco Control Program
- **National Association of County and City Health Officials**

Administration

The City of St. Joseph Health Department is committed in providing its citizens with health care programs that promote healthy lifestyles, education, disease prevention and assessment and are committed to the development and maintenance of a healthy environment.

Health Administration is located at Patee Market Health Center, and is comprised of ten employees, including the Health Director, Assistant Health Director, Executive Secretary, Administrative Specialist, four Administrative Technicians, a Building Maintenance Technician and a Custodian that divides shift time between Patee Market and Animal Control & Rescue.

Certified Missouri Vital Records, or birth and death certificates, are a staple of our operations at the health department. 11,368 copies were issued to qualified applicants in 2016. The Administrative division is also the **public information center** for the department, and issued 37 press releases in 2016 and supervised 83 media contacts. Topics ranged from Hepatitis C screening to bicycle clinics and meetings to flu vaccines. The most notorious news story for the department was a feature article that did not even directly mention the department. Produced by Reuter's News Service, an article about lead poison prevention sparked local interest. Through the local media and calls from the community, the publicity generated by the global article and local follow-up helped promote our Lead Poison Prevention Program. Prior to the story, we had begun reaching out to the public with lead poison prevention education, targeting the many neighborhoods rich with historic homes that pose a higher possibility of having lead based paint.

Marketing campaigns promoted our WIC division, the hazards of distracted driving, bicycle safety for riders and drivers, a course for parents of teen driver's, immunization clinic, CPR and other classes offered by the health department. Our marketing was through radio, movie screens, transit (bus), newspaper, search engine optimization, and billboards. 264 Facebook posts had a reach of 32,400.

In 2014, the rise in Ebola infections in Africa and the risk this posed to the rest of the world became global news. Several American travelers to affected areas returned home carrying the illness with them. Public health officials across America were tasked with monitoring travelers from affected areas and ensuring their safety and that of the communities they were returning to. The **Missouri Department of Health and Senior Services**, with funding from the **Centers for Disease Control and Prevention**, is further preparing the state for an event such as Ebola or another infectious disease outbreak. The City of St. Joseph Health Department served as the fiscal agent and coordinator for a grant that included 14 counties in northwest Missouri that addressed these issues with the purchase of supplies and equipment to augment our regularly updated emergency preparedness plan.

2016 Health Department Statistics

ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES

Birth Certificates Issued	4,761
Death Certificates Issued	6,607
Press Releases	37
Facebook Posts	264
Facebook Reaches	32,400

ANIMAL CONTROL & RESCUE

Field Activity - Complaint Calls	7,177
Field Activity - Summons Issued	1,141
Puppies for Parole Grads	53
Puppies for Parole Adopted	53
IMPACT Classes	12
Free/Low\$ Spay/Neuter	142
Elderly Pet Therapy Program	21
Media Contacts	128
Dogs received	1,281
Dogs redeemed/placed	526
Dogs adopted	558
Dogs euthanized/died/lost	231
Cats received	1,295
Cats redeemed/placed	107
Cats adopted	503
Cats euthanized/died/lost	703

CLINIC

Pregnancy tests completed	312
Newly enrolled in case management	211
Temp Medicaid given	404
Immunizations administered	3,449
Flu Immunizations administered	634
Children immunized	1,308
Children Medicaid/under-/uninsured	1,079
Children insured	227
Adults immunized	880
Adults uninsured/under-insured	630
Adults insured	250
LTBI new cases initiated	20
LTBI home visits	165
LTBI office visits	165
CD-1 case reports received	520
Children with elevated lead levels	328
Blood Pressure Checks	26
Head Lice Checks	2
General Consult/Referral	355

COMMUNITY HEALTH

Coalition Building/Community Meetings	110
Health promotion community events	64
Attended community events	10,453
Chlamydia positive results	110
Gonorrhea positive results	64
Syphilis positive results	3
HIV tests administered (Serology)	211
HIV positive results	2
Rapid HIV Tests administered in outreach	757
Rapid Hepatitis C tests administered	256
Rapid Hepatitis C reactive results	24
Hepatitis vaccines administered	12
Total Classes/Programs	30
Total Attended Classes/Programs	550
HIV/AIDS/STI (GLI'S/Programs)	90
Attended HIV/AIDS/STI (GLI's/Programs)	995
HIV/AIDS/STI (ILI/CRCS)	27

ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH SERVICES

Food Safety	1,291
Childcare Sanitation Inspections(Dec start)	3
Lodging	27
Recreational Water	30
Tattoo Establishments	5
Tattoo Artists	19
On-site Systems	30
Calls received/misc info (non-food)	451
Bedbug complaints received	201
Educational programs, DR, WT's, training	416
Food establishment related calls received	967

WOMEN, INFANTS & CHILDREN - MONTHLY AVERAGE

Pregnant Women	180
Breastfeeding Women	100
Postpartum non-BF Women	177
Breastfeeding Infants	101
Fully Formula Fed Infants	637
Children in the program	637
Spanish Speaking Clients	193
New Enrollments	35
Voucher Value	\$187,007

WIC BREASTFEEDING PEER COUNSELOR

New Enrollments	416
Outreach Activities	180

AIDS (Acquired Immunodeficiency Syndrom); BF (Breastfeeding); CRCS (Comprehensive Risk Counseling Services); DR (Development Review); GLI (Group Level Intervention); HIV (Human Immunodeficiency Virus); LTBI (Latent Tuberculosis); STI (Sexually Transmitted Infection); WT (Walk Through)

Community Health

The Community Health division is comprised of two HIV case managers, one of whom also serves as the division supervisor, two health educators and a community health nurse. These five staff serve both population and individual health with health education, case management services, Hepatitis C, HIV and STD testing, and operation of the Northwest Missouri Medical Reserve Corps. Community Health staff represent the health department at a variety of collaborative meetings such as Live Well St. Joe, Alliance for a Drug Free Community, Bicycle Friendly Communities, P.E.A.C.E. (People Establishing AIDS/HIV/STD Care and Education), and others.

The **Medical Reserve Corps of Northwest Missouri** was active in Mental Health First Aid classes, which were offered five times. 73 students were taught the skills to recognize and assist someone who may be experiencing a mental health crisis.

HIV Case Managers in the Community Health division served an average of 41 clients each month with assistance obtaining health care, insurance enrollment, employment and housing issues, and more.

Health educators provided 30 classes or small group training sessions to 550 attendees. This training covered topics like obesity prevention, community gardening, stress reduction, bicycle safety and more.

The quest to become a **Bicycle Friendly Community** progressed in 2016 as multiple bike rides, coalition meetings, and clinics for children and adults were held. Bike repair stations and bike racks were installed around the community. Plans for a bike share program began to take shape in 2016, with a launch set for spring of 2017. St. Joseph earned a Bicycle Friendly Community Honorable Mention from the League of American Bicyclists in November.

A **Youth Leadership Summit** brought together 140 high school students from the region. Emotional resiliency and motivation were the main topics for the summit which was held in collaboration with state and local partners. Nationally recognized speaker, Dr. Matt Bellace, delivered an energetic keynote about choices and consequences. Youth were challenged to develop a health improvement project, and could apply for funding to help implement their plan.

The **Monster Dash 5K** was the cornerstone of **Red Ribbon Week** in October, which included education on the dangers of alcohol, drug, and tobacco abuse. During Red Ribbon Week, elementary school groups gathered to use colorful pavement chalk to create anti-alcohol, drug, & tobacco messages in high visibility school entryways. The Monster Dash 5K had over 200 people in attendance, with 137 runners and walkers.

In early December, **World AIDS Day** included First Christian Church, Zion United Church of Christ, P.E.A.C.E. (People Establishing AIDS/HIV/STD Care and Education), and RAISE Clinic of Northwest Health Services, holding activities celebrating progress in the fight against AIDS. An outreach event at Cosentino's Price Chopper offered the public the opportunity to get Rapid HIV and Hepatitis C tests at no charge.

Community Health increased **health education** with a focus on Hepatitis C education at outreach events, and promoted classes such as Diabetes Self-Management, which is free to the public. Community Health will continue to build relationships with other health and wellness agencies and provide more health and wellness classes to the public.



The Crossings community garden partnership has thrived and will expand during its third season in 2017 with the addition of a green house



Community Health staff use time at a health outreach event at Missouri Western State University to teach students



Bicycle enthusiasts have a little fun with the photo challenge posted in celebration of Bike to Work day. Several City of St. Joseph municipal departments worked cooperatively with the Metropolitan Planning Organization and Every Mile Matters coalition to coordinate events for the day.



Our Red Ribbon Week (RRW) partnership with St. Joseph Youth Alliance brought a message against alcohol, drug and tobacco use to students in St. Joseph and Buchanan County. Every elementary school student in Buchanan County got a Red Ribbon Week pencil thanks to our MCH grant. RRW culminated with the Monster Dash 5K on Halloween weekend.



Area high school students discuss strategies to help fellow students get engaged and learn resiliency skills at a Youth Leadership Summit hosted by the health department and St. Joseph Youth Alliance, with support from Missouri Department of Health and Senior Services, Missouri Tobacco Free Youth, ACT Missouri, Drug Free Community Coalition, and donations from local businesses Mosaic Life Care, Chick-fil-A, Dunkin Donuts, Walmart, HyVee, and Sam's Club

Partnerships are at the core of public health, and no division exemplifies this better than Community Health. For over a decade, this division has conducted outreach events throughout Northwest Missouri and continues to build local partnerships that leverage manpower, brain power and resources. The photos displayed illustrate these partnerships in action.



Participants take part in St. Joe Fit, a weekly walking & biking program operated by the health and parks departments.



Community Health partnered with St. Joseph Safety and Health Council and the St. Joseph Police Department to host several kids bike rides and safe-rider clinics



Clinic

The City of St. Joseph Health Department Clinic offers direct services supplied by six RN's, one of whom supervises the program. While the nurses are capable of fulfilling most roles, each nurse has a primary responsibility. Those range from serving pregnant women by offering temporary Medicaid enrollment, testing, case management; health education; communicable disease investigation and follow-up; and immunization administration. Clinic receives supplemental funding from several grants; Maternal Child Health, Child Care Health Consultation, and Lead Poison Prevention Education. The largest expenditure from the Clinic's budget is a contribution to the Social Welfare Board (SWB) of \$470,725.00 which provided for general medical services expenses, and \$51,000.00 for mental health referrals and administration. Building space, utilities, janitorial, and other ancillary supplies are also provided to SWB.

In 2016, 2,188 children and adults were given 4,083 **immunizations** through the health department clinic. We accept clients with health insurance, public assistance (Medicaid/Medicare), or self-pay. A Missouri law update requires the meningococcal vaccine be administered to 8th and 12th graders, which resulted in an increase in "back to school" vaccinations. 1,172 vaccinations were given in August 2016 as opposed to 765 given in August 2015. We administered 634 flu vaccines. Our annual **public flu clinic** was held as a drive-thru at Krug Park on October 13; we gave 232 flu vaccinations. The St. Joseph Fire Department partnered with us once again. (Pictured below)



In 2016, the health department began offering the **American Heart Association HeartSaver CPR/First Aid and BLS CPR/AED** classes. Two health department nurses are certified to teach the classes, which are offered monthly at the health department and can also be taught for businesses, clinics or other organizations as requested. During 2016, 45 community members attended the Heart Saver CPR/AED classes, and 13 more attended as Healthcare Professionals. After purchasing 20 AED units for various City facilities, 243 City of St. Joseph employees attended HeartSaver CPR/AED classes which were also taught in collaboration with the City of St. Joseph Fire Department.



2016 also saw the development of **Parenting with Purpose** classes, which is offered free of charge. This monthly class offers interaction between the nurse facilitator and parents. Topics range from safe sleep to child choking to parent self-care and more. This class compliments the services provided by the prenatal case management program as well as WIC to allow for a continuum of education.

In response to the number of elevated lead cases in St. Joseph, the DHSS worked in collaboration with the City of St. Joseph to add a grant funded part-time nurse to focus on **lead education**. This position provides community education about lead dangers and teaches prevention to reduce the risk of elevated blood lead levels. Lead screening and testing is free and offered when requested for children up to 6 years of age. Case management is offered to children who test at elevated levels.

Our **prenatal case manager** works closely with MOSAIC Life Care Women's Health to set pre-natal care appointments for our mutual clients. In 2016, 312 pregnancy tests were completed and 227 pregnant women enrolled in prenatal case management, resulting in 1,302 client contacts. Over 400 women sought temporary Medicaid through the prenatal program. Temporary Medicaid is the connection to Missouri HealthNet so pregnant women have access to important prenatal care.

Clinic nurses monitor and follow-up on reports of **communicable disease**, including tuberculosis (TB). In 2016, clinic nursing staff completed 687 in home visits with TB clients to ensure medication compliance. This protects the client and the public. 452 Tuberculin skin test screenings were administered by the clinic, usually for employment.

The clinic responded to communicable disease reports with investigation and follow-up 520 times. The health department is a resource and referral source for the prevention, containment and control of communicable diseases for health care professionals and the community. Among those communicable diseases that were a potential threat to our area in 2016, the health department was called on to provide Zika virus information and worked in collaboration with physician offices to test those who met the Missouri State Lab requirements for Zika testing.

The **Child Care Health Consultation** grant funded program provides a nurse to do on-site visits at child care facilities to assess health and safety practices. Interactive educational programs are presented for the children and care-givers.



Through the Maternal Child Health grant, and in partnership with the Community Drug Council, Every Mile Matters coalition, and Northwest Missouri Coalition for Roadway Safety and those partner agencies, the health department participates in educational outreach events in Buchanan County.

Our work related to the **Maternal Child Health** contract is focused on **injury prevention**. Those efforts include advocating for certification of those who serve alcohol so they are better equipped to identify under-age seekers, recognize when to stop serving patrons who have over-indulged, and ways to ensure patrons are not driving under the influence. We also advocate for stronger and more consistent implementation of impact or diversion sentencing for traffic offenders to the dangers of impaired, aggressive or distracted driving. The health department is involved with community partners to strengthen coalitions whose focus is on traffic safety initiatives. The department works with youth organizations, parent groups, child care facilities and the public to promote proper use of

child passenger safety seats, "It Only Takes One" teen driver education, "First Impact" parent education, and youth and adult bicycle safety. With community partners, we installed "No Texting While Driving" traffic signs throughout the county, supplied pencils to every elementary student in Buchanan County schools participating in Red Ribbon Week activities, gave "It Only Takes One" prizes to high schools involved in the program and purchased outdoor signs for use during campaign weeks, helped launch "First Impact" classes for parents of new drivers, supplied bicycle helmets for bike safety class participants, organized a Youth Leadership Summit and provided funding to host the keynote speaker, and purchased an education wheel and tent for outreach events.

WIC

Women, Infants, Children

The St. Joseph Health Department Women, Infants and Children, or WIC, division staff of ten served 22,781 participants during the year and as a result, \$2,244,079 was issued in vouchers for the purpose of purchasing healthy foods from local stores. WIC division has four nutritionists, one of whom is supervisor, three clerks, and three breastfeeding peer counselors.

WIC Participants may qualify as adults if they are pregnant, post-partum or breastfeeding. A mother may receive benefits until her baby is one year old if she is breastfeeding. Children can participate until age five. WIC teaches ways nutrition impacts health in personal counseling, WIChealth.org and breastfeeding classes. The vouchers participants receive are specific to their health need, and are used to purchase healthy foods approved by federal WIC guidelines. WIC also makes referrals for medical and community services.

St. Joseph WIC was awarded the Gold Level **Loving Support Award of Excellence for Exemplary Breastfeeding Support and Practice** in 2016. In addition to earning this distinction for the health department, WIC encouraged area businesses to apply for Breastfeeding Friendly Worksite Awards, granted by a respected state partnership between the Missouri Breastfeeding Coalition and the Missouri Department of Health and Senior Services. During 2016, six new businesses received the award, making a total of 14 area businesses awarded in St. Joseph.



The City of St. Joseph WIC receives the WIC Loving Support Gold Level Award of Excellence for Exemplary Support and Practice

	2016	2015	2014
Women - Fully Breastfeeding	618	663	527
Women - Partially Breastfeeding	584	519	420
Women - Postpartum non-BF	2122	2273	2495
Women Breastfeeding by %	36.2%	34.2%	27.51%

BREASTFEEDING CHAMPIONS



Dr. Elizabeth James and LaSherrrie Tyes
Mosaic Lakeside Pediatric



LaSherrrie Tyes, Casey Wagner, APRN, Lindsay Hufford
and Kortney Ptomey at Mosaic Women's Health

Breastfeeding is considered to be the best way to feed infants. Breast milk is nutritionally superior to formula, the act of breastfeeding helps establish a trusting relationship between a mother and baby, it offers a wide range of short and long-term health benefits for mother and baby, it's natural, and it's financially and environmentally responsible.

WIC employs **Breast Feeding Peer Counselors** (BFPC) who provide support to WIC mothers who choose breastfeeding. They manage and organize breastfeeding education and outreach which includes speaking at area schools, Parents

BREASTFEEDING FRIENDLY WORKSITE AWARD WINNERS



East Hills Shopping Center



Living Communities

2016
BUCHANAN COUNTY
RECIPIENTS OF
MISSOURI'S
BREASTFEEDING
FRIENDLY
WORKSITE AWARD
AND
ST. JOSEPH
BREASTFEEDING
CHAMPIONS

as Teachers, Health Advisory Council, and other community programs.

Breastfeeding classes are taught eight times each week on benefits, support team and infant care, pumping and storage, and baby basics. The classes are taught in Spanish on Wednesdays. BFPC's are in the office each weekday 8:00 a.m. to noon and 1:00-4:00 p.m. and are available by phone 7:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. daily. The WIC Breastfeeding Coordinator and BFPC'S are on a St. Joseph Breastfeeding Task Force that works to promote breastfeeding in our community.

Environmental

Environmental Services is located inside Patee Market Health Center, and is comprised of three Environmental Public Health Specialists (EPHS), with oversight provided by the Assistant Health Director. The EPHS's provide a multitude of services that work toward the common goal of ensuring the health, safety, and well-being of the citizens of St. Joseph.

In 2016 the three Environmental Public Health Specialists completed over **2,000 inspections**, combined. They ranged from routine, new facility, complaint-driven, follow-ups, temporary event, educational, or other types of inspections. The

EPHS's inspect food, lodging, childcare and tattoo establishments, public and semi-private pools and spas, on-site wastewater treatment systems, provide 24/7 disaster response involving food and drug products, follow-up on indoor air quality concerns and smoking ordinance complaints, license tattooing artists among other environmental concerns. The St. Joseph Health Department has a contractual agreement to provide specific environmental services to Holt County, Missouri.

In July of 2016, the EPHS's began offering **Basic and Advanced Food Safety Courses** to the public. The courses are taught monthly, with the

goal of giving attendees a more solid foundation in safe food handling techniques. Typically, attendees own, manage, or work in the food service industry. The course is offered at the health department, but can be taught off-site at suitable venues.

In October, the Environmental Services team began **inspecting local childcare facilities** through a contract with the Bureau of Childcare of the Missouri Department of Health and Senior Services (DHSS). There are around 55 licensed childcare facilities to inspect throughout St. Joseph and Buchanan County, and each is completed upon request from DHSS.



Environmental Health Services Team (L to R)
Kendra Bundy
Rick Messa
Peter Tirop
Thomas Beavers

The EPHS staff was on the planning committee for the **Bike Across Missouri (BAM)** event held in June. Staff collaborated with community leaders, government representatives, business owners, and other interested parties to plan for and execute what turned out to be a fun, successful and safe community and state-wide event. Environmental Services staff has already begun preparations for the upcoming Total Solar Eclipse event in August 2017. With advanced preparation and community collaboration, Environmental Services helps ensure the health of the public is protected during these, and other, large scale events.

Animal Control & Rescue

Animal Control & Rescue staff includes the manager, an office coordinator, a humane educator, a senior animal control officer, three animal care specialists, and six animal control officers. AC&R works to prevent the spread of diseases communicable from animals to humans (zoonotic diseases) and to ensure proper care and humane handling of animals within the community through education, outreach, and hands-on activities.

In 2016, the Nestlé Purina PetCare Company granted **Friends of the Animal Shelter** funding to build a community area for shelter cats. Volunteers were secured through Rescue Rebuild, which is a community-driven volunteer program of Greater Good.org that works to rebuild, repair, and renovate animal shelters and rescues in need. The

completed structure, referred to as "The Catio", houses most of the cats in the care of the shelter.

When a **pet adoption** takes place, the person or family wishing to adopt now has an area outside the kennel to interact with their potential new pet. In addition to the catio, Rescue Rebuild built a meet-and-greet area for potential adoptions to play and interact together. The Rescue Rebuild team recruited volunteers from Friends of the Animal Shelter, Nestle Purina and the community to help build both the catio and the outdoor play area.



St. Joseph Animal Control & Rescue purchased the **No More Bullying!**® program from Wayside Waifs in Kansas City, MO. The curriculum was developed for third through fifth grade students. Six schools in the St. Joseph area took advantage of the program in the fall of 2016. Students receive a workbook so they can follow along for the five-day program that uses about an hour of class time each session. The No More Bullying!® Curriculum reinforces fundamental character education principles, empowering students to create a more respectful and safe environment.

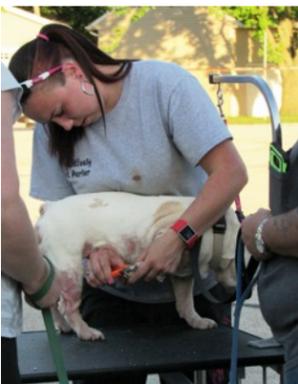
The Innovations in American Government Award named Missouri's **Puppies for Parole Program** a semi-finalist in the 2015 competition sponsored by the Ash Center for Democratic Governance and Innovation in the John F. Kennedy School of Government at Harvard University. From a field of 226 applications, Puppies for Parole was one of 19 programs selected as a semi-finalist.



2016 Spring Rabies Clinics:

- Lindberg: 199 rabies shots given
- Hosea: 171 rabies shots given
- Nazarene: 206 rabies shots given
- Skiath: 160 rabies shots given
- Martk Twain: 251 rabies shots given

Animal Control & Rescue sold 515 Off-Leash Dog Park Memberships in 2016. To celebrate the continued success of the park, AC&R celebrated with the **2nd Annual Howl-A-Palooza**



Shelter staff hosted a **fall rabies clinic** (left) in addition to the five held in the spring. The clinic successfully vaccinated another 105 animals. We vaccinated a total of 932 Animals at our outreach clinics.



Awards & Accolades

Debra Bradley, Director of Health

Ms. Bradley has been selected to be one of 40 individuals nationwide to participate in the 2016-2017 Behavioral Health Training & Technical Assistance for State, Tribal and Local Health Officials Program. The Mental Health First Aid Missouri Team announced Ms. Bradley as receiving a 2016 Overachiever Award for teaching more than four courses in 2016. Ms. Bradley was also honored in 2016 for six years participation on the St. Joseph Safety & Health Council Board.

Kendra Bundy, Assistant Director

Ms. Bundy received a Certificate of Recognition for completing a six-year term on the Mosaic Ethics Committee.

Marianna Booth, WIC Manager

Mrs. Booth was a finalist for the YWCA Women of Excellence 2016 Woman in the Workplace Award.

Jenna Keyes, Humane Educator

Mrs. Keyes received the John Rhoads Award, the second year in a row the recipient is an employee of the City of St. Joseph Animal Control & Rescue Shelter.

Kelly Kibirige, Community Health Supervisor

The Mental Health First Aid Missouri Team announced Ms. Kibirige as receiving a 2016 Silver Star Instructor Award for teaching six or more courses in 2016.